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Council commits to bushfire relief

Bunyip State Park bushfire at Labertouche — 7 February 2009.
Photo: Keith Pakenham, CFA Public Affairs.

Glen Eira City Council mourns the tragic loss of life in the recent bushfires and is committed to the relief and recovery operation which is underway.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the authorities have two clear priorities: expertise and money.

“Council has 26 specialist staff members registered with state authorities who are on-call to provide professional assistance in the areas of emergency response, disaster administration, building safety and public health. Additional staff will be made available as and when required,” Cr Whiteside said.

“Council invites all residents to come together at Town Hall to support the bushfire cause.”

“One of Council’s senior building surveyors is currently deployed and others will be called in according to the changing phases of the relief operation.

“Staff members who are members of the volunteer and emergency services have also been involved for a lengthy period.”

Cr Whiteside said that Council expects to raise more than \$50,000 for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

“The first instalment is a Council cash donation of \$30,000 which has already been paid. Additional funds will come from the proceeds of a Council organised bushfire charity concert and fundraising activities at Council’s upcoming *Party in the Park* on 1, 15 and 29 March,” Cr Whiteside said.

“Additionally, at the time of going to print, Council’s employees have donated more than \$7,000 towards the Bushfire Appeal.”

Community concert — join us

Council, in conjunction with the local arts community, will host a gala charity concert on Saturday 14 March, with every dollar raised going towards the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

To be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium at 8pm, the concert will feature some wonderful musical talent.

“Council invites residents to come together at Town Hall to support the bushfire cause and appreciate the talent which we as a community are fortunate to have,” Cr Whiteside said.

One of the biggest stars of the Australian musical stage, Rhonda Burchmore, will headline the evening.

Also appearing on this special night is local jazz great Allan Zavod, one of Australia’s greatest classical pianists, Alan Kogosowski, Danielle Soccio, soprano Emily Xiao Wang and tenor Philip Calcagno.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening is a legend of Australian television and radio, Tony Charlton.

Local companies Stage Two Lighting and Mark Barry are donating audio and lighting equipment and services to the concert, while the Caulfield branch of Snap Printing are providing printing services.

Everyone involved is donating their time free of charge.

Tickets are \$60 and can be booked through Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or can be purchased at the Service Centre counter.

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4,000 showerheads exchanged

The exchange of 4,000 showerheads via the South East Water and Glen Eira City Council *Showerhead Exchange Program* will not only see Glen Eira residents saving in reduced water bills, but also energy costs.

The *Program* is one of South East Water's many initiatives to encourage communities to learn more about water conservation.

The 4,000th exchange went to Zen Stroczan of McKinnon.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said by installing three star water efficient showerheads, households will not only save up to 20,000 litres of water a year, but they will also use less energy.

"Using less energy means a reduction in fossil fuel use and fewer greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere," Cr Whiteside said.

Residents wanting to participate in the *Program* can bring their old showerhead, together with their South East Water bill to Council's Service Centre, Monday–Friday between 8am and 5.30pm and they will be given a new water efficient one.

Residents are also encouraged to check what type of hot water system they have as the three star water efficient showerheads are not compatible with gravity fed systems (in the roof) or some instantaneous or older hot water systems.

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



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, McKinnon resident Zen Stroczan and Cr Neil Pilling.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Mayor's column



In 2009, Council will again be consulting with the community on a number of items, including the *Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy* and the *Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP)*.

The aim of the *MEYP* is to provide local governments with a framework and practical actions to enhance their strategic planning and responses to children and families.

This *Plan* was first developed in 2006 and is now due for review.

To ensure your voice is heard, Council encourages residents, in particular families with children up to six years, to attend a forum in March. Further details can be found on page nine.

Council will bring the community together this month with festivals of music and activities for people of all ages.

Party in the Park kicked off on 1 March at Allnutt Park with performances by talented local artists, including students from McKinnon Secondary College and Our Lady of Sacred Heart College.

For the lovers of Big Band and musical theatre, the next event on 15 March at Princes Park is not to be missed, with performances by *The Cotton Club Orchestra* and Danielle Soccio.

Glen Eira's youth will certainly be kept entertained at the final event on 29 March at Packer Park.

Come and put your dance moves to the test at the krumping workshop — a form of street dance where competitors face-off in a direct competition.

If dancing is not for you, how about juggling and tumbling? *Trick Circus* will be hosting a workshop which will give participants an insight into what it takes to perform in a circus.

Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May 2009 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 8 April for delivery 5–6 May.

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*, PO Box 42 Caulfield South Victoria 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Pools update: Community meeting



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The project to redevelop the Bentleigh East Swim Centre is on schedule. An update will be presented at a public meeting on Wednesday 25 March in the main hall of McKinnon Secondary College at 7.30pm.

As reported in the *Glen Eira News* April 2008 edition, the design team was appointed and has been working for some months.

The project has been submitted to the Commonwealth Government for funding through the \$550 million *Regional and*

Local Community Infrastructure Program. At the time of writing this report, Council was still waiting on a decision regarding its application.

The *Program* is targeting significant projects which are ready to proceed in order to stimulate the economy, provide jobs and improve community facilities. Council is ensuring that this project aligns with the Government's requirements. The project already enjoys \$2.5 million funding under the Victorian Government's *Better Pools* program.

The design includes an outdoor 50 metre pool and large area of grass; 25 metre indoor pool; separate learn-to-swim pool; water slide; a separate warm water pool for rehabilitation; gym; and indoor netball and basketball courts.

It would be one of the most sustainable aquatic centres in Melbourne for energy conservation and water use.

Traffic lights would be installed on East Boundary Road and Council is approaching transport authorities to provide a bus service past the pool.

Council has not approved construction of the project and will not consider that until further details are confirmed, especially the extent of Government funding, which is expected to be known shortly.

Works are being formulated for the Carnegie Swim Centre over winter. If the Bentleigh East Swim Centre is undergoing redevelopment, the Carnegie Swim Centre would need to accommodate all Glen Eira swimmers next summer.

A passion for the outdoors

The great outdoors are a big part of the life of new Glen Eira Councillor Neil Pilling.

Growing up in Springvale in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs, Neil volunteered for many years for Community Aid Abroad and Oxfam and was part of the environmental movement in Tasmania in the 1980s.

He has also worked as a professional trekking/climbing guide in Nepal.

"Being a guide was amazing, but working in a third world country was an experience in itself," Neil said

"I worked with the local people, seeing first-hand their lifestyles — and with limited government resources it was tough."

Neil is serving his first term on Council, representing the Rosstown Ward.

He has two daughters and has been living in the Murrumbeena/Carnegie area for 16 years.

"The City of Glen Eira is a great place to live," Neil said.

"It's a vibrant area, with good access to public transport, schools and other facilities."

Neil currently works part-time for a sports and physio supply company in Oakleigh and prior to this was a stay-at-home dad.

"Being a full-time carer was challenging and very rewarding and certainly gave me an appreciation of the caring roles many undertake in our community," Neil said.

Neil is involved in athletics and is a member of the Caulfield Masters which is based at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena.

The challenges ahead

Concerns about our future is why Neil decided to run for Council.

He is the first Greens candidate to be elected to Council and is only one of two Greens councillors in South East Melbourne.

Neil said community consultation and environmental issues such as climate change are at the top of his agenda.

"I want to help build a better Council — a zero emissions Council," Neil said.

"Over the next four years I will work hard for real action on climate change



Annapurna, Himalayas:
Cr Pilling worked as a professional trekking/climbing guide in Nepal.

Photo: Neil Pilling.

and to represent our community in a responsible way.

"This has already got off to a positive start, with Council agreeing to increase its uptake of Green Power from five per cent to 15 per cent.

"During my term I would also like to see Council implement environmental programs for residents, such as a *Subsidised Greenhouse Audit Program*."

As a member of the newly formed Community Consultative Committee, Neil is passionate about good governance and how Council can better represent the community.

Neil would like to invite all residents to an open forum on 30 March at 7.30pm in the Boyd Room, Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. For further details, contact Neil 0428 310 919 or email npilling@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Fresh, green, clean

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

The desire for a high level of hygiene in the modern world often results in a very unhealthy level of chemicals. Can you have a hygienically clean home without toxic chemicals?

To be presented by Early Childhood Consultant Bridget Gardner, this interactive session will look at how to make the way you clean:

- healthy;
- safe;
- sustainable; and
- easy.

Thursday 19 March
7.30pm to 9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

Glen Eira City Council —
Theatrette

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$5 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session.

For a copy of the registration form or for further details about the session, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

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4,000th showerhead exchanged: McKinnon resident Zen Stroczan and Cr Pilling. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

News in brief

Safe Food Guide delivery

Glen Eira City Council's annual *Safe Food Guide* has hit letterboxes across the municipality.

The *Safe Food Guide* recognises the achievements of local food businesses within the City that demonstrated excellent food safety standards when assessed by Council's Environmental Health Officers.

The *Guide* will also help residents make informed decisions about where to purchase safe food within the municipality.

If you have not received a copy of the *Safe Food Guide*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Recreation respite program

Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with the City of Stonnington and local sporting clubs, will host a recreation respite program in April.

The program will run during the school holidays and is open to children aged eight to 18 with a disability.

Participants will be able to sample a range of sports and activities, including basketball, dance, photography, football, theatre and lawn bowls.

The two week program was piloted in June and July last year, in which 40 children participated in lacrosse, tennis and soccer — just to name a few.

For further information or to register your child for the program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Education calendar now available

Glen Eira City Council's *Family and Children's Services 2009 Education Calendar* is now available.

The *Calendar* was developed following the identification of the need for increased parenting and education support opportunities.

There are 12 sessions for the year. Some topics include:

- behaviour guidance;
- fresh, green, clean;
- resilience;
- nutrition for families and children;
- play; and
- first aid.

Copies of the *Calendar* are available from Council's four libraries and children's centres or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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



Council has allocated some of the funding towards new shade sails.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

Commonwealth invests \$460,000 in Glen Eira

A number of new projects will commence in Glen Eira in the coming months, thanks to a \$460,000 grant from the Commonwealth Government's *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program*.

The grant is part of a \$250 million pool allocated by the Government to all Australian councils late last year.

Glen Eira City Council has allocated funding to the following projects:

- an all-abilities walking trail at Lord Reserve, Carnegie and Mackie Reserve, Bentleigh East;
- the installation of 45,000 litre water storage tanks in Harleston Park, Caulfield North and Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick;
- the installation of two water tanks at Caulfield Park;
- new exercise equipment at EE Gunn Reserve, Caulfield South;

- new shade sails over the playground at Dega Street Reserve, Bentleigh; Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick; and Moorleigh Village, Bentleigh East; and
- a new shade sail over the barbecue area at Packer Park, Carnegie.

“The grant is part of a \$250 million pool allocated by the Government to all Australian councils late last year.”

Council has also sought funds for the proposed Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre through the Commonwealth Government's *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program* — *Strategic Projects*.

business news

Glen Eira Online Business Directory

The *Glen Eira Online Business Directory* provides a great opportunity to promote your business for free.

Businesses listed in the *Directory* generally appear on the first page or a high-ranking position in a Google name search — representing a high value marketing opportunity for your business.

Glen Eira City Council is in the process of updating the *Business Directory*

software and classification categories, so now is the time to register your interest in promoting your business through the *Directory*.

If you haven't recently updated your details or registered your interest, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333 or go online to www.business.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Pet rego renewals sent out

Pet registration renewal notices for 2009–2010 will be sent out to existing registered owners this month.

A new registration tag and a *Certificate of Registration* will be issued, however payment must be received by April 10 2009 to ensure that your pet is re-registered.

Under State legislation all cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

The maximum registration fee for the 2009–2010 registration year for dogs is \$122 and \$80 for cats, however, substantially reduced fees are offered if your pet is desexed, microchipped or meets other criteria under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994*.

If you have recently taken ownership of a new dog or cat, registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Nominations for volunteer scheme to close this month

Nominations for the 2009 *Glen Eira City Council Volunteer Recognition Scheme* will close on Friday 20 March.

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.

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

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Survive and thrive in 2009

10 top tips for financial survival

When: Monday 16 March

Time: 6.15pm to 9pm
(6pm registration)

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

Cost: \$30 per person
(light supper included)

RSVP: Friday 13 March to Council's
Service Centre on 9524 3333

With the economic environment changing for many businesses, it is time to re-assess. Sound financial practices are essential to the success of any business. During tough times, good financial management becomes critical.

Even if you don't like numbers, it's important that you proactively manage profit and cash during this time. By focusing on the main finance issues you will be surprised how easy it is to ride this cycle out.

Presented by Financial Management Trainer Jan Barned, this workshop examines the 10 key financial aspects you should focus on for financial survival and provide practical solutions to maintain profitability and manage your cash.

A lively and interactive workshop, participants will learn to identify the key financial areas that need to be managed and how to implement improved financial procedures.

Topics to be covered include:

- maintaining and improving profitability;
- maintaining liquidity;
- improving cash flow;
- asset management;
- cost control; and
- contingency planning.

Controlling your cash

When: Monday 30 March

Time: 6.15pm to 9pm
(6pm registration)

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

Cost: \$30 per person
(light supper included)

RSVP: Friday 27 March to Council's
Service Centre on 9524 3333

Cash is the life blood of every business. If you manage the cash flow of your business well, the risk of facing a cash flow crisis is reduced and the possibility competitive opportunities for your business are created.

We all know that managing cash can often be difficult, but during these challenging economic times it will be critical to the success of your business. With reduced funding options available, the most effective way to finance your business operations is by maximising the ability to utilise cash from within your business.

Presented by Financial Management Trainer Jan Barned, this workshop is designed to assist in proactively

managing your cash, seek improvements in cash management and identify problems early.

“If you manage the cash flow of your business well, the risk of facing a cash flow crisis is reduced.”

A lively and interactive workshop, participants will learn how to actively manage business operations to unlock hidden cash from within the business and design and utilise tools to control cash flows.

Topics to be covered include:

- identifying key drivers of cash flows;
- unlocking hidden cash from within the business;
- cash flow management;
- cash flow forecasting; and
- financial products to supplement cashflow.

About the presenter

Jan Barned has worked in the finance industry internationally and in Australia for more than 20 years. She has worked in a variety of industries including resources, commodities, manufacturing, retail and financial services. Ms Barned presented a series of workshops during last year's *Small Business Month* and was complimented on her down-to-earth approach to finance and avoidance of industry jargon.

A helping hand

If you can offer support to small business owners doing it tough in 2009, consider joining the Glen Eira and Kingston City councils' *Mentor Partners Program*.

The *Program*, which was formed in 2003, is looking for new business mentors to join its team.

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.

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

The *Mentor Partners Program* is a free, confidential service which relies on the efforts of volunteers for its success.

These business volunteers are usually retired or semi-retired business people who find they now have time and interest in being actively involved in their local business community.

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

If you are a senior business person, retired or semi-retired, who still has a lot to offer small business owners, your valued contribution could make a difference to our business community.

If you are a small business owner looking for support this year, a mentor could be just what you need.

Applications for the April 2009 intake close on 31 March.

For further information, contact Glen Eira City Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin on 9524 3333 or email Program Co-ordinator Angela Stubbs — astubbs@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting

When: Thursday 19 March

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

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

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 16 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Why is it that when you ask most women the question *who has been the greatest challenge to you in your career* that her answer will inevitably be *another woman*?

Sociologist, life coach, corporate trainer and public speaker Dr Karina Butera has spent the past decade exploring the dynamics of gender.

During her presentation, she will candidly talk about why, in these politically correct times, most

people fear talking about the issue of inter-gender conflict in business.

Dr Butera's presentation will look at:

- what forces lay behind inter-gender conflict?;
- is the women problem in the workplace myth or reality?;
- what can be achieved in workplaces if femininity was acknowledged, valued and utilised for all the strengths it holds?;
- what can women learn from their male counterparts?; and
- what is the one thing that would change women's reputation for conflict?

About the presenter

Dr Karina Butera specialises in understanding gendered behaviour, relationship building and wellbeing. She is the founder and Managing Director of *High Ideals* — www.high-ideals.com — and educates and consults through

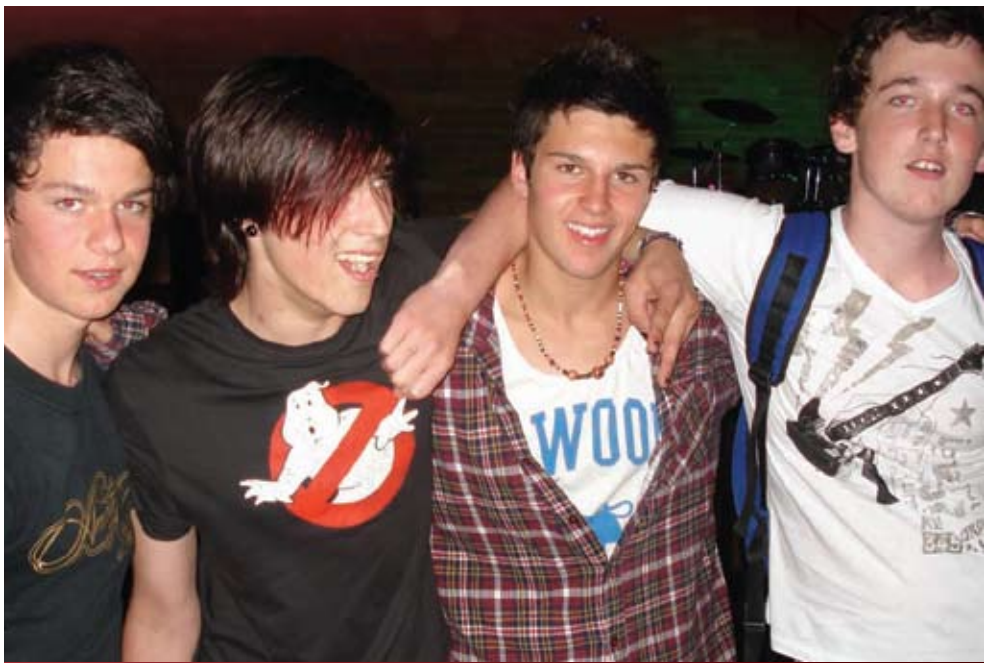
Karina Butera Consulting — www.karinabutera.com

Karina was recently featured in the women's network Australia's magazine *Working Women*.

She is also the Director of Project Balance — www.projectbalance.com.au — a company that offers a broad range of corporate wellbeing services throughout Australia.



Dr Karina Butera.



Band of the future

Following their win at Glen Eira City Council's *Battle of the Bands* competition, *The Lukas Vassey* spoke to Youth Services about what it was like to win and their upcoming recording session.

How did the band get together and how long have you been playing for?

All the members of the band go to De La Salle College. We met in school music class and when we realised we were all fairly good at our instruments, and had a common goal of playing music professionally, we decided to start a band. We wanted to compile all of our varying musical tastes into a sound that was accessible, while remaining fun and interesting. We have been playing together as a full band for almost a year now.

How did you get your band name *The Lukas Vassey*?

We came up with the name *The Lukas Vassey* because we wanted to have a name that was original and eye catching. We combined a surname — Lucas with a street name — Vassey Street. We changed the C to a K and had our band name.

What was it like winning *Battle of the Bands 2008*?

Words cannot describe the feeling of winning *Battle of the Bands*. As a band we had worked tirelessly to play at our full potential on the night. We were blown away by the amount of skill, talent and variety that the other bands showed during their sets. We did not expect the victory and we really were genuinely surprised. The competition gained us a lot of exposure to new fans and we got to do an interview on Southern FM's *Youth Matters*, which was a great experience and a huge leap forward for the band.

Has the band had its recording session with Hide Out Studios? If so, what was that experience like and what did you record?

We haven't had our recording session at Hide Out just yet, but we have recorded there before and it is great. When we first formed the band, we recorded a two track demo, featuring *Good Boy* and *Pretty Hofman*. It was a wonderful experience. There is nothing better than hearing a finished product. The pride of knowing it is your creation is a great feeling. When we do go back to the studio, we will record two more songs, *Illuminar*, which is a song of grand and epic proportions, and one of our first songs *Claustrophobia*, a very raw rock song with a few twists and turns. We plan to compile these into a four track EP, which will reflect our variety and growth as a band.

Has *The Lukas Vassey* played any gigs since *Battle of the Bands*?

We played a gig at the Noise Bar in Brunswick with *Suitcase Warfare* and *Admit One* — two bands which also competed in *Battle of the Bands*. This gig was great as we had the chance to debut some of our newer songs to an enthusiastic and energized crowd. The other bands played great and it was a successful night.

What are your plans for the future?

We don't have any huge plans for the band's future. Right now, we just want to finish our EP and plan more shows. We find it better to not think about what could be and instead think about what is. We are having so much fun and this is a great ride. If we have to get off, we will, but if it can take us places, like it already has, then who are we to complain?

Introducing the YCG

The Youth Consultative Group (YCG) provides participants with a positive, challenging environment in which their leadership skills can be harnessed and developed further.

YCG members complete event management training through Monash Short Courses, receiving a certificate of attainment upon its completion.

Additionally, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services

provides leadership training and education to ensure participants can pursue active civic engagement roles during their term and beyond.

“...it is a fun experience and nice to know that you are having an input into events in your local community.”

How did you find information about it to become a member?

I saw a promotional poster calling for people to be a part of the group and I thought that it might be fun.

What skills have you learnt from being a part of the YCG and how can you use them in the future?

In our first four weeks we completed Event Management Training with Monash Short Courses. We were able to apply the skills and knowledge learnt in organising our first event, *Battle of the Bands*, held in December 2008.

Participants have the opportunity to be involved in the organisation and facilitation of events for other young people in Glen Eira.

Past events have included the *Big Splash Out* (live music event at the Bentleigh Swim Centre), the annual *Skate Jam* and the first ever *Battle of the Bands*. It is through these opportunities that Glen Eira envisages YCG members developing into active members of their community, with the confidence, knowledge and skills to actively affect its growth and development in the years to come.

Glen Eira Youth Services spoke to Natasha, a current member of the group.

What is the YCG and why did you want to be a part of it?

The YCG is a group that organises events in Glen Eira for young people. I wanted to be a part of the YCG so that I could have an input into what's going on in my local community and because it is a good opportunity to build on my skills.

From being in the YCG I have realised that there is a lot more work that goes into planning an event than what you see and there are important things such as Occupational Health and Safety issues that need to be looked into.

Would you recommend the program to other young people?

I would definitely recommend other young people to join the YCG because it is a fun experience and nice to know that you are having an input into events in your local community. It is also satisfying to see an event run as planned.

The YCG requires a 12 month commitment, from July 2008 to June 2009. Members are expected to attend each meeting there are be available to attend all events. Meetings are held every second Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm.

All meetings and training are held at the Youth Information Centre, 202A East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

There is no cost for young people to become a member.

For further information about the YCG, contact Glen Eira Youth Services on 9579 7963.



Natasha encourages other young people to join the YCG.

Supporting Glen Eira's youth

Glen Eira City Council Youth Workers provide local young people with one-on-one support. Often taking a mentoring approach with local youth, our youth workers assist young people by linking them with local agencies and programs to suit the individual's needs and requests.

Youth Services is active in understanding and meeting the needs of the community and is available for information, support and as a referral service on a variety of topics. No issue is too big or small so whether you are seeking information for yourself, a friend or child don't hesitate contact us.

Youth Services is not limited to just young people. Parents are more than welcome to contact the Youth Information Centre for information, support and referrals on a variety of topics affecting their children and families. Youth Workers are available from Monday to Thursday from 1pm to 6pm and Fridays from 1pm to 5pm.

Young Women's Program

The *Young Women's Program* provides women with education and support around issues such as self-esteem, bullying and health. The *Program* provides an opportunity for young women to meet Glen Eira Youth Services and, more importantly, discuss issues relevant to them with their peers in a safe and supportive environment.

The *Program* has been so successful that Youth Services recently adapted the format to suit girls in grade six.

The adapted *Program* is seen as a valuable addition to the work schools do in preparing grade six girls for the transition into secondary school.



Marita, Bree, Natalie and Damien from Youth Services.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Young Men's Program

The *Young Men's Program* gives participants the opportunity to gain valuable information and support from trained professionals on topics such as anger management, relationships and communication.

Bentleigh, McKinnon and Glen Eira Secondary Colleges are currently participating in the *Program*.

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

National Youth Week 2009

Make a Move is the theme for *National Youth Week 2009 (NYW)*.

To be held from 28 March to 5 April, NYW is the largest celebration of young people in Australia.

Thousands of young people aged 12 to 25 from across Australia are involved in NYW celebrations every year.

NYW is a Commonwealth, State, Territory and Local Government initiative and provides the opportunity for the community to get together and recognise the talent, value and contribution of young people in their local areas.

“To be held from 28 March to 5 April, NYW is the largest celebration of young people in Australia.”

It also provides young people with the opportunity to:

- share ideas;
- attend live events;
- talk about issues of concern;
- showcase their talent;
- celebrate their contribution to the community;
- take part in competitions; and
- have fun.

Glen Eira has a wealth of talented young people representing the community in many different ways through sport, art, music, education and leadership so make a move and get involved.

For further information on *National Youth Week*, contact 1300 363 079 or go to www.youthweek.com

Study tips for students



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

With the first term of 2009 in full swing, now's the time for students to start thinking about their study habits. Early preparation can save a lot of stress come exam time so here are some helpful study hints:

1. Summarise your notes at the end of each week or chapter. This will save you time when it comes to revision.
2. Review newly learnt information the same day. This will help you absorb the information.
3. Ensure you understand what you are learning. If you don't, ask for help early in the term. Don't leave it for exam time when you are stressed out.
4. Be organised. Write things down in a diary or keep a list of things to do on your desk. Mind maps can also help you get organised and study effectively.
5. Find a study buddy. Discussing topics you have learnt, or solving problems together can help you better grasp new concepts.
6. Make time to be active. Going for a walk or playing your favourite sport can help relieve stress and tension.
7. Get plenty of rest. Make sure you have a good sleep. Your brain will not absorb new information if you are tired or stressed.

For more helpful study tips or for information on managing stress, contact Glen Eira City Council Youth Services on 9579 7963.

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.

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.

The 4th Caulfield Scout Group holds Scouts for boys and girls aged 11 to 15 on Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm and Cubs for boys and girls aged eight to 11 on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. Meetings are held during the school term at the Birch St Scout Hall, South Caulfield. Visitors are most welcome. Contact Steve or Jo: 9505 6995.

McKinnon Needlepointers run a Nu-Wave program teaching the art of needlepointing for 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 looking for new players to share the sport of bowls. 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.

Little Steps Playgroup is open for 2009. Anybody with a child is most welcome to attend. Contact Stephen: 0412 267 437.

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

The Multicultural Association of Russian Speaking Women is seeking volunteers who are able to offer their services in areas of administration, bookkeeping, marketing and IT. This group is also currently recruiting new committee members. Understanding of Russian is preferred, but not essential. Contact: 0416 251 317.

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.

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, Ormond. Contact Bev: 9579 532 or George: 9808 6805.

The Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from February to November at 1.30pm at the YWCA Hall, 178 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. Contact Beryl: 9570 7045.

Connections will be holding an eight week new beginnings group for women who have experienced being put down or abused in a relationship either as adults or children. This group will be held every Tuesday until 31 March from 6pm to 8pm at Connections Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor. Contact Irina Hart: 9521 5666.

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 March from 10.30am to 11.30am. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for concession holders and \$3 for children. Children under five and National Trust members are admitted free. Contact: 9523 6095.

Friends of Labassa will be hosting the following events in March: *Follow the Koch Trail*, 5 March and 19 March from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Bookings essential by 13 March. *Talking Tea at Labassa*, 14 March from 2pm to 5pm and 15 March from 10.30am to 4.30pm. A small fee will be charged. Labassa is situated at 2 Manor Grove, North Caulfield. Contact: 9509 6596.

Caulfield South Primary School will be holding its school fete on 22 March from 10am to 4pm at 22 Bunderra Road, Caulfield South. Attractions include bungy trampoline, camel rides, crafts, face painting, second hand book stalls, police and fire brigades and lots more.

St Catharine's Primary School, Fletcher Street, Moorabbin will be holding its 2009 fair on 14 March from 10am to 3pm. There will be entertainment, lots of stalls including crafts, plants, jewellery, book, trash 'n' treasure and plenty more. Contact Garry: 9555 1959.

Rippon Lea presents its first *Team of Pianists* concert on 19 April from 6.30 pm at National Trust Property, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. All Beethoven program includes Kevin Kanisius (piano) Rohan da Korte (cello) and Daryl Coote (piano). Cost is \$35 and \$20 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851 or www.teamofpianists.com.au

COMMUNITY

The Leighmoor Centre has vacancies in their social support programs on Monday and Thursdays, their Respite group on Wednesdays and their Community Access group on Tuesdays. Eligibility — older adults who are socially isolated or have a disability. Contact MaryAnn DeSa: 9532 1094.

Makor Outreach Program, a new initiative of Makor Jewish Community Library, is a free delivery service for home-bound Glen Eira residents. Books, talking books, CD's and DVD's are available for loan and can be searched on www.makorlibrary.com Makor Jewish Community Library, located at 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield, will also host group reading/ watching/ listening activities for seniors at the library in English or Hebrew. Contact: 9272 5611 or email info@makorlibrary.com

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 2 March and Monday
6 April 10am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium

(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 3 March and Tuesday 7 April
6pm–7pm
Tuesday 10 March and
Tuesday 14 April 9.30am–10.30am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 28 March and
Saturday 18 April 9am–11am
Wednesday 18 March and Wednesday
22 April 5.45pm–7.15pm
Thursday 26 March and
Thursday 30 April 6pm–8pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 16 March and
Monday 20 April 10am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 11 March and
Wednesday 15 April 1.30pm–2.30pm
and 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale
Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 25 March and
Wednesday 29 April 9.30am–11am



調換了四千個淋浴噴頭

東南供水局和 Glen Eira 市政府 “淋浴噴頭調換計劃” 已調換了四千個淋浴噴頭，這不僅讓 Glen Eira 居民節省了水費，還減少了能源開支。

這項計劃是東南供水局的諸多舉措之一，目的在於鼓勵社區更詳盡地瞭解節水方法。通過參與此計劃，Glen Eira 社區迄今已節約自來水達六千萬升。

第四千只淋浴噴頭由 McKinnon 居民 Zen Stroczan 換得。

Glen Eira 市長 Helen Whiteside 說，安裝 AAA 級節水淋浴噴頭每年不僅可節水兩萬升，而且還能少用能源。

Whiteside 市長說：“少用能源就可減少化石燃料的使用，並能減少排放進入大氣的溫室氣體。”

想參與此計劃的居民可在星期一至星期五上午 8.00 到下午 5.30 攜帶舊的淋浴噴頭和東南供水局賬單，前來市政府服務中心換取新的淋浴噴頭。

居民還應檢查自己所用的熱水器，因為 AAA 級淋浴噴頭不能用於裝在天花板上面的重力型熱水器、某些即熱熱水器或老型號熱水器。

租戶在改裝浴室裝置前應先取得房東的同意。

Ανταλλάχθηκαν 4000 κεφαλές ντουζιέρας

Με την ανταλλαγή 4000 κεφαλών ντουζιέρας μέσω του Προγράμματος Ανταλλαγή Κεφαλών Ντουζιέρας της εταιρείας Ύδρευσης South East Water και της Δημαρχίας Δήμου Glen Eira οι κάτοικοι του Glen Eira όχι μόνο θα εξοικονομούν με τη μείωση στους λογαριασμούς νερού, αλλά επίσης και στα ενεργειακά έξοδα.

Το Πρόγραμμα είναι μια από τις πολλές πρωτοβουλίες της εταιρείας South East Water για να ενθαρρύνει τους κατοίκους να μάθουν περισσότερα πράγματα για την εξοικονόμηση νερού. Μέχρι τώρα η κοινότητα Glen Eira έχει εξοικονομήσει περίπου 60 εκατομμύρια λίτρα από την κεντρική παροχή νερού συμμετέχοντας στο Πρόγραμμα.

Η 4000η ανταλλαγή πήγε στον Zen Stroczan κάτοικο του McKinnon.

Η Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Helen Whiteside είπε ότι με την εγκατάσταση κεφαλής ντουζιέρας κατηγορίας AAA, τα νοικοκυριά όχι μόνο θα εξοικονομούν περίπου 20.000 λίτρα νερό το χρόνο, αλλά θα χρησιμοποιούν επίσης λιγότερη ενέργεια.

«Η χρήση λιγότερης ενέργειας σημαίνει μείωση στη χρήση ορυκτών καυσίμων και λιγότερα θερμοκηπικά αέρια θα εισέρχονται στην ατμόσφαιρα,» είπε η κ. Whiteside.

Οι κάτοικοι που θέλουν να πάρουν μέρος στο Πρόγραμμα μπορούν να φέρουν την παλιά κεφαλή της ντουζιέρας τους, μαζί με τον λογαριασμό νερού της εταιρείας South East Water στο Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης της Δημαρχίας, Δευτέρα – Παρασκευή μεταξύ 08.00 και 17.30 και θα την ανταλλάξουν με καινούργια κεφαλή ντουζιέρας.

Παροτρύνονται επίσης οι κάτοικοι να ελέγξουν τι είδος θερμοσίφωνα έχουν καθώς οι κεφαλές ντουζιέρας κατηγορίας AAA δεν είναι συμβατές με συστήματα που λειτουργούν με βαρύτητα (στη σκεπή) ή μερικοί στιγμιαίοι ή παλιοί θερμοσίφωνες.

Οι ενοικιαστές θα πρέπει να πάρουν την άδεια του ιδιοκτήτη του ακινήτου πριν κάνουν οποιαδήποτε αλλαγή στις εγκαταστάσεις του μπάνιου τους.

4.000 diffusori doccia rimpiazzati

Il rimpiazzo di 4.000 diffusori doccia tramite il programma *Showerhead Exchange Program*, che vede accomunati la South East Water ed il Comune di Glen Eira, implicherà per i residenti di Glen Eira non soltanto un risparmio significativo sul costo delle bollette dell’acqua, ma anche sui costi energetici.

Il *Programma* costituisce una delle molteplici iniziative intraprese dalla South East Water allo scopo di incoraggiare le comunità ad apprendere di più sul risparmio delle risorse idriche. Fino ad oggi con il partecipare al *Programma* la comunità di Glen Eira ha risparmiato circa 60 milioni di litri di acqua potabile.

Il rimpiazzo numero 4.000 è andato a Zen Stroczan di McKinnon.

Il Sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Helen Whiteside, ha affermato che con l’installazione dei diffusori doccia di categoria AAA, si verificherà per le abitazioni non soltanto un risparmio di circa 20.000 litri di acqua all’anno, ma si otterrà anche un minore consumo di energia.

“Diminuire l’uso di energia implica una riduzione nell’uso di carburanti fossili e di immissioni di gas serra nell’atmosfera” ha ribadito la Cons. Whiteside.

I residenti che intendono partecipare al *Programma* e consegnano, dal lunedì al venerdì tra le 8:00 e le 17:30, i vecchi diffusori doccia al Centro Servizi del Comune, presentando anche la bolletta dell’acqua emessa dalla South East Water, riceveranno un nuovo diffusore doccia in cambio del vecchio.

Si invitano inoltre i residenti a controllare il tipo di sistema scalda acqua installato in casa, in quanto i diffusori doccia di categoria AAA non sono compatibili con i sistemi a caduta (installati sul tetto) o con alcuni sistemi scalda acqua istantanei o di vecchia produzione.

Gli affittuari devono farsi dare il consenso dal proprietario prima di effettuare modifiche agli accessori da bagno.

Произведен обмен 4 000 душевых головок

В результате обмена 4 000 душевых головок по специальной программе, организованной компанией водоснабжения South East Water и муниципалитетом Glen Eira, жители муниципалитета будут экономить и на воде, и на газе/электричестве.

Эта программа – лишь одна из многих инициатив компании South East Water по разъяснению и поощрению экономии воды потребителями. На сегодняшний день, за счет участия в программе, местные жители уже сэкономили 60 миллионов литров водопроводной воды.

Обмен 4000-тысячной душевой головки произвел г-н Zen Stroczan из района McKinnon.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-жа Helen Whiteside отметила, что в результате установки душевой головки класса AAA одна семья экономит в год в среднем 20 000 литров воды, а также расходует меньше энергии.

“Меньший расход энергии – это снижение расхода ископаемых видов топлива и уменьшение выброса парниковых газов в атмосферу,” сказала г-жа Whiteside.

Жители муниципалитета, желающие принять участие в этой программе, должны принести старую душевую головку и счет за воду компании South East Water в Центр обслуживания муниципалитета Glen Eira, в будний день, с 8.00 до 5.30. В обмен они смогут получить новую душевую головку.

Мы советуем вам сначала выяснить, к какому типу относится система нагрева воды, установленная у вас дома, т.к. душевые головки класса AAA не подходят для самотечных систем (на крыше дома), а также для некоторых систем с газовыми колонками и для некоторых старых систем нагрева воды.

Если вы снимаете дом/квартиру, вы должны получить разрешение от хозяина жилья, прежде чем производить как-либо модификации сантехники.

Four-year-old kindergarten 2011 enrolment reminder

Glen Eira City Council operates a central enrolment system for the 14 community based kindergartens within the municipality.

Parents wanting their child to attend four-year-old kindergarten in 2011 are reminded that enrolments open on 1 May 2009.

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2006 and 30 April 2001 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2011.

Please ensure you submit your application early as applications are taken in date of receipt order from 1 May.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. An application fee of \$15 applies.

Three-year-old kindergarten enrolments are taken directly by the kindergartens and do not influence when enrolling for four-year-old kindergarten.



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Community consultation

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date and Time	Where
<i>Municipal Early Years Plan</i>	Forum	12 March 7pm to 9pm	Moorleigh Community Village 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East.
<i>Municipal Early Years Plan</i>	Forum	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 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Holiday mania at Council's libraries

There will be plenty of magical stories, music and tricks these school holidays. Events are age specific so please ensure you only book children of a suitable age. Tickets will sell fast so book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets will be available for purchase between the hours of 12pm and 2pm on Saturday 21 March and Sunday 22 March. Ticket sales continue from Monday 23 March during library opening hours.

Tickets to all shows are \$6 and are non-refundable.

African drumming

Tuesday 7 April
11am to 12pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre
Boyd Room, level one
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Learn the basic techniques and simple rhythms of African drumming in this dynamic workshop. Get in the tribe and find your own groove. This workshop is suitable for children aged four to 10.

Galosh the Gnome

Wednesday 8 April
11am to 11.45am
Caulfield Library
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Galosh the Gnome has come in from the garden to entertain children and adults alike with his many magical tales. Secretive about his past, it is believed he once impersonated an elf at the North Pole. This show is suitable for children aged three to eight.

Snow White & the Eighth Dwarf

Thursday 16 April
3pm to 4pm
Elsternwick Library
4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

This pantomime tells the classic fairy tale slightly differently, with Snow White finding the shunned eighth dwarf, Lofty, in the forest. There will be plenty of audience participation and music in this re-told tale.

This show is suitable for children aged four to 10.

The MagicMan

Friday 17 April
11am to 12pm
Bentleigh Library
161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

A high-energy show packed to the brim with comedy, laughter and magic plus some puppet friends and of course, Lilly the Wonder Bunny.

This show is suitable for children aged three to nine.

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.

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

New look Saturday Shakers

The format for the popular *Saturday Shakers* program at Carnegie has changed. The new *Saturday Shakers — sharing stories* is a fun and interactive storytime program suitable for children up to eight years, promoting the love of books and reading. Often following a theme the free 45 minute sessions are now held next to the children's collection on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm.

The next session will be held on Saturday 14 March and will be filled with stories about all sorts of pets.

Storytime

Storytime is full of gnomes and fairies to captivate preschool age children during the holidays. Check library branches for details.

Colouring competition

During the holidays don't forget to collect a *How many gnomes in Glen Eira's garden?* colouring sheet for the chance to win a \$40 book voucher.

New look online services

Glen Eira City Council's libraries have undertaken a significant upgrade to its online services. Offering a more streamlined service to customers, with a range of new features, the website has a fresh new look. Customers are now able to renew loans on the due date, check the status of their requests, join online and suggest a book purchase. To assist in making these features more efficient, customers only have to log on with their membership number to access the range of services.

An exciting new feature is the opportunity for customers to write their own, and read other customers' reviews of items in the collection. Customers can also add their own star rating. Library users keen to be informed of the latest catalogue additions can choose to receive an email alert on items of interest.

Another new feature available on request is the opportunity to receive via email a reminder notice

three days before an item's due date. This assists borrowers to be mindful of possible overdue items.

“Customers are now able to renew loans on the due date, check the status of their requests, join online and suggest a book purchase.”

Customers can now access a Forgot your PIN email service and a multi-reservation search capacity, which will be a great help to students.

These new features compliment the already popular online services such as Searching the Catalogue, Ask a Librarian, Online Databases, Top Titles and What's On at the Libraries. To find out more go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and visit the How to Use my Library Page.





New Club President Josh Halliwell and Senior Coach Terry Walsh have their sights firmly set on a big year ahead.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Saints celebrate 10 years

The Glen Eira Saints Amateur Football Club have their sights firmly set on a big year ahead – both on and off the field.

The Glen Eira Saints was born in its current form in 1999, following the amalgamation the St. Kilda Old Boys Amateur Football Club and South Caulfield Football Amateur Football Clubs with the Glen Huntly Amateur Football Club. The merger of these clubs has provided Glen Eira Saints with a diverse history and traditions.

“AUSKICK clinics are also run every Saturday for primary school children.”

The Saints roots stem back many years, with the St Kilda Old Boys being admitted to the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) in 1958, while South Caulfield commenced competition in 1970.

Ten years on, the Club that today boasts the black jumper is based at Packer Park, Carnegie.

Cycling in Glen Eira

The flat terrain and the closely spaced grid of streets make Glen Eira a great place to cycle.

To get the most out of your cycling experience, Glen Eira City Council has produced a free *On your Bike* cycling guide.

The guide is available from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or from Council's Service Centre.

New Club President Josh Halliwell said the Club and coaching staff have been working hard over the last four years to create a stable and settled playing list with a combination of experience and youth.

“We earmarked 2009 to be our breakthrough year after stabilising our position two years ago in section D2 and just missing the finals last year,” Josh said.

The new year will also mark the Club's 10th birthday, with plans in motion for a Glen Eira Saints *Team of the Decade* night. The night will celebrate the many marvellous and talented players that have laced their boots and run out onto Packer Park.

AUSKICK clinics are also run every Saturday for primary school children. The first clinic will be held at Packer Park on 18 April from 9am to 10.30am.

The Club is also investigating the possibility of fielding an under-nine football team this year.

For further information, contact Josh Halliwell on 0417 727 923.

Summer sports finals

March is a great time to take a walk through Glen Eira's parks, especially those where cricket is being played on weekends. Whether it's a junior or senior match, it's worth taking the time out to watch the game.

A lot of training and effort has gone into teams playing in the finals, so why not wander down to your local park and with a bit of luck you may see some great cricket in action.

Come 'n Try sports day

Monash Sport and Access Unlimited will host a *Come 'n Try* sports day for people with a disability on Sunday 15 March.

To be held at Monash Sport, Monash University Caulfield Campus, from 11am to 3pm, participants can try their hand at cricket, badminton, tennis, table tennis and soccer.

David Nankervis from Monash Sport said the day would provide a great opportunity for people with a disability to try new activities and develop a healthy lifestyle.

“It will also give us the opportunity to showcase to the community the fantastic facilities and services we provide, including our weekly exercise program for people with a disability,” David said.

“This program provides low impact weight movement, cardio work-outs and a relaxation program.

“The program is very popular, with participants not only increasing their fitness, but also their health and wellbeing.”

Monash Sport also runs lots of different activities for the community including group classes, exercise programs for the elderly, walking groups for people of all-abilities as well as weekly sessions of table tennis, badminton, indoor soccer and basketball.

Monash Sport is located at level one, S Building (Opposite Coles carpark), Monash University Caulfield Campus, 2 Princes Avenue, Caulfield East.

For further information, contact Monash Sport on 9903 2358 or Access Unlimited on 8290 1185.



Monash Sport's weekly exercise program for people with a disability helps participants increase their overall health and wellbeing.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Party with your community

March is the month of community celebrations for the whole family.

**Party in the Park — Princes Park
Sunday 15 March — 12pm–3pm
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South
(Mel Ref: 67 H7)**

Whether you are six or 60, come along and dance, sit or swoon the afternoon away at *Party in the Park* at Princes Park. Hosted by the inimitable Luke Gallagher, the former Opera Australia singer will regale you with cabaret tunes and popular standards. The star of the afternoon is Danielle Soccio, who has performed in *Godspell*, *Oklahoma* and a *Tribute to Broadway*. Danielle has received rave reviews including being described as “Australia’s very own Barbra Streisand.”

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 and although limited food and refreshments will be on sale, residents are invited to pack a picnic and make a day of it with family and friends.

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

Hosted by the irrepressible Andy Zap, come and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment, amusements and activities.

The final *Party in the Park* for 2009 will include performances by *Stiletto Sisters*, *The Lowdown Street Orchestra*, Georgia Fields, *Trick Circus* as well as many talented local artists. There will be free activities for all ages, including a krumping workshop, *Trick Circus* workshop, jumping castles, community information stands, market stalls and an animal farm.

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



2008 Party in the Park at Princes Park.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Exhibitions

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

Paintings and drawings of the Melbourne Studio School

Exhibition opens on Wednesday 4 March at 6pm and continues to Sunday 15 March

This exhibition features artists and students from Richard Birmingham’s Melbourne Studio School. The School places an emphasis on drawing and painting in a physical and expressive manner. Each artist’s work in the exhibition reflects their struggle to forge an individual, authentic style.

Melbourne Studio School runs weekly drawing and painting sessions where students work in a variety of approaches including the observed, the imagined, and the pathways in

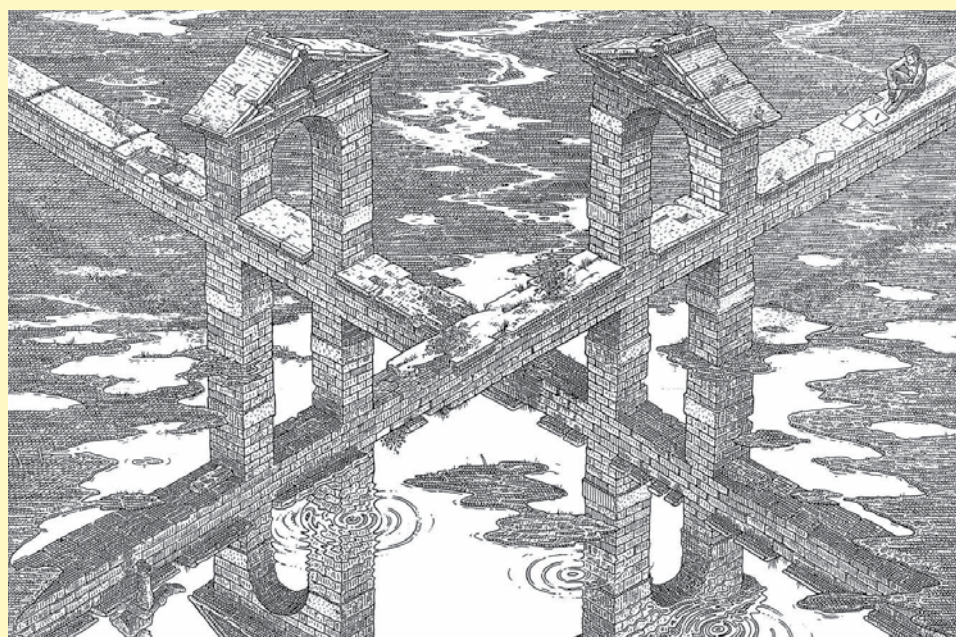
between, all of which will be on show.

Artists participating in the exhibition include Erica Wagner; Jim McKay; Patsy Blair; Richard Birmingham; Terry Denton; Marie-Terérèse Elz; Libby Letcher; Eva Miller; Rose Reber; Chandra Sardara; Tony Lee; Peter Black; Julie Chiffey; and Catherine Carfora.

István Orosz — Graphic Works

Exhibition opens on Wednesday 18 March at 6pm and continues to Sunday 29 March

Istvan Orosz is a graphic artist and an animated film maker based in Hungary. This fascinating survey exhibition will feature etchings created between 1987 and 2007, providing a rare insight into the artist’s career and creative output over two decades.



Istvan Orosz — Crossroads, 1998, copperplate etching, 340 x 254mm.

Istvan has held numerous solo exhibitions in Hungary and other parts of Europe since 1992 and his works are represented in major museums throughout Europe. After graduating art school, he began his creative career in theatre as a stage designer, as well as working on animated films as an animator and film director. Istvan later developed a profile as a poster designer for theatre, film and exhibitions. He has participated in international art exhibitions, symposiums and film festivals and has received numerous awards for his prints, posters and films.

Istvan explores themes of natural science, particularly geometry and

optical illusions in his works, drawing comparisons with the art of the master of illusion M.C. Escher. He is also concerned with the theories of vision and sight. Istvan is perhaps most renowned for his experimentation with the technique of anamorphosis and examples are featured in this exhibition.

This major exhibition will be launched by the Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary His Excellency Gabor Csaba.

Istvan Orosz will be visiting Australia for the exhibition and will speak at Council’s Gallery on Saturday 21 March at 2pm.



Terry Denton — Yellow cow, oil on canvas, 220 x 91cm.