

glen eira news



New Mayor for Glen Eira

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

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

In her first speech as Mayor, Cr Whiteside said it was an honour to be elected to the position.

"I feel privileged and humbled 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 said it is her desire to work as a team and she will encourage open discussion and participation from all Councillors.

"It is important that the new Council listens to the community's concerns and issues," Cr Whiteside said.

"I will encourage all Councillors to get amongst the community and get to know the residents and business people they represent."

Cr Whiteside said the environment is high on the list of Council's priorities.

"This is an area where we all need to do more and Council will continue its efforts to reduce the impact of climate change," Cr Whiteside said.

"It is important that the new Council listens to the community's concerns and issues."

"Council will also continue to upgrade the City's infrastructure, including footpaths, roads and drains, fight for better public access to Caulfield Racecourse Reserve and will finalise the acquisition of the former reservoir site in Glen Huntly."

New Mayor of Glen Eira Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

About Helen Whiteside

Helen has lived in Caulfield (Camden Ward) since 1995 and enjoys the uniqueness that Glen Eira has to offer.

She appreciates the present local streetscape, the trees, the parks, gardens and all the facilities that go to make up the municipality.

"I enjoy the proximity to the beach and the city and the wonderful local shopping strips which offers so much choice to local residents," Helen said.

"Glen Eira residents, particularly those who live in Caulfield, Elsternwick, Glen Huntly, Carnegie, also have good access to public transport via the train network."

Helen decided that the time was right for her in 2005 to contest the Council election.

"I thought that I had the time, ability and energy to give of myself to the community," Helen said.

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Family and Children's Services

Caring for our children

Early childhood professional Cheryl Orr goes above and beyond her role at Carnegie Children's Centre, to ensure children get the most out of their time in childcare.

Cheryl has been working with Glen Eira City Council for more than 15 years at all four childcare centres.

During her time at Council, Cheryl has shown her intense dedication to children, developing and supervising many new initiatives.

Cheryl has recently been involved in the development of individual portfolios for each child at the centre, which is used to track their learning and progress.

Her passion for her role is clear when she explains the process behind the children's portfolios.

"I started to put the portfolios together during 2008 after I attended a training session for digital based programs," Cheryl told the *Glen Eira News*.

"The whole portfolio is digitally based. I take photos of the children throughout the day and at the end of the day we have a PowerPoint presentation running, which allows parents to view their child's activities of the day."

Cheryl said each day she focuses on one child.

"During the day, I record the child's conversations, the activities they were involved in and what they learned that day," Cheryl said.

"This is recorded in the portfolios, as well as my summaries, observations and evaluations on their learning progress."

Cheryl said the development of the portfolios is just one of the many projects she has been involved in.

"I have also been heavily involved in developing care for children with special needs, and over the years I have fought very hard to ensure that extra services are provided," she said.

Cheryl said interacting with the children and watching their growth and development makes coming to work each day worthwhile.

"It is fantastic when children make the centre their second home and you can see how much they are enjoying their time here," Cheryl said.



Cheryl records each child's development while in care.

Photo: Shae Henzen.

Mayor's column



Welcome to the first edition of the *Glen Eira News* for 2009. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

My new role as Mayor of Glen Eira is going to be a busy year if the first few weeks is any indication. Five days after being sworn in, I attended the Rotary Clubs of Glen Eira, Elsternwick and Caulfield's 26th Festive Season Lunch for recipients of Meals on Wheels. A great effort by the Rotary Clubs and a day appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Two days later, I chaired my first Council meeting as Mayor and the following morning had the honour of opening the new, beautifully renovated Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, again appreciated by the local families who will enjoy visiting this updated, modern facility.

On 21 December I attended Council's annual *Carols by Candlelight*. The night was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

2009 is off to a busy start. On 23 January, I had the pleasure in presenting the *Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Group of the Year Awards* at a special breakfast. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and to all those who were nominated.

On Australia Day, I welcomed 118 of Australia's newest residents at Council's first Citizenship Ceremony for 2009. I then rushed off to the running of the Glen Eira Cup at Caulfield Racecourse, which has become an annual event for Council.

It is a privilege to be elected Mayor and I appreciate all the support I have received so far.

I would like to thank outgoing Mayor, Cr Steven Tang, for the contribution he made to the City of Glen Eira during his term and look forward to working with him and the other seven Councillors throughout the year.

Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor

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Coming deadlines

The deadline for the April 2009 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 4 March for delivery 31 March and 1 April.

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

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Awards recognise outstanding achievement and leadership

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

Guest speaker at the breakfast was Chief Executive Officer of the Committee for Melbourne, Sally Capp.

More than 20 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 Lenny Gross is an inspirational person who has given so much of his own time to help change the lives of others for the better.

Lenny has been volunteering for Access Inc. for the last five years. Each week, Lenny gives up 30 hours of his time to assist members of the community with a disability.

He has helped the organisation to deliver their employment and independent living skills program, organised horse riding camps, weekly drumming groups, an all-abilities basketball team and lawn bowls group.

Lenny has also fundraised for Access Inc and has inspired others to become involved in the organisation.

Young Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year winner Danae Lekakis was nominated for her strong interest and work in social justice and human rights issues.

Danae is an active volunteer with the Sacred Heart Mission. She also volunteers for World Vision, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and is a member of Amnesty International.

Danae enjoys art, literature and music. She likes the outdoors and plays netball, including coaching junior netball at Ormond Netball Club.

Community Group of the Year

Founded in 1978, *Community Group of the Year* winner, the D.J. Coakley Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Club Inc. has more than 470 members.

More than 20 individuals and community clubs were nominated for the Awards, which recognise significant contributions to the Glen Eira community.

The Club provides physical and social activities to the senior members of the Glen Eira community. Activities include table tennis, indoor bowls, line dancing, tai chi, cards, bingo and snooker.



President of the D.J. Coakley Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Club Inc. Os Penwarden, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Citizen of the Year Lenny Gross.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The Club organises day trips around Melbourne and Victoria as well as extended trips throughout Australia.

For those with a musical interest, the Club also offers members the opportunity to participate in one of the musical groups. These groups entertain local schools and nursing homes throughout the year.

Council also paid tribute to the following high calibre nominees:

- Patricia Brown;
- Enid Elton;
- Access Inc;
- Scout Association of Victoria — Glen Eira District; and
- Country Women's Association — Murrumbena Branch.

New Mayor for Glen Eira

"I am genuinely interested in the community and I wanted to understand the concerns of its members. Life is not always easy for people.

"I have been described many times as passionate — and I am — and I wanted to make a difference.

Helen has just completed her first term as a Councillor for Camden Ward. Married, with five children, two step children and combined nine grandchildren, Helen is no longer working full-time.

She is still a registered nurse (in New South Wales) and has worked in nursing, community services and other industries, including real estate, for more than 13 years. She has also owned and operated her own businesses.

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.

Zero tolerance for offending motorists

Safety is of paramount importance to Glen Eira City Council, especially where children are concerned.

With the 2009 school year underway, motorists are reminded to comply with speed limits and parking and stopping laws in the vicinity of schools or face a hefty fine.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said a zero tolerance approach will be adopted, particularly where safety is compromised.

"Council's Traffic Safety Officers, in conjunction with Victoria Police, will be monitoring all school crossings and streets near schools and will not hesitate to issue a fine if a motorist is doing the wrong thing," Mr Russo said.

"With an increased amount of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic expected, it is

vital for all motorists to ensure they are not putting children's safety at risk."

Mr Russo said it is unlawful to double park, stop within 20 metres of a school crossing or stop within 10 metres of an intersection.

"Parents are also reminded that the timed zones near schools are for everybody's benefit, particularly when it comes to dropping off and picking up children," Mr Russo said.

"If you need to walk your child into school and you may be longer than the time allowed on the sign, parents are advised to park elsewhere to avoid receiving an infringement notice."

The 40km/h speed limit applies from Monday to Friday from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm.



Council's Traffic Safety Officers, in conjunction with Victoria Police, will be monitoring all school crossings.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Unfunded superannuation

All Victorian councils are waiting to find out if they will have to top up a superannuation fund.

While 90 per cent of Glen Eira City Council staff are in a normal accumulation scheme where employees fund their own superannuation, Council still has responsibility for a 'defined benefit' scheme. The benefit is defined according to issues such as finishing salary and years of service and employers are responsible for funding it.

The scheme was set up by the State Government many years ago and, at the time,

was compulsory for all councils. It was closed to new members in 1993, but will continue for existing members for some time to come.

While the Commonwealth's equivalent scheme has an unfunded liability of more than \$108 billion and the Victorian Government's more than \$9.8 billion, the Local Government scheme has been fully funded by councils.

Regular actuarial reviews are undertaken. The most recent one was carried out at the end of 2008 and, given share market falls, may show a shortfall in the assets needed to fund

the liabilities. If that is the case, councils may be required to top up the fund, which has happened before in 1997 and 2003.

Further information can be found at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

The result of the review is expected by February or March 2009 and will be incorporated into Council's financial planning.

CEO's column



The financial outlook is consuming a lot of our attention at present.

However, on the positive side:

- Council has no exposure to Lehman Brothers or related products;
- our money is held in AAA rated cash funds and in fixed rate deposits with Australian financial institutions;
- the Auditor General recently analysed all Victorian councils for their financial sustainability. Of the 17 inner urban councils, two were given the highest level assessment, one of which was Glen Eira;
- our cost of day-to-day services per property is 19 per cent lower than neighbouring councils;
- out of all the councils in Melbourne, Council provides one of the largest pensioner rate rebates;
- we are receiving \$460,000 in Commonwealth funds to help stimulate capital works; and
- up to the end of last year there had been no drop in the level of building approvals in Glen Eira.

There are also many challenges which Council faces. These include:

- having to fund a 'defined benefit' superannuation fund that was closed 15 years ago, but which will continue on until the last member leaves (see page three); and
- much of our infrastructure and many of our community facilities need considerable investment to make them last their full lifecycle and for the community to get the best use out of them. Fixing them earlier is generally cheaper than having them fail and having to be replaced.

The situation may get worse before it gets better. This may mean that more people depend on some of our services or depend to a greater extent. Councils are in a position to support communities in times of need and we will be giving priority to those aspects of our work.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Help keep naturestrip trees alive

Glen Eira City Council is asking residents to help water recently planted naturestrip trees.

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

"Council currently undertakes routine watering of young naturestrip trees, including the young tree in front of your property, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during these warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

"To encourage residents to assist with watering, Council will be providing a nine-litre plastic bucket.

"Residents can use the bucket to collect water from a variety of sources around the home."

"Residents should always make sure any water collected for use on the trees meets requirements of current water restrictions."

Mr Unwin said clean water is best for young trees.

"Options include warm up water from basins, baths and showers, water from leaking taps or water from the last rinse cycle of washing machines," Mr Unwin said.

"Residents should always make sure any water collected for use on the trees meets requirements of current water restrictions."



Kelly from Bentleigh assists Council with the watering of newly planted naturestrip trees.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Residents can help by providing between five and ten litres of water, twice a week (preferably in the morning), during dry or warm periods.

Water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the young tree.

Water restrictions are currently in force in Melbourne. For more water saving tips, contact South East Water on 13 18 67.

Time Flies project unveiled

The Warrawee Residential Community and St Peter's Primary School intergenerational project has been completed.

The *Time Flies* project was unveiled by Cr Nick Staikos at a special ceremony at St Peter's Primary School late last year.

The project explored how life has changed throughout the years through the creation of a mural.

"The residents have enjoyed sharing their skills and knowledge with the children,"
Ms Lyon said.

During each school term, 25 Grade Four students came together once a week with Warrawee residents to discuss the theme and to gain an understanding of the social, cultural and historical aspects of the Glen Eira community.

Topics for the mural included transport, housing, music, dance, clothing, communication, sport and entertainment.

Warrawee Community Lifestyle Co-ordinator Sue Lyon told the *Glen Eira News* the children of St Peter's developed close ties and friendships with the residents of Warrawee.

"The residents have enjoyed sharing their skills and knowledge with the children," Ms Lyon said.

"The children have also learnt new skills and now have a better understanding and admiration for the elderly members of our community."

Ms Lyon said the completed mural will be shared between Warrawee Community and St Peter's Primary School.

"A similar project will be completed by Grade Four students from St Peter's and residents of Warrawee during 2009," Ms Lyon said.



Cr Nick Staikos with Warrawee residents and students from St Peter's Primary School at the unveiling of the *Time Flies* project.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Fences and gates protect your dog

Owning a pet is a basic right in our community, but it is also a serious responsibility.

So, if you intend on owning a dog, you have to take responsibility for it and make sure it is secured properly in your property.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said fences and gates protect dogs from the dangers of roaming, stop them from causing a nuisance in the neighbourhood and ensure pets don't hurt other animals or people".

"While many people keep dogs to protect their properties, it's important that people passing by or visiting properties with dogs in them are protected," Mr Bordignon said.

"A straying dog can cause distress to neighbours and the community and dogs that are not kept safely behind a fence can risk being injured or causing injury to others."

Mr Bordignon said straying dogs can also become a traffic hazard for motorists.

"They can be a risk to the community by displaying territorial aggression or cause an annoyance," Mr Bordignon said.

Having an adequate fence for your dog protects both your dog and your neighbourhood.

As a responsible pet owner, it is important to ensure that your fence or dog enclosure is:

- high enough that your dog can't jump over;
- low enough that your dog can't dig under;
- strong enough that your dog can't push it over;
- holeproof so your dog can't escape through it; and
- designed so your dog cannot get to people through it.

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

Books needed

Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) is collecting good quality books for their first annual book fair later this year.

CIGE volunteers will gratefully accept books from 10am to 3pm weekdays at 1134 Glenhuntly Road, Glen Huntly.

For further information, contact CIGE on 9571 7644.

Bus services under review

A review of local bus services in Boroondara, Glen Eira and Stonnington is now underway, as part of a State Government program to improve the majority of bus routes across Melbourne.

The State Government will work with local councils, public transport operators, community groups and individuals to identify how your local bus services can run better.

To ensure any changes to bus services meet the needs of local people, you are invited to make a submission to the review or register to attend one of four community workshops.

How you can get involved

Public workshops will be held in Kew and Camberwell on Tuesday 17 February and in Toorak and Caulfield on Wednesday 18 February, with both day and evening sessions available.

To register your interest in attending a workshop, contact 9221 1952 or email sharon.rutherford@booz.com

Written submissions can be sent to: Boroondara/Glen Eira/Stonnington Bus Service Review
PO Box 2797
Melbourne Victoria 3001

Written Submissions can also be sent via email to metrobusservicereview@transport.vic.gov.au
Submissions close 28 February.

For further information about the Metropolitan Bus Service Review, contact the Department of Transport on 9655 6000 or visit www.transport.vic.gov.au/buses

Help us to help the local community

- Do you enjoy people and are you a good listener?
- Do you believe access to information and to sources of assistance are important?
- Would you enjoy a short training course?
- Could you spare half a day a week to work with a great group of people?

Contact Laurel Thompson from Community Information Glen Eira Inc on 9571 7644.

Discovery of water

Glen Eira City Council is taking advantage of an alternative water source for tree watering.

Three million litres of water has been made available to Council until the end of February by GLG Developments, which is developing the old Cyclone Fencing site on East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said water was discovered when the site's old factory was being demolished.

"GLG Developments was demolishing the old factory and as a consequence the basement of the factory was exposed to the elements, resulting in it acting as a dam," Mr Unwin said.

"The water has been tested and results indicate it is as good as any water you would find in dams across Victoria."

With the current water restrictions in place, Mr Unwin said the offer from GLG Developments could not have come at a better time.

"Utilising this water will certainly ease the pressure on our bores and mains water, both of which are currently used to water Glen Eira's trees," Mr Unwin said.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside visited the site late last year with Council's Park Services Ground Maintenance Co-ordinator Peter Todd and Park Services staff member Ralph Bosley. Photo: Bernie Bickerton

POOch pouches for dog owners

In a continued effort to educate dog owners about cleaning up after their pet, Council's Civic Compliance Officers will be distributing POOch pouches while patrolling parks and reserves during February.

The new POOch pouch attaches to your dog lead and can hold up to two plastic shopping bags.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said it was up to pet owners to do the right thing and dispose of dog waste.

"It is simply part and parcel of responsible dog ownership," Mr Bordignon said.

"Council has tried to make it as easy as possible for local pet owners to clean up after their pets.

"Plastic bag dispensers are available in many of Council parks and reserves and officers also carry and distribute plastic bags."

Mr Bordignon said when Council consulted the community on its draft *Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan* dog litter figured prominently in responses.

"The clear message was for Council to take a harder line on this issue," Mr Bordignon said.

"Not only is dog litter an eyesore, but it creates environmental and public health concerns for other residents."

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

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

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

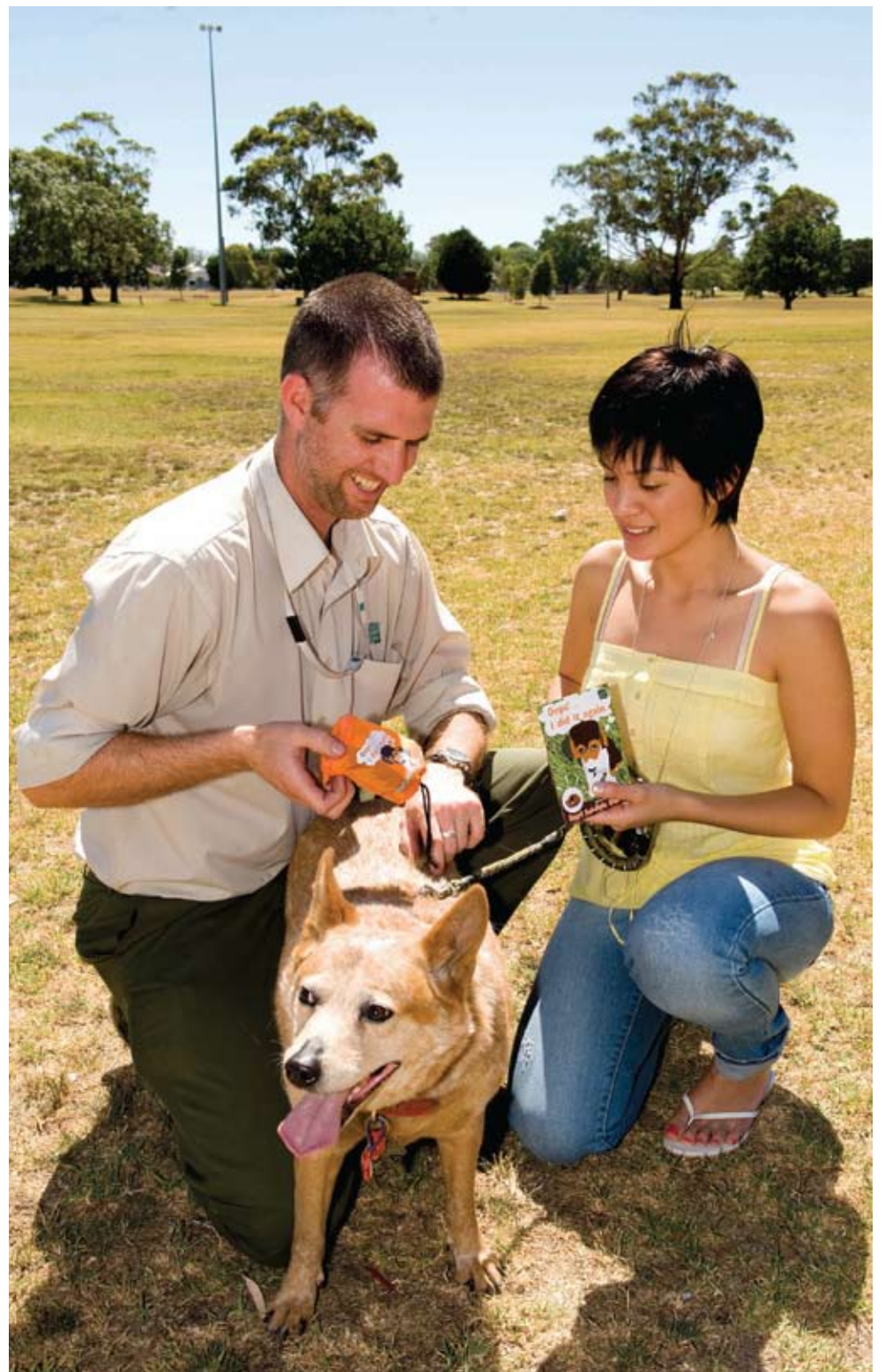
Mr Bordignon said dog owners should consider the environmental and health factors associated with dog litter when exercising their pets.

"Plastic bag dispensers are available in many of Council parks and reserves and officers also carry and distribute plastic bags."

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

"Collecting dog litter and disposing of it responsibly helps to make the environment cleaner for the whole community."

Robyn and her four-legged friend Tiger-Lilly receive a POOch pouch from Council's Civic Compliance Officer Andrew Graham. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Keep eye out for rubbish dumpers

Glen Eira City Council is calling on all residents to look out for illegal rubbish dumpers.

Rubbish dumping not only shows a blatant disregard for Glen Eira's beautiful leafy environment, but it wastes Council resources.



Council is calling on all residents to look out for illegal rubbish dumpers.

Photo: Robert Heywood.

Council's Manager Waste Services Doug Griffiths told the *Glen Eira News* in the past large quantities of rubbish have been dumped in quiet dead end streets, entrances to laneways, Council car parks and even around charity clothing bins.

"These people are not making a donation. They are illegally disposing of their rubbish," Mr Griffiths said.

"Council needs the community's support to catch the culprits.

"If residents see illegal dumping taking place, please take note of the vehicle registration number, the exact location, time and date, and then report the incident to Council."

Residents wanting to relieve themselves of items that can't be put out in the regular garbage collection are urged to make a booking through Council's hard rubbish collection service.

Residents can phone Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or check the Council website to find out when the next collection in their area is and register their address and the type of items they need collected.

Community grants workshops

Applications for Glen Eira City Council's 2009-2010 Community Grants Program open on Monday 2 March.

Grants of up to \$7,500 will be available for projects which address Council priorities and meet with funding guidelines and conditions.

Application forms and guidelines will be mailed to all organisations on Council's database.

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will be hosting information workshops on 2, 4 and 12 March from 6pm to 8pm and 3 March from 10am to midday.

The workshops will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall.

Bookings are essential. If you wish to attend, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162

Low cost short courses in your local community

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers for Beginners
Microsoft Software
Word 1

Introduction to Internet and Email

eBay: Computers for Profit (Day or Evening)

Introduction to Photoshop Elements (Day or Evening)

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Morning and/or Wednesday Evening.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Tai Chi

Gentle exercise (chair based)

Stepping Out Program — Walking Group

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

Scrapbooking and card making

Handcraft circle

Scrabble or chess games

Digital photography and Photoshop

Camera connections

BOOK CLUBS

Last Tuesday of month at 1.15 pm or first Wednesday of month at 7.30 pm

OCCASIONAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Monday to Friday mornings

THREE YEAR OLD ACTIVITY GROUP

Monday and/or Thursday afternoons

Bookings and enquiries: 9596 8643

New community involvement program

A new Victoria Police community involvement program commenced in Glen Eira on 1 February.

The program — *Neighbourhood Police Contacts* — will allow police members and the community to work together on issues and problems in their local area.

“Police members have been allocated suburbs across Glen Eira which they are responsible for.”

The program has already been implemented in Kingston and Bayside and will replace the Glen Eira Local Safety Committee, which ceased at the end of 2008.

Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police said the Local Safety Committee has served its purpose and now was the time to move forward.

“*Neighbourhood Police Contacts* will build on the success of the Committee and will allow police members to take a more personal

approach to addressing areas of concern,” Inspector Lewis said.

“Police members have been allocated suburbs across Glen Eira which they are responsible for.

“Members of the public can then contact the police member in their area, either by phone or email, to inform them of any problems or issues which need to be addressed.”

Neighbourhood Police Contacts

Bentleigh and Bentleigh East

Detective Sergeant Don Brown; Sergeant Graeme Bell; and Sergeant Terry Rowlands.

Glenhuntly, Carnegie, Murrumbeena, McKinnon and Ormond

Detective Sergeant Ray Hargreaves; Sergeant Roger Child; and Acting Sergeant Kane Robinson.

Caulfield North, Caulfield South, Caulfield East and Elsternwick

Sergeant Michael White; and Sergeant Timothy Lamb.

To make contact with your local police member, phone 9524 9500 or email caulfied.uni@police.vic.gov.au



Sergeant Roger Child, Senior Sergeant Neil Mathieson, Inspector Margaret Lewis, Acting Sergeant Kane Robinson, Sergeant Tim Lamb and Sergeant Terry Rowland.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Caring for the Glen Eira community

Glen Eira City Council's In Home Support Workers undertake a range of caring roles in the community, providing services for clients of all-ages.

Services include personal care (showering and dressing), home care (cleaning and household duties) and respite (time out for carers).

These services help the City's older and disabled residents remain independent in their own homes for longer.

“Council provides more than 115,000 hours of home care, personal care and respite care every year.”

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said services were provided when frailty, disability or illness prevented a person from undertaking necessary daily tasks for themselves.

“Council provides more than 115,000 hours of home care, personal care and respite care every year,” Ms Marr said.

“We have a strong team of dedicated staff who work together to provide these services.

“They come from all walks of life and are of various ages, but they have one important thing in common — their commitment to caring for others.”

Join the team

If you want to work flexible hours and seek a feel good job that offers opportunities for professional development, then why not consider working for Council's Community Care Unit as a Support Worker.

You will be able to use your communication skills, empathy and initiative in assisting frail older people and people with disabilities to live independently at home. A range of positions are currently available.

All prospective support workers must have a desire to work with older people and people with disabilities, good physical fitness, an ability to carry out the required duties, a car for work purposes and a current Victorian driver's licence.

All applicants will also be required to undergo a police check and a work-based medical check.

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

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

Nominations open for volunteer scheme

Nominations are now open for the *2009 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 20 March.

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

New beginnings in childcare

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?

Glen Eira City Council's Caulfield and 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 in Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena 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 centre's 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 would be.

"We ask 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."

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



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Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre re-opens

The Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre, 542 Centre Road, Bentleigh, has now re-opened for business.

Renovations are now complete and the new look Centre was officially re-opened in late December by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Glen Eira City Council Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Jan Roughley said the

Centre now had an additional consultation room, larger waiting area, group meeting room, a new toilet and kitchen and easy access for people with a disability.

"These renovations will greatly improve the amenity of Bentleigh Maternal Child Health Centre, resulting in a more family friendly environment and better use of space," Ms Roughley said.

If you require further information, contact the Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre on 9557 2359 or 9557 3012 or the Maternal and Child Health Administration on 9524 3403.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Jim Magee with triplets Kyan, Ashlan and Finlay. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Become part of the Family Day Care team

Glen Eira City Council is seeking caring, energetic, family-focused individuals to join its Family Day Care team.

Council's Family Day Care Scheme offers the Glen Eira community a quality childcare service in a home setting, for children from birth to 12 years. Council currently has 32 registered Family Day Carers from all walks of life, but more are needed.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Jill Jolliffe said there are a number of unique benefits for carers that become part of Council's Scheme.

"Carers that register enjoy the flexibility that comes with the job, as carers are able to choose the type of care they want to provide, including full-time, part-time,

before and after school and holiday care," Ms Jolliffe said.

"Additionally, carers are also able to set their own fees."

"Another benefit is that carers are strongly supported by Council's qualified early childhood professionals and offered monthly professional development training."

Carers involved in the Family Day Care Scheme have undertaken a police record check, a Working with Children Check and a rigorous home safety check.

If you would like more information about becoming a Family Day Carer or enrolling your child in Family Day Care, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Family Day Carer Lakshmi reads to Daniel, Alex, Sophie and Charles.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

New appointment booking system

Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service now has a new appointment booking system.

Clients who wish to make an appointment to see one of Council's experienced nurses can now make a booking through Council's Service Centre.

All you have to do is phone 9524 3333 and one of Council's friendly customer service staff will make the booking for you.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said the new system would allow clients to receive an appointment on-the-spot.

"The new system will mean that the clients needs are met instantly and they don't have to wait for a nurse to call them back," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The Customer Service staff can access the system quickly and make an appointment for them."

Playgroup fun for everyone

In Glen Eira, around 525 families with more than 700 babies, toddlers and preschool aged children go to playgroup each week.

Playgroups are informal, low cost, run by parents and caregivers and are held in church halls, maternal and child health centres, school halls, community houses and community centres.

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.

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

Service provides information and support

If it's information and support for your family you're after, then Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Service can assist you.

The free service is for families with children from birth to six years and offers guidance, support and practical advice on all aspects of child health and development, parenting and family wellbeing.

More than 5,000 Glen Eira families are using the service each year, which operates from eight sites across the municipality.

Here are just some of the many services offered to families:

- first time mother's group;
- Glen Eira Mother's Support (GEMS) Group;
- monthly parenting sessions, which are held in conjunction with Caulfield Community Health Centre;
- information on a range of issues, including immunisation, breastfeeding, settling and solids;
- referrals to other family and children's centres as appropriate;
- drop in clinic — please check with your local centre for times and days; and

- monitoring growth and development of children at two weeks, four weeks, eight weeks, four months, eight months, 12 months, 18 months, two years and three-and-a-half-years.

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Sasha and Cameron have been using the Maternal and Child Health Service for four years.

The Bentleigh couple take their three children — Trinity, Morgan and Flynn — to the Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre for their key age and stage assessments.

The Centre's nurse Sue Modrich said that if it wasn't for the assessments, Sasha and Cameron might never have known their eldest child had a problem with her vision and to seek medical advice.

"As a result, Trinity was prescribed glasses from a very young age, which have improved her vision significantly, and she may no longer need an operation when she is older," Ms Modrich said.

In 2008, the Maternal and Child Health Service made up to 1,000 referrals for a variety of conditions related to vision,

communication, growth, development, nutrition, physical and emotional conditions.

Ms Modrich said Sasha and Cameron were very grateful for the early detection.

"It is vital for children to attend their assessments as early intervention can minimise the risk of later problems," Ms Modrich said.



Cameron and Sasha take Flynn, Morgan and Trinity to see Sue Modrich (left) at the Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre for their key age and stage assessments. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Children and families at the library

Glen Eira City Council's libraries are great places for children and families to visit, read books, learn and have fun together. At each library, qualified staff are on hand to 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.

Supporting family reading and learning

Parents can take an active role in developing their child's language skills by sharing a love of reading in the home. In a safe and familiar family environment, parents can build their child's confidence as a reader and learner, make reading fun and encourage reading as part of a regular routine.

Council's libraries support family reading by offering an extensive collection of material for children to borrow, including board books for tiny hands, colourful picture books, early readers, the latest junior fiction titles and subject books for every school project and interest.

Storytime

Storytime, for children aged three to five years, gives parents a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of reading with their child and choose books to read at home. The free 30 minute session includes music, songs and rhymes suitable for preschool children. Locations and times are available from any Council library or at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

BabyTime

BabyTime is a free program for babies up to two years and is filled with stories, rhymes and songs to stimulate young minds. Parents participate in the session with their baby to encourage word association skills and enjoy the rhythm of language. Locations and times are available from any Council library 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 applies.

Saturday Shakers - sharing stories

Saturday Shakers is a fun and interactive storytime program suitable for children up to eight years, promoting the love of books and reading. Often following a special theme, the free 45 minute sessions are held at the Carnegie Library on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Special events

Council libraries host a number of special events and fun 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 *Seniors Festival*; and
- shows to celebrate the festive season.

Student support

Council's librarians are ready to assist students in finding information for school or just for fun. Whether using the rich source of information found in the library book collections or navigating the maze of material on the internet, Council's qualified librarians can find reliable and relevant information suitable for young students. Online databases full of information for homework and projects can also be conveniently accessed by library members at home or in the library.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre at Carnegie Library is a quiet, distraction-free zone for students to complete homework and school assignments. Librarians are on hand to help students find information for their 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 are welcome to join and enjoy the benefits of an extended borrowing period and specialist services and programs. Council's librarians will discuss information needs with teachers to locate books and other materials to complement their curriculum. Class visits to the libraries are also welcome.

Municipal Early Years Plan consultations

Glen Eira City Council is developing a three year *Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP)*. The MEYP was first developed in 2006 and implemented over a three year period.

Outcomes from the first Plan include:

- an 18 per cent increase in attendance rates at the key age and stage visits;
- the delivery of innovative child health program and parent education sessions;
- the implementation of health promotion programs, including the State Government's *Kids — Go for your life* program; and

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

The Plan is now due for review and a new plan will be developed based on evaluation and feedback from the community.

To assist Council in identifying the aspirations, needs and issues for Glen Eira families with children up to six years, Council will be holding a number of consultations in 2009.

Consultation will take place in a number of ways, including community forums with service providers and families.

Two forums will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on 12 and 18 March from 7pm to 9pm.

The feedback derived from these forums will be used to develop the next MEYP.

To ensure your voice, attend one of the forums or email your comments to Jill Jolliffe, Manager Family and Children's Services, at mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

Contact Margaret: 9587 1092.

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 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 every 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 every month from 9.30am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. 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 needlepointing, 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 for 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 every

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.

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.

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.

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 every Tuesday from 1.15pm to 2.15pm at Bailey Reserve, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East.

Contact: 9575 5322.

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle is

offering free dancing for all newcomers during the month of March. Dances are held on Friday evenings from 8pm to 10pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads.

Contact Bev: 9579 532 or George: 9808 6805.

Friendly Tours Social Club is an

established senior citizens club that offers day tours on the first Sunday of each month. Moderate costs which include morning tea.

Contact: 9592 5792.

Bentleigh East Senior Citizens Club

meets at 1-3 Derry Street, Bentleigh East and offers many outdoor activities, including indoor bowls, table tennis and tai chi.

Contact Joan Hill: 9570 9045 or

Tom Fennelly: 9570 1621.

Carnegie Walking Group invites you

to join its members for a weekly, one hour walk around the Carnegie neighbourhood, followed by coffee. The Group meets every Wednesday at 9am in front of the Carnegie Library.

Contact Doris: 0409 931 070 or Keith:

9568 7682.

National Seniors Australia Caulfield

and District Branch meets on the first Monday every month from 6.30pm (7pm start) at the Bentleigh RSL, 538-540 Centre Road. All are welcome.

Contact Chris: 9523 7826.

Ladies Probus Club of Caulfield meets

on the third Thursday of every month at 10am at the Gladys Machin Hall, South Caulfield.

Contact: 9523 7471.

EVENTS

Rippon Lea Estate is hosting *Storytime for Preschoolers* at 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick.

Come and enjoy stories, songs, games and art activities on 5, 12, 19 and 26 February 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 Organ Club is proud to present renowned squeeze box/accordion player Ken Laybourne on 2 February from 8pm to 10.30pm at the Bentleigh East Sports and Recreation Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East. Cost of \$3 for members and \$6 for visitors includes supper.

Contact Cliff and Jenny Restarick:

9528 2539.

Caulfield School of Yoga is offering a

free meditation information session on 16 February from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Caulfield School of Yoga, 101 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield North. Discover simple and effective techniques to relax quickly, even during the busiest day.

Bookings are essential.

Contact Eileen: 0407 881 285 or email

meditationpathways@netspace.net.au

Friends of Labassa will be running a

number of events across February and March. Events include: *Open Day*, 15 February from 10.30am to 4.30pm; *Follow the Koch Trail*, 5 March and 19 March from 9.30am to 12.30pm; *Talking Tea at Labassa*, 14 March from 2pm to 5pm and 15 March from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Labassa is situated at 2 Manor Grove, North Caulfield. Bookings are required for some events.

Contact: 9509 6596.

COMMUNITY

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 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

Godfrey Street Community House has vacancies in the following courses for term one: medical reception, touch typing for kids and adults, kinder dance, French for beginners and many more.

Contact: 9557 9037.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 2 February, Monday 2 March,
Monday 6 April and Monday 4 May
10am-11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield
Tuesday 3 February, Tuesday 3 March,
Tuesday 7 April and Tuesday 5 May
6pm-7pm
Tuesday 10 February, Tuesday 10 March,
Tuesday 14 April and Tuesday 12 May
9.30am-10.30am

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 11 February, Wednesday 11
March, Wednesday 15 April and Wednesday
13 May 1.30pm-2.30pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 16 February, Monday 16 March,
Monday 20 April and Monday 18 May
10am-11am

Bentleigh East

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 28 February, Saturday 28 March,
Saturday 18 April and Saturday 23 May
9am-11am

Wednesday 18 February, Wednesday 18
March, Wednesday 22 April and Wednesday
20 May 5.45pm-7.15pm

Thursday 26 February, Thursday 26 March,
Thursday 30 April and Thursday 28 May
6pm-8pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and
Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,
Glen Huntly
Wednesday 25 February, Wednesday 25
March, Wednesday 29 April and
Wednesday 27 May
9.30am-11am



協助路邊樹木的成活

Glen Eira 市政府懇請居民們協助為最近種植的路邊樹木澆水。

市政府公園服務經理 Laurie Unwin 說，居民住宅路邊如有新栽的樹木，請協助市政府為小樹澆水，以確保樹木茁壯成長。

Unwin 先生說：“市政府近來定期為路邊小樹澆水，這包括居民住宅路邊的小樹，但是我們仍懇請居民在這炎熱的數月中為這些小樹多澆些水。”

“為了鼓勵居民協助澆水，市政府將提供九公升的塑料桶。”

“居民可用該塑料桶在住房各處取水。”

Unwin 先生說最好用清水澆灌小樹。

Unwin 先生還說：“水可取自水池、浴缸和淋浴放熱水時最初放出的涼水、漏水龍頭滴下的水、或洗衣機最後一次的漂洗水。”

“居民們應當始終確保取水澆樹符合目前限制用水的規定。”

居民在乾旱或炎熱時期可每周兩次（最好在早晨）幫助為小樹澆灌五至十公升的水。

水應直接澆灌在小樹根部的護根碎木屑上。

墨爾本目前實行用水限制規定。如想瞭解更多的節水方法，請致電東南供水局，電話 13 18 67。

Βοηθήστε να κρατηθούν τα δένδρα του πεζοδρομίου ζωντανά

Ο Δήμος του Glen Eira ζητάει από τους δημότες να βοηθήσουν στο πότισμα των νεοφυτεμένων δένδρων στα πεζοδρόμια.

Ο Διευθυντής των Υπηρεσιών του Δήμου για τα Πάρκα Laurie Unwin είπε ότι οι δημότες που έχουν νέο δένδρο στο πεζοδρόμιό έξω από το σπίτι τους μπορούν να βοηθήσουν εξασφαλίζοντας ότι τα δένδρα φυτρώνουν καλά βοηθώντας τον Δήμο με το πότισμα.

“Ο Δήμος αναλαμβάνει τακτικό πότισμα των νέων δένδρων στο πεζοδρόμιο, συμπεριλαμβανομένου και του νεαρού δένδρου μπροστά στο σπίτι σας, αλλά ζητάμε από τους δημότες να βοηθήσουν με το επιπλέον πότισμα κατά την διάρκεια αυτών των ζεστών μηνών,” Είπε ο κ. Unwin.

“Για να ενθαρρυνθούν οι δημότες να βοηθήσουν με το πότισμα, ο Δήμος θα παράσχει πλαστικό κουβά εννέα λίτρων.

“Οι δημότες μπορούν να χρησιμοποιούν τον κουβά για να μαζεύουν νερό από διάφορες πηγές γύρω από το σπίτι.”

Ο κ. Unwin είπε ότι το καθαρό νερό είναι το καλύτερο για τα νέα δένδρα.

“Οι επιλογές συμπεριλαμβάνουν ζεστό νερό από τους νιφτήρες, λουτρά και ντους, νερό από βρύσες που τρέχουν ή νερό από το τελευταίο ξέπλυμα του πλυντηρίου,” είπε ο κ. Unwin.

“Οι δημότες πρέπει πάντα να εξασφαλίζουν ότι το νερό που συγκεντρώνεται για το πότισμα των δένδρων είναι ανταποκρίνεται στους εκάστοτε περιορισμούς στην χρήση του νερού.”

Οι δημότες μπορούν να βοηθήσουν παρέχοντας μεταξύ πέντε και δέκα λίτρα νερό, δυο φορές την εβδομάδα (προτιμητέα το πρωί), κατά τις στεγνές και ζεστές περιόδους.

Το νερό πρέπει να ρίχνεται κατευθείαν στα σαπισμένα φύλλα στην βάση του νέου δένδρου.

Οι περιορισμοί στην χρήση νερού ισχύουν επί του παρόντος στην Μελβούρνη. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες για το πότισμα, επικοινωνήστε με την South East Water στο 13 18 67.

Aiutaci a mantenere in vita gli alberi piantati lungo il ciglio stradale

Il Comune di Glen Eira invita i propri residenti a venire in aiuto al mantenimento degli alberi recentemente piantati lungo il ciglio stradale.

Laurie Unwin, Direttore del Servizio Parchi del Comune, ha invitato i residenti a venire in aiuto del Comune annaffiando il giovane albero che è stato piantato lungo il ciglio stradale davanti alla loro proprietà assicurandone quindi una buona crescita.

“Attualmente il Comune si prende cura di annaffiare regolarmente i nuovi alberi piantati lungo il ciglio stradale, incluso l'alberello di fronte alla tua proprietà, tuttavia invitiamo i residenti a venirci in aiuto durante i mesi più caldi fornendo un ulteriore contributo di acqua” ha aggiunto Mr Unwin.

“Allo scopo di incoraggiare i residenti, il Comune fornirà loro un secchio di plastica da nove litri che potrà essere usato per l'annaffiatura utilizzando acqua riciclata proveniente dall'abitazione stessa.”

Mr Unwin ha comunque ribadito che l'acqua pulita è la migliore fonte di sostegno per gli alberelli.

“Quindi le opzioni includono l'uso dell'acqua tiepida utilizzata in lavandini, vasche da bagno e docce, dell'acqua proveniente da rubinetti che perdono o dell'acqua dell'ultimo risciacquo della lavabiancheria” ha aggiunto Mr Unwin.

“I residenti devono comunque assicurarsi che l'acqua per l'annaffiatura degli alberelli venga raccolta nel rispetto del regolamento relativo alle attuali restrizioni idriche.”

I residenti possono cooperare fornendo all'alberello l'equivalente di cinque-dieci litri d'acqua due volte la settimana (preferibilmente di mattina) durante i periodi di maggiore calura o siccità.

L'acqua deve essere data direttamente sul racciamo ai piedi dell'alberello.

Sono attualmente in atto a Melbourne restrizioni sull'uso dell'acqua potabile. Per ulteriori informazioni su come risparmiare sul consumo dell'acqua, rivolgersi alla South East Water al numero 13 18 67.

Помогите ухаживать за деревьями на улицах

Муниципалитет Glen Eira обращается к местным жителям с просьбой помочь с поливкой недавно высаженных на улицах муниципалитета деревьев.

Начальник садово-паркового отдела муниципалитета г-н Laurie Unwin сказал, что жители могут помочь прижиться на новом месте деревьям, которые недавно были высажены рядом с их домами.

“Муниципалитет в настоящее время регулярно поливает недавно высаженные молодые деревья, в том числе и деревья около вашего дома, но мы просим местных жителей делать дополнительную поливку в жаркое время года,” сказал г-н Unwin.

“Для этого муниципалитет будет выдавать специальные 9-литровые лейки.

В них можно собирать воду из разных источников у вас дома.”

Г-н Unwin отметил, что для молодых деревьев лучше использовать чистую воду.

“Это может быть оставшаяся после мытья или купания теплая вода из раковины, ванны или душа, вода из протекающего крана или вода после полоскания белья в конце рабочего цикла стиральной машины,” сказал г-н Unwin.

“В любом случае, вода для поливки должна соответствовать действующим ограничениям на потребление воды.”

Вы можете помочь муниципалитету, если будете поливать деревья в сухое или жаркое время года, два раза в неделю (желательно утром), от 5 до 10 литров воды в одну поливку.

Воду нужно лить прямо на мульчу (рыхлый защитный слой) в основании дерева.

Помните, что в Мельбурне в настоящее время действуют ограничения на потребление воды. Полезные советы о том, как сэкономить воду, можно получить в компании South East Water по тел. 13 18 67.

GLEN EIRA NEWS PHOTOS



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

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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Community consultations

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Municipal Early Years Plan	Forum	12 and 18 March 7pm to 9pm	Glen Eira Town Hall Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

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

Social support volunteers needed

Social support volunteers are needed to participate in a valued local Home and Community Care (HACC) funded service.

Do you have good communication and other valuable life skills? We need volunteers with these qualities to assist the elderly or people with disabilities living in the Glen Eira area.

Volunteer tasks include assisting with shopping, transport and friendly visiting.

A car is essential for this volunteer work.

If you have good communication skills and are available for a couple of hours a week, a fortnight or even on the odd occasion, contact Volunteer Co-ordinator Susan Rutherford on 9571 8622.

Celebrate with the community

Glen Eira City Council brings the community together in March with festivals held in three of the City's best loved parks — Allnutt Park, Princes Park and Packer Park.

Top musical acts along with activities for the whole family will be the highlight of each event. Food and refreshments will also be available.

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

**Sunday 1 March — 12pm–4pm
Party in the Park — Allnutt Park
Corner Wheatley Road and Beech Street, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 68 B11)**

Bring the whole family along to Glen Eira's first *Party in the Park* for 2009 at picturesque Allnutt Park. Hosted by comedian Janet McLeod, enjoy an afternoon of free amusements and activities, including community stalls, creative workshops for children, an animal farm and sausage sizzle.

On the main stage, there will be performances by *Umanee*, King Marong and Afro Mandinko, *Trickcircus*, as well as some talented local community artists.

Umanee's repertoire is European, but has Nordic and Persian melodic influences. The

group play the clarinet, percussion, flute, cello and guitar as well as some not so familiar instruments including the saz, hurdy-gurdy and kushtar. *Umanee* adapt diverse musical traditions to create an exciting, original sound.

To get the crowds moving, King Marong and Afro Mandinko will play funk and African rhythms.

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**Sunday 15 March — 12pm–4pm
Party in the Park — Princes Park
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South (Mel Ref: 67 H7)**

Whether you are six or 60, you will enjoy *Party in the Park* at Princes Park. Hosted by



2008 Party in the Park at Allnutt Park.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

the inimitable Luke Gallagher, the former Opera Australia singer will regale you with cabaret tunes and popular standards.

The renowned *Australian Cotton Club* Orchestra will play some old time greats, along with local favourites *The Valtones* and the *Glen Eira City Band*.

Seating will be provided on the lawn in front of the stage.

**Sunday 29 March — 12pm–4pm
Party in the Park — Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J8)**

Hosted by the irrepressible Andy Zap, the final *Party in the Park* for 2009 will include performances by *Stiletto Sisters*, *Funk in Public*, Georgia Fields, *Trickcircus* as well as many talented community artists. There will be free activities for all-ages, including a krumping workshop, *Trickcircus workshop*, jumping castles and an animal farm.

Exhibitions

Connections: Turkish and Korean Women Artists Exhibition

Viewing from Thursday 5 February to Sunday 15 February

This exhibition aims to connect Turkish and South Korean communities with a presentation of traditional art and craft by female artists showcasing both of these

fascinating cultures. Through this shared cultural event, the exhibition will showcase the contribution of women to peace and harmony, providing an opportunity to renew the friendship that exists between the two communities.

The work of leading female Turkish and Korean female artists will be featured in the exhibition, which has been organised by the

Glen Eira City Council Art Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333 Opening times: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. 1pm–5pm. Admission is free

Australian Turkish Cultural Platform and the Korean Artist Association Melbourne.

Connections: Turkish and Korean Women Artists Exhibition is supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission and the Consulate General of Turkey in Melbourne and has been made possible by a grant from Glen Eira City Council.

Formed in Geneva in 1968, *The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme* is now taught in 2,490 schools in 131 countries.

Final year *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme* Visual Arts students from the following Victorian and Tasmanian schools will be participating in the exhibition — Carey Baptist Grammar School; Geelong Grammar School; Haileybury College; Ivanhoe Grammar School; Kardinia International School; Lauriston Girls' School; Macedon Grammar School; Methodist Ladies' College; Presbyterian Ladies' College; St Leonard's College; Tintern Schools; The Friends' School, Hobart; The Kilmore International School; and Wesley College.



2009 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Viewing from Thursday 19 February to Sunday 1 March

This exhibition will feature a diverse and exciting range of artworks selected from *The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Visual Arts Course* examination sessions, which were held in November last year.

The exhibition will provide visitors with an understanding of the different approaches and the diverse work produced in this unique two year study. Contemporary digital media, installations, sculpture, photography, painting, textiles and ceramics will be on display. During their study, students experimented with materials and techniques, ideas and concepts and investigated the work of artists from different cultures, from past and contemporary eras.

Glen Eira Artists Exhibition 2009

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is accepting proposals from artists who live, work or study in the local area to enter the annual *Glen Eira Artists Exhibition*.

The exhibition aims to include a diverse range of local art practices.

To enter, mail a current CV and up to six high resolution digital images of recent works on a CD to Glen Eira City Council Gallery, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, Victoria, 3162 by Tuesday 24 February.

For further information about the exhibition, contact the Gallery on 9524 3333.



Gulay Pelin — Anatolian Dream.

2008 Battle of the Bands review



Glen Eira City Council Youth Services hosted their first ever *Battle of the Bands* — and declared the night a huge success.

Not even the driving December rain could keep music lovers away from seeing some of the best young musical talent Glen Eira has on offer.

With eight bands, the event attracted more than 300 young people and

parents who witnessed the musicians of the future battling it out for the ultimate prize — a days recording at the Hideout Studio.

The event was made a huge success due to the combined efforts

of Glen Eira Youth Services and the Youth Consultative Group — a group of 11 young leaders from the local community.

Both parties have worked tirelessly over the past four months to ensure the event was well received by bands and spectators alike.

A visit backstage highlighted the camaraderie between competitors, with band members sharing performing tips, comparing equipment and cheering each other on.

It wasn't just the variety of musical styles on show, but the diversity amongst the audience with many parents and siblings braving the weather to see their family members cut their teeth on the big stage.

Bands had 30 minutes in which to complete the briefest of sound checks and strut their stuff before the eager crowd. After the performances, the judges — Hideout Studio Manager Gus, Southern FM radio host Steph McMurray and Glen Eira Youth Services Co-ordinator Damien Landini — convened to compare notes and declare a winner.

It wasn't an easy decision with each band demonstrating strong performances and quality songwriting. After much deliberation, the inaugural winner of the Glen Eira Youth Services 2008 *Battle of the Bands* was *The Lukas Vassey*. Their stage presence, professionalism, enthusiasm and catchy

songwriting put them ahead of the other seven bands.

School mates Andrew, Jordan and Angus formed *The Lukas Vassey* in 2007, later adding distinctive vocalist Patrick to the line-up. Best known for their first ever original song *Good*

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Boy, *The Lukas Vassey* proved to be a crowd favourite on the night and a favourite for the judges. Needless to say the boys were ecstatic, giving the crowd an electrifying encore.

Battle of the Bands runner up was *The Directories*, whose blend of folk and alternate rock proved to be an excellent contrast to the driving rock of *The Lukas Vassey*. *The Directories* won a \$400 musical equipment pack, donated by Melmusic of Ormond.

For further information about upcoming youth events, contact Glen Eira Youth Services on 9579 7963.

Battle of the Bands winner *The Lukas Vassey*. Photo: Madison Taylor



Admit One.

Photo: Madison Taylor



The Brass Monkeys.

Photo: Madison Taylor

Youth worker support

Glen Eira City Council 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

Glen Eira Youth Services Team: Bree, Marita, Natalie and Damien.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



News in brief

New park shelters

New park shelters are being erected at the King George VI Reserve in Bentleigh East as well as Murrumbeena Park.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the shelters will benefit players and spectators at these parks during training and competition.

"These shelters have provided effective protections from the elements at other Glen Eira parks and will compliment the new infrastructure recently installed at these parks," Ms Smith said.



Photo: Andrew Barden.

New park toilets

New automated toilets have been commissioned and are now operational at EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond; Marlborough Reserve, Bentleigh East; and King George Reserve, Bentleigh.

The toilets are open seven days a week during daylight hours, are accessible for people of all-abilities and provide baby change facilities.



Photo: Andrew Barden.

Cricket nets refurbishment

As part of Glen Eira City Council's *Rolling Risk Management* program, new cricket nets have been installed at the Caulfield East Reserve.

The new nets will provide a safer environment for cricket clubs and park users.



Photo: Andrew Barden.

Council wins SunSmart Shade Award



Winners of the SunSmart Shade Awards celebrate with SunSmart Program Manager Sue Heward and weather presenter Mike Larkan.

Photo: Sunsmart

Glen Eira City Council has won the *SunSmart Local Government Shade Policy Award 2008*.

Announced by the Cancer Council of Victoria at a ceremony late last year, the *SunSmart Awards* recognise achievement and innovation in shade provision.

Entries were accepted from local government, schools and childhood services, sports clubs and workplaces.

The *Local Government Shade Policy Award* recognises the public health priority that Council's Recreation Services has placed on the planning and provision of shade in parks and at recreation facilities and also on Council's financial commitment towards these projects.

Council's Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said the win showed Council was recognised local government leader in shade.

"Recreation Services' innovative approach over a number of years means many open spaces now have shade," Ms Smith said.

"The Award, which was judged by an independent team, highlights the benefits the Glen Eira community receives from Council's strong commitment to safe and healthy park environments."

To encourage families and carers to be sun smart, a list of all playgrounds with shade can be viewed at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Inclusive sporting opportunities



A number of sporting clubs in Glen Eira are already offering a range of activities to residents with a disability, including tennis and bowls.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Access Unlimited is a program that aims to develop sport and recreation opportunities in the cities of Glen Eira and Stonnington.

The program works with residents, sporting clubs and service providers to develop these opportunities for people with a disability.

A number of sporting clubs in Glen Eira are already offering a range of activities to residents with a disability, including tennis and bowls.

Access Unlimited is calling for sporting clubs who would like to assist in developing inclusive opportunities for people with disabilities to contact them.

The programs' Recreation Access Officer Paul Holtschke can provide training and resources to sporting clubs which would like to become involved.

Access Unlimited is also keen to work with Glen Eira service providers to maximise the opportunities for people with disabilities in their care.

The program is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria in partnership with the cities of Glen Eira and Stonnington.

For further information, contact Paul Holtschke on 8290 1185.

Park lights up

Packer Park in Carnegie will soon be lit up at night, making it a safer environment for park users.

Pedestrian pathway lighting will be welcomed by the many walkers who use this park in the evenings and early mornings.

Due to the busy lives that people lead, and the more active lifestyles that we are all encouraged to undertake, residents are

now walking in parks more than ever to keep fit and healthy.

The lighting poles and foundations used will be made from recyclable steel and long-life globes will be used.

The lighting will be installed to meet current Australian standards.

Surviving VCE — a guide for parents

**Wednesday 18 March
7pm to 9pm**

**Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield (enter from
Caulfield Library)**

Parents want to help and support their child as they face the challenges of their final years of schooling, but are often not sure how and when to step in.

How do parents support VCE students in a way that allows them to manage their studies as independently as possible, but at the same time give them permission to accept support that encourages and empowers them?

This session will give parents guidance to achieve that delicate balance of exam deadlines, teenage stress and the uncertainty of future studies.

Presented by psychologist and life coach Rochelle Umansky and food educator Jacqi Deighan, the session will provide practical strategies, nutritional information and tools for stress management that nourish the parent/child relationship and promote wholesome interaction and performance.

This is a free session, but bookings are essential. To book, contact your local library branch, call 9524 3623 or book online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

A conversation with Fiona Capp — The Summer Read event

**Thursday 26 February
7pm to 8pm — refreshments served
from 6.30pm**

**Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield (enter from Caulfield Library)**

Fiona Capp is the acclaimed Australian fiction author of *Night Surfing*, *Last of the Sane Days* and *That Oceanic Feeling*.

Her latest novel, *Musk & Byrne*, is set in the 19th century Victorian goldfields and has been selected as one of 20 titles for The Summer

Read. *Musk & Byrne* is a tumultuous and enthralling historical romance drama featuring bushrangers, obsessive love and a passionate, headstrong heroine who, following a scandal and tragedy, is on the run from the law.

Join Fiona Capp as she discusses her writing experiences and her latest novel.

This is a free event, but bookings are required. To book, contact your local library branch, phone 9524 3623 or book online at www.summerread32.eventbrite.com

The Summer Read

The Summer Read continues at Glen Eira City Council's four library branches 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, library members can be part of this statewide summer reading program until 28 February.

Free DVD and booklet

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.

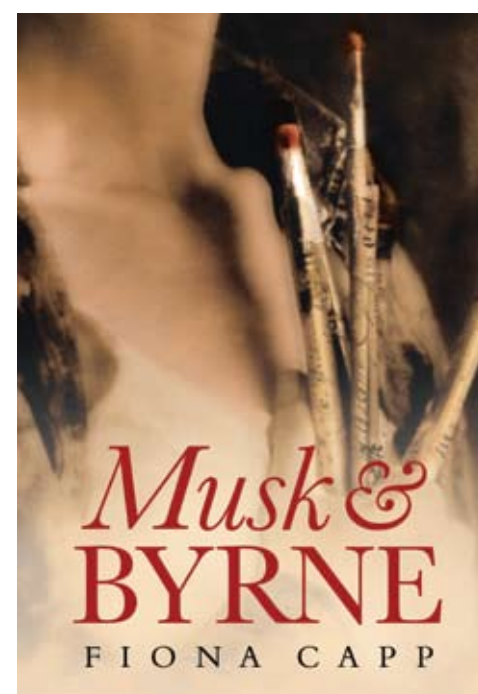
This voucher is redeemable at Council's four library branches in Bentleigh, Carnegie Caulfield and Elsternwick. In addition to the DVD and booklet, Glen Eira families will

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

receive a *Young Readers* book bag containing information on early literacy programs and materials at the libraries.

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.



Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library

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

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.



Create a Kids' Book

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Moongala Women's Community House

824 Centre Road, East Bentleigh 3165
Ph 9570 3468

Classes and activities for Semester One 2009

English as a Second Language - Mondays

Post Beginners - 9.30am to 11.30am

Intermediate - 12pm to 2pm

Both classes commence on 2 February

Computer classes

Basic Computers -

Wednesdays from 9.15am to 12.15pm

Class commences on 18 February

Intermediate Computers - Tuesdays (NEW)

Preparing for Work 1 - Commences 3 February

Preparing for Work 2 - Commences 21 April

We also offer Playgroups; PND playgroup; co-op childcare; bookclub; singing, movies, mosaics, art and women's friendship groups.

For further details and to enrol in our classes and activities, contact Julie or Jude at Moongala on 9570 3468.

Have you got what it takes to be a business mentor?

Glen Eira City Council's *Mentor Partners Program* is looking for new mentors to join its team to offer support to small business owners doing it tough in 2009.

Since its inception in 2003, more than 250 businesses from all industry sectors have benefited from developing a relationship with a mentor who can offer a second opinion to help business owners deal with the challenges they face. Mentors share their previous business experience and assist local business owners to survive and grow in today's competitive marketplace.

Council invites accredited mentors to attend networking events and business seminars to extend their circle of influence and to meet other mentors and business clients.

Jack Mitchell retired from mentoring at the end of last year and had been part of the *Program* since its inception.

Jack said when you are flying solo in business, you often need a good, reliable sounding board and sometimes just emotional support.

"It is all about being a good listener and knowing the right questions to ask in order to lead the business to seek out their own answers," Jack said.

"There have been a number of good outcomes and I believe the *Mentor Partners Program* provides a tangible opportunity for small business operators to seek assistance as well as enjoy and benefit from their new relationship with their mentor."

The *Mentor Partner Program* is offered free of charge and relies on the efforts of volunteers for its success. These volunteers are usually retired or semi-retired business people who now find they have



Jack Mitchell retired from mentoring at the end of last year and had been part of the *Program* since its inception.

Photo: GECC Business Development Unit.

time and interest in being actively involved in their local business community.

Mentors are not expected to act as formal advisors or consultants or do work for the business. Their role is to provide unbiased support, based on their own extensive business experience, to help businesses analyse their problems and develop their solutions.

Council invites accredited mentors to attend networking events and business seminars to extend their circle of influence and to meet other mentors and business clients.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a business mentor, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

2009 Women's Business Network

After a hugely successful 2008, which attracted more than 500 women to Glen Eira City Council's Women's Business Network events, the 2009 meeting dates have been announced.

The network continues to grow and currently has more than 480 registered members.

Highlights from 2008 included inspirational presentations from Founder and CEO of Red Balloon Naomi Simson and Founder and Managing Director of Carman's Fine Foods Carolyn Creswell.

Other informative and entertaining presentations included *The Big Five of Marketing — Five Factors that Make or Break Marketing*; *Mastering the Art of Self Promotion*; and *Standing Out from the Crowd — Designing and Delivering Dynamic Presentations*.

Meetings are held at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.*

The dates for the 2009 Women's Business Network meetings are:

Thursday 19 February;

Thursday 19 March;

April — no meeting;

Thursday 21 May;

Thursday 18 June;

Thursday 16 July;

Thursday 20 August;

Monday 14 September;

Thursday 15 October; and

Thursday 19 November.

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

* Due to holiday periods there will be no meeting in April and the September meeting will be held on a Monday.

Businesses reap rewards through BusEd projects

Students from Monash University's Caulfield Campus Information Technology Department recently presented local organisations with a range of personalised IT business solutions developed through Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program*.

BusEd links students looking to gain practical business experience with business owners who have ideas on how to grow their

business, but may lack the specialist skills or resources to bring them to fruition.

Some of the projects presented included new and updated website designs, an event and booking management system and online ordering programs.

Director of Access Education Karen Brown praised students' work and lauded the positive outcomes for her business.

"Dealing with the Monash students under the *BusEd Program* has been a positive, enlightening and rewarding experience for Access Education," Ms Brown said.

"It has been great to work with an enthusiastic, capable and business-minded project team.

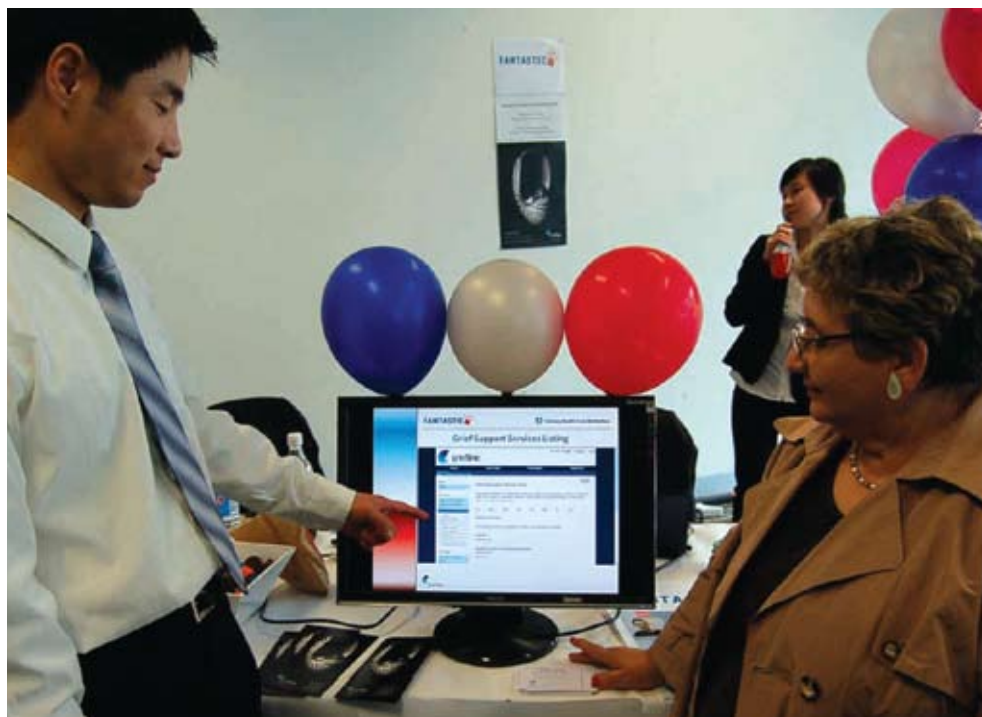
"The team's analysis of our business and the project task was done quickly and accurately without endless meetings, and their IT solution will reduce error rates, staffing costs and improve customer satisfaction."

During 2008, the *BusEd Program* has linked businesses with students from Monash University and Holmesglen TAFE in a variety of disciplines, including information technology, marketing, and business research.

"It has been great to work with an enthusiastic, capable and business-minded project team."

Council's Business Development Unit is currently seeking expressions of interest from local businesses for the 2009 *BusEd Program*.

To register your interest in the program, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.



Local businesses benefit working with information technology savvy Monash University students.

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