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Street tree planting commences



Wayne gets ready to add the water crystals to the soil while Chris prepares the tree for planting.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Glen Eira City Council's annual residential street tree planting has begun.

More than 400 additional street trees will be planted along residential streets.

Each tree planted will be secured with timber stakes and granules will be added to the soil to help retain moisture. Mulch will then be added to keep the roots cool and moist.

Approximately 100 additional trees will also be planted in Council's shopping centres.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said while Council routinely waters new trees during the summer, meeting the necessary watering requirements was difficult.

"To ensure the newly planted trees receive a blossoming start to life, Council is calling on residents to assist with additional watering," Mr Unwin said.

"A *How to Care* pamphlet will be provided for each household which receives a tree.

"Council will also be providing a nine-litre plastic bucket which residents can use to collect water

from a variety of sources around the home."

Mr Unwin said residents can help by providing between five and 10 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," Mr Unwin said.

"Clean water is best for young trees. You can use the water that is often wasted while waiting for it to warm up in baths and showers, water from leaking taps or water from the last rinse cycle of washing machines.

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

Mr Unwin said Council is responsible for more than 46,000 street trees and more than 11,000 park trees.

"We conduct regular watering of more than 4,000 trees, including young street and park trees, mature heritage trees and other trees which are at particular risk from the prolonged drought conditions," Mr Unwin said.

"To help retain moisture, more than 5,000 cubic metres of mulch has been

placed around trees and plants."

Mr Unwin said current water restrictions prohibit Council from using any potable water for tree watering.

"Council would normally utilise water from the many water hydrants throughout the City, but now we are reliant on bore and some Class A recycled water to establish and maintain our trees."

Mr Unwin said the natural rainfall and cool conditions will help the new trees establish during the winter months, but if necessary, additional bore water will be utilised to ensure the young trees survive.

"Council can utilise bore water from four sites located within our parks to water trees across the City," Mr Unwin said.

"In addition, Council has installed water tanks in Hopetoun Gardens and Harleston Park in Elsternwick to store Class A recycled water to assist with watering demands.

"The Class A recycled water is highly treated and safe for use on trees and gardens. Water tankers transport the water to the storage tanks.

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Annual reports reveal a lot about an organisation's values and culture — how it reports against its *Plan*; what it discloses; what the auditors say; and how it handles not only successes, but disappointments or challenges.

Over the past few years, Glen Eira City Council has set out to improve its *Annual Report* so that it discloses a much more detailed account of Council's services, performance and stewardship.

The *Australasian Reporting Awards* is an independent organisation that promotes excellence in reporting and covers all corporations, government bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand.

Council has won a *Gold Award* for its most recent *Annual Report 2007–08*.

Announced on 4 June, Council's report was commended for its overall excellence in annual reporting, full disclosure and high quality coverage. It was also praised as a model for peer reports.

Other organisations to win *Gold* included:

- Australia Post;
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation;
- BHP Billiton;
- Boral Limited
- National Australia Bank;

- Tennis Australia;
- Watercare Services Limited; and
- Wesfarmers Limited.

Report of the Year was awarded to Port of Brisbane Corporation.

Glen Eira is the only Victorian Council which currently holds:

- the highest rating from the Auditor General for financial sustainability; and
- the highest rating from the Australasian Reporting Awards for annual reporting.

This accreditation offers residents and ratepayers independent expert assurance of performance and processes.

Copies of the *2007–08 Annual Report* are available from Council's Service Centre or at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



General Manager Worksafe Victoria Eric Windholz presents Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside with Council's Gold Award certificate.

Photo: Bright Light Photography.

Mayor's column



Council is offering local primary schools the opportunity to visit Town Hall and gain a greater understanding of how Council operates and the role it plays in the community.

Last month, I had the pleasure in meeting Year Five students from Coatesville Primary School. The children not only learnt about the role and function of Council, but they had the chance to step into the role of a councillor and debate local issues.

Council CEO Andrew Newton and Cr Jim Magee also joined in. The students were most enthusiastic and learnt a great deal.

We have received positive feedback about the program and encourage other schools and groups to become involved. To arrange a visit, contact my office on 9524 3225.

Council's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is a representative group of around 10 to 13 young people aged 15 to 19. The group is responsible for not only hosting special events, but they have the opportunity to be a representative for their age group.

For the past 12 months, the YCG has helped organise and facilitate a number of events, including *Battle of the Bands 2008* and the *2009 Youth Art Expo*.

The YCG's yearly commitment has now ended with a graduation ceremony held on 20 May. Congratulations on a job well done.

Council's Gallery is delighted to present an exhibition of rare toy trains and trams from 10–19 July.

The exhibition will showcase a selection of more than 100 toy trains and trams from the fascinating and extensive collection of antique toys of local collector Jack Little.

Trains will be running on tracks during the exhibition, providing a fun filled afternoon for visitors young and old — an exciting exhibition for children.

Jack Little is well known to Council's Gallery. We exhibited his collection of toy trucks, cars and buses in July 2007.

**Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor**

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (August 2009) of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 8 July for delivery 4–5 August.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the September 2009 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 5 August for delivery 1–2 September.

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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Resurfacing works create a green Caulfield Park

The open space improvement works are nearing completion at Caulfield Park.

Three ovals on the south side of Caulfield Park have been resurfaced with drought-tolerant turf and a drip irrigation system to provide a more sustainable surface for active and passive recreation.

The new turf will be fenced off until September to allow the new grass to become fully established. Sporting clubs and local schools that normally use the ovals will be relocated for the 2009 winter season to other grounds.

Class A recycled water will be used to water the new turf from the newly installed water tanks and drip irrigation system.

Other works completed during the resurfacing project include demolishing the grey hex pavilion and returning the area to open space, realigning the sportsgrounds and establishing a new all-weather path.

To compliment the oval works 120 new native trees are also being planted.

Glen Eira City Council has converted approximately three grounds per year under its warm season grasses conversion program, including Murrumbena Park number one oval, Bentleigh Reserve and Glen Huntly Park oval in Glen Huntly.

It is anticipated that additional grounds will be converted to warm season grasses in 2009–10.



Resurfacing works at Caulfield Park.

Photo: Phil McKellar — TRA.

Glen Eira — great memories

Rosstown Ward Councillor Margaret Esakoff has called Glen Eira home for around 50 years, growing up in Bentleigh East when market gardens were becoming new housing estates.

“The Marriott family, a branch of my family, were market gardeners in the area and many of the streets (including my own) were named after family members,” Margaret told the *Glen Eira News*.

“I have many fond memories of growing up in Bentleigh East. The neighbourhood was made up of predominantly young families with children, so there was never a shortage of company and everybody knew each other.

“I used to keep my horse in the many paddocks in the area. The local pony club was in Carnegie at what is now Packer Park and there was a blacksmith up on Mackie Road.”

Margaret attended Ormond East Primary School (now McKinnon Primary School) and Kilvington Girls' Grammar in Ormond.

After completing school Margaret worked in publishing, advertising and media, including television



Council's citizenship ceremony: Cr Esakoff, Rinat Gersch and Shai Elnkave.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

and radio, working with the likes of Bert Newton, Don Lane and Steve Vizard and more recently has run a small business with her husband.

Married with two daughters, who also live in Glen Eira, Margaret now devotes her time to Council.

“In between Council duties, I volunteer at Caulfield Hospital's Helmsmen Kiosk and deliver Meals on Wheels,” Margaret said.

“I also sit on the Community Information Glen Eira Committee and the Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Research Ethics and Ethics Committee.”

Serving her third term, Margaret was Glen Eira Mayor in 2005 and 2007 and Deputy Mayor in 2008.

“An interest in local issues was the motivating factor and the beginning of my involvement with Council,” Margaret said.

“I take a keen interest in all issues and aim to be accessible and responsive to all residents. I believe it is an honour and a privilege to serve the community and it's a role I take very seriously.

“At the end of my four year term I hope that the community can say that Glen Eira is an even better place to live: a safe City with improved amenities; better facilities and services, while maintaining low rates; and that I have reflected their values and their views fairly.”

If there is anything you would like to discuss with Margaret, she can be contacted on 0407 831 893 or alternatively send an email to mesakoff@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre funding announcement: Cr Esakoff and Cr Frank Penhalluriack.

Photo: David Grant – John Brown Photography Services.

Street tree planting commences

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“The bore and recycled water is utilised to water young trees along main roads, streets, shopping centres and parkland and larger trees that have been affected from the drought.”

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

Resilience

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

This session will look at how we can encourage children to develop the skills necessary to take on the range of challenges that arise throughout life.

Learn practical strategies on how to:

- deal with childhood stress and risk taking;
- encourage children not to give up or develop learned helplessness; and
- promote a child's self-esteem and resilience.

Presenter: Early Childhood Consultant, Kathy Walker
 Thursday 16 July
 7.30pm to 9.30pm
 (7.15pm registration)
 Glen Eira Town Hall — 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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Rates: what you pay and why

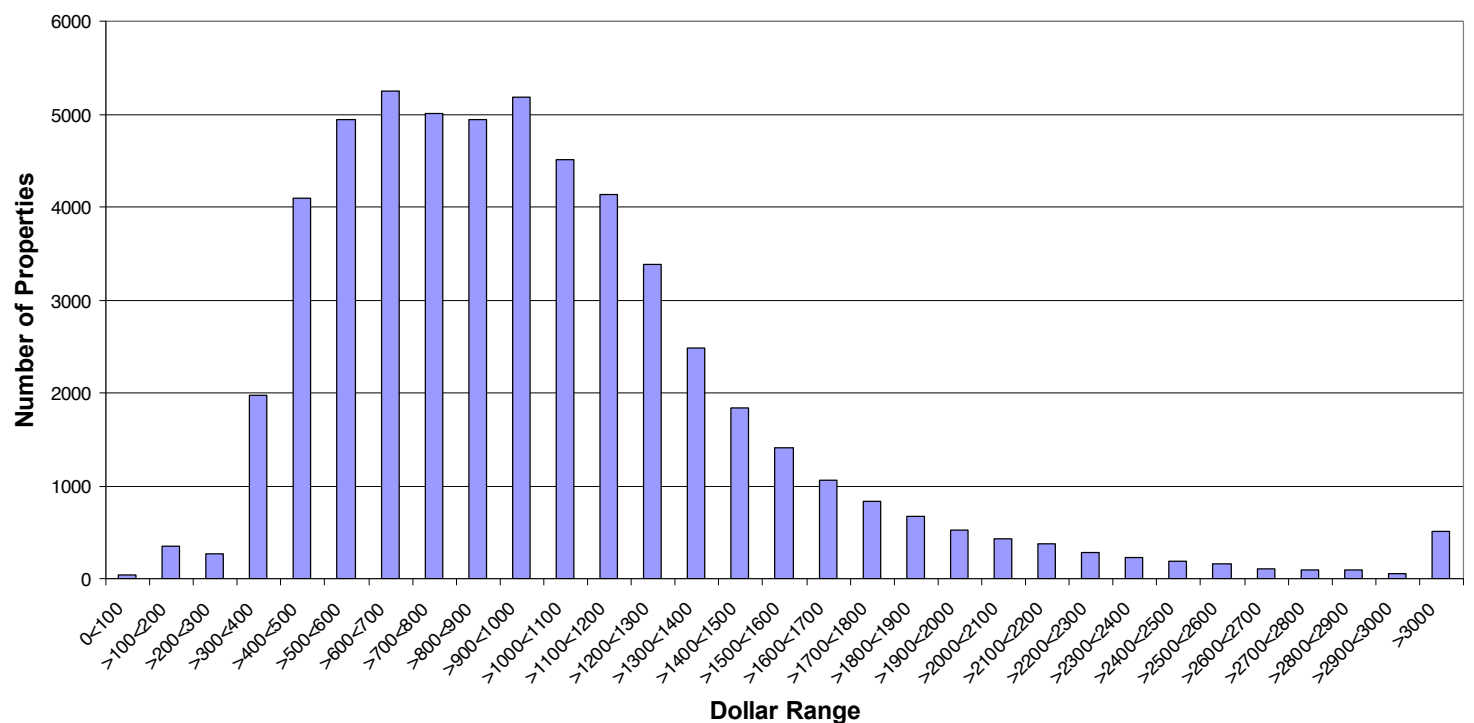
How are rates set?

The rates system is set down in State Government legislation. One of the easiest ways to explain this system is that if you own one per cent of the value of property in a municipality, you pay one per cent of the total rates.

Rates are set according to how much your property is worth compared with the rest of your municipality. For example, a \$500,000 house in a wealthy municipality may be below the average value so they would pay below the average rates, while a \$500,000 house in a less affluent municipality might be well above the average value so they would pay above average rates.

The distribution of rates on residential properties within Glen Eira is set out in the following graph.

Distribution of Residential Rates & Charges Payable 2008/2009
 (After Rebates and Excluding Greenwaste)



Revaluation of all properties

All properties in the City were revalued as at 1 January 2008. The revaluations are required by the State Government to levy land tax. Councils used to revalue properties every four years, but this was reduced to every two years by the State Government.

The new level of value, as set by the Valuer General, has been assessed as at 1 January 2008 and used for rating purposes from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2010. Owners may object to the valuations.

The revaluation has no effect on Council's total rate income

Rising property values do not impact on Council's total revenue collection. They usually result in the adjustment, by Council, of a lower rate in the dollar to offset the overall increase in property values. For example, the rate in the dollar in 1987-88 (City of Caulfield) was 9.4985 of net annual value. The rate in the dollar in 2009-10 is 3.0020.

If Council had held the rate in the dollar constant at 1995-96 levels, then Council would have raised more than \$150 million extra in rate revenue since then.

The revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property. Rates are redistributed according to the shifts in property values that have occurred in different parts of the municipality. Some ratepayers may experience a change in their rates depending on the type of property they own, where it is located and how its value has moved relative to the average.

In the 2008 revaluation:

- houses and vacant land appreciated more than flats and units; and
- commercial properties appreciated, but less than residential.

How does the City of Glen Eira compare with other municipalities?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are at least \$10 million a year (14 per cent) below the average of our neighbours — this equates to an average of almost \$170 per property.

This means that Council charges \$10 million less than neighbouring municipalities and has \$10 million less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.



How does Local Government compare with other levels of government?

The community as a whole pays taxes and rates. Three percent goes to local governments. Ninety-seven percent goes to the state and federal governments.

The reason why property tax revenue to governments has risen so much faster than rate revenue to local government is that state and federal governments tend to hold their tax rates constant while local governments regularly reduce theirs.

Each year Council sends residents a bill that tells them exactly what their rates are and directly consults with the community and accounts for how this money is spent.

No other level of government does this; it would be difficult for residents to tell how much GST they pay, how much stamp duty on insurances, how much tax on superannuation contributions or how much tax on petrol.



What are the pressures on rates?

Council's services can be maintained with rates at the current level in real terms. However, the renewal of ageing infrastructure and community facilities needs to be accelerated.

The majority of Council's buildings and facilities were built before or during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s and are reaching the stage of their life where they require major maintenance and renewal works.

In addition to this, a number of shopping strips need to be upgraded along with roads, footpaths and drainage systems.

Investments in local facilities can have a positive impact on property values. Properties in areas with good shopping strips, good parks and playgrounds, children's services, libraries, recreation facilities etc. can be more attractive and therefore more valuable.

Another pressure on rates is cost-shifting — situations whereby state and federal governments shift their responsibility for delivering programs and service onto Local Government, with no or insufficient funding.

Over the years many joint government-council programs have been established on the basis of a particular cost sharing. As the years unfold, governments do not maintain their share and ratepayers are left to pick up more of the costs.

The Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into cost-shifting several years ago revealed:

3.10 "The submissions make a strong case that there has been cost shifting from the States and the Commonwealth to local government:

- States (and to a lesser extent the Commonwealth) have legislated for local government to assume additional responsibilities, or changed regulatory frameworks in such a way as to impose additional costs on councils, without providing matching resources.
- States (and sometimes the Commonwealth) have reduced or withdrawn financial support for services leaving local government to deal with community expectations that those services will be maintained.

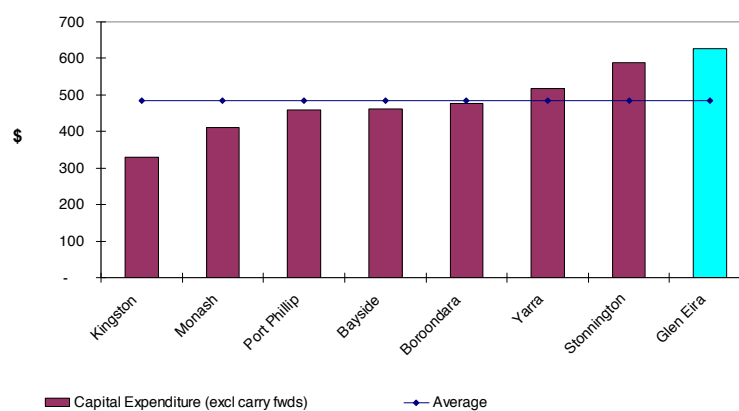
3.25 On the available evidence, the Committee has little doubt that local government faces some real difficulties in generating adequate revenues to meet its expanded responsibilities, and that significant financial problems may be in prospect. Shortfalls in infrastructure spending are of particular concern."

The more tax revenue that federal and state governments return to local projects, the less pressure there will be on rates.

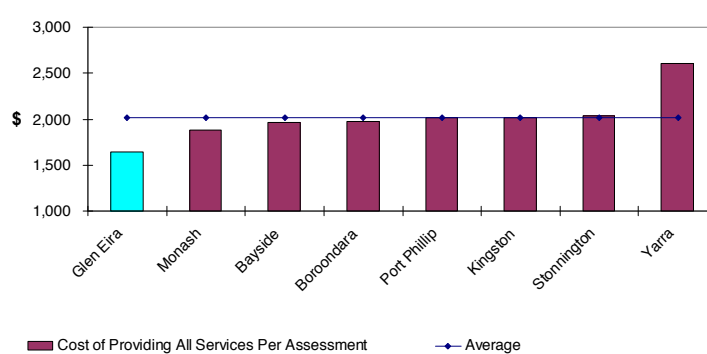
Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares

Information sourced from councils' draft 2009-10 budgets

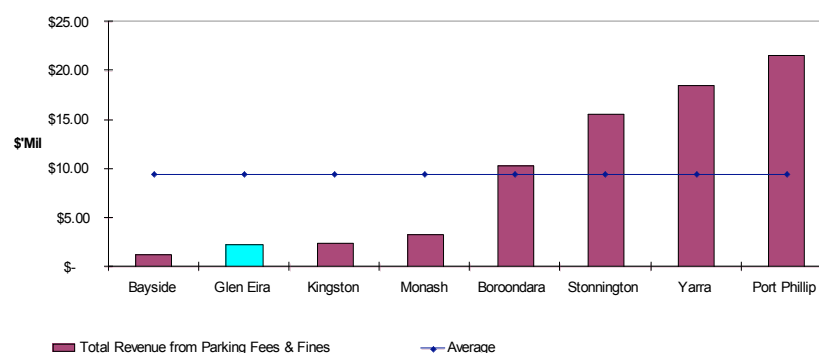
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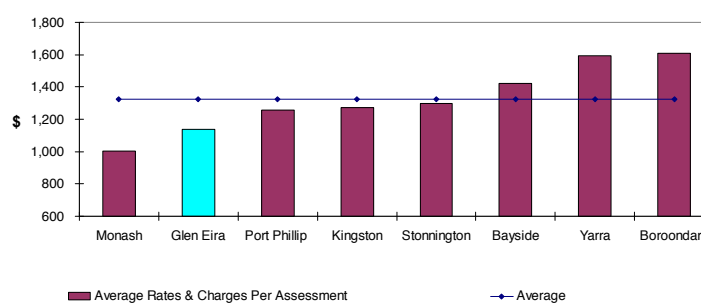
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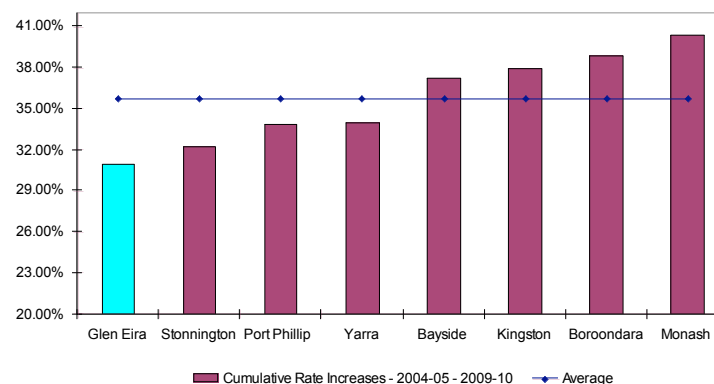
Total Revenue from Parking Fees & Fines - 2009/10



Average rates and charge per assessment 2009-2010



Cumulative Rate Increases - 2004-05 - 2009-10



GESAC update

Glen Eira City Council has called for tenders for the construction of the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC). Council approved this step at a public Council meeting of Tuesday 9 June.

Tenders are being invited from a number of companies, all of which have recent experience in the construction of large aquatic and recreation facilities. Tenders are scheduled to be analysed in August with a report to Council in September. Construction is planned to commence in October.

Council is also awaiting a response to an application to the State Government for funding towards the netball and basketball component of the Centre. The State Government has already provided a grant towards the aquatic facilities and the Commonwealth Government has approved a grant of \$10 million from the stimulus package.

A streamlined helping hand for applicants

Glen Eira City Council's Town Planning Department has built on its award-winning Pre-Lodgement Certification Process (PLCP).

A fourth application process has now been introduced which provides assistance to lodge an application correctly. The new No Request for Further Information (NORFI) process guarantees faster decision times, clearer steps and an assigned town planner — so you know who you are dealing with right from the start.

The four process routes that are now available are:

- the NORFI;
- the Special Building Overlay (SBO) Fastrack — applies to all permits triggered by Melbourne Water's floodplain control;
- the Heritage Fastrack — applies to minor construction in heritage areas; and
- the PLCP — remains the gold standard.

The PLCP continues to be successful, with its mandatory neighbours'

meeting and an independent town planning consultant signing off on the application. A decision is then made by Council within 45 days.

Experience has shown that the LCP is best suited for larger, more complex proposals such as multi-storey unit developments or mixed-use developments.

This has led to the development of NORFI, which is aimed at the homeowner wanting to extend their house or wishing to build a unit in the backyard. It will also suit the small business owner wishing to expand their business or extend their building.

NORFI is based on two pre-application meetings with an assigned town planner. Prior to lodgement, Council's town planner signs off that the application package is complete and it can go directly to the public notice stage.

This avoids time wasting — exchange of letters and chasing up additional information over the phone.

Council still makes an independent decision on the application based on the merits of the proposal and

any submissions received from the community. There is no additional cost to applicants who take the NORFI process route.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said she was proud that Glen Eira continues to lead the way in town planning with its emphasis on process improvement, customer service and quality up-front.

"This benefits all users of the town planning system, from the young couple wanting to extend their home and the small business owner wanting to expand, to neighbours of a proposal," Cr Whiteside said.

"They all benefit from the clearer and more transparent processes Council has developed."

If you want to save time with your application, or would like further information, contact Council's Town Planning Department on 9524 3333.

Occasional Care vacancies at Caulfield

Glen Eira City Council has positions available in its Occasional Care program at Caulfield.

Occasional Care provides short-term flexible childcare for children between six months and five years. It offers age specific programs, which have been developed by qualified early childhood staff, in a safe and caring environment.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said families who work, live or study in Glen Eira use occasional care for many reasons.

"Parents who use the service may have an appointment they need to attend, have an assignment to finish, have some shopping to do or would just like some time for themselves," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The service is also used as an opportunity for children to play and socialise with others."

Occasional Care is offered at the Caulfield Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The service is not available during school holidays or public holidays.

Bookings are essential and will be taken one week in advance. To make a booking, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 after 2pm Tuesday for the following Tuesday or after 2pm on Thursday for the following Thursday.

An enrolment form will also need to be filled out once you have confirmed your booking with the Service Centre.

This form, along with further information about Occasional Care, can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Click on Family and youth and then Occasional care.



Council's Occasional Care program gives children the opportunity to play and socialise with others. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

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Nutrition for families and children

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

Tired of the battles over food with your child and want to explore some strategies that might help your family have happy, healthy meal times?

This session will look at:

- the recommended dietary intake for children;
- strategies to promote healthy eating; and
- how to have a healthy relationship with food while getting the best nutrition for their needs.

Presenter: Caulfield Community Health Service Dietician, Jane Karpavicius
Wednesday 29 July
7.30pm to 9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)
Glen Eira Town Hall — 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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Become part of our Family Day Care team

Glen Eira City Council is looking for caring, energetic and 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 Care providers from across the municipality, but more are needed.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Louise Wilkins said there are a number of unique benefits for Careproviders that become part of Council's Family Day Care Scheme.

"Careproviders that join us enjoy the flexibility that comes with the job," Ms Wilkins said.

"They are able to choose the type of care they want to provide, including full-time, part-time, before and after school and holiday care.

"Our Careproviders are able to set their own fees that reflect the service they provide.

"Another great benefit is that Careproviders are strongly supported by Council's qualified early childhood professionals and are provided with regular professional development training."

Former kindergarten teacher Lana has been a Careprovider since June 2008 and is currently looking after eight children at varying times.

Speaking with the *Glen Eira News*, Lana said she just loves working with children, hence the reason she joined the Scheme.

"The children are fun to be around and I really enjoy playing and singing with them," Lana said.



Shilpa has been working part-time since March 2009 and looks after three children.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Lana said the flexibility of the Scheme allows her to drop her children off at school in the morning and be at home for them in the afternoon.

"Another good thing about the Scheme is the extra income which is coming into the household," Lana said.

Shilpa of Bentleigh East joined the Scheme in March 2009 after seeing for herself the joy her friend got out of being Careprovider.

Working part-time, Shilpa is looking after three children as well as her 22 month old son.

"I am very happy that I have joined the Family Day Care Scheme. Not only do I get to set my own hours

and work from home, but I am able to spend time with my son and watch him grow and develop," Shilpa said.

"The extra income is also very helpful."

Careproviders involved in the Family Day Care Scheme undergo an application process that includes orientation and each Careprovider undertakes a police record check, a Working with Children Check, a home safety check and a medical assessment.

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

out and about



Council's citizenship ceremony: Cr Jamie Hyams welcomes one of Glen Eira's newest citizens, Farhat Dewan (far right) of Caulfield South.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Council's citizenship ceremony: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, John Gillett, Cr Michael Lipshutz, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Jamie Hyams. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Official opening of A Natural World exhibition: Artist Juan Ford, Council's Manager Arts and Culture David O'Halloran and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Taking care with Glen Eira's community

Staff in Glen Eira City Council's Community Care Unit undertake a wide range of caring roles in the community.

Services provided include personal care (showering and dressing), home care (cleaning and household duties), respite (time out for full-time carers), social support, delivered meals and property maintenance.

By providing these services, Council's community care team work towards enabling the City's older residents to remain independent in their homes for longer.

Council Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said services are provided when frailty, disability or illness prevents a person from undertaking the tasks of daily living for themselves.

"Following a referral, prospective clients are assessed and the appropriate level and type of service required is then identified for each individual," Ms Marr said.

Council has more than 4,000 clients on its books, providing more than 118,000 hours of home care, personal care and respite care, 100,000 delivered meals, 35,000 social support program hours and 4,500 hours of property maintenance.

Ms Marr said Council has a strong team of people who work together to provide the 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," Ms Marr said.

Further information about the services offered by the Community Care Unit can be found on the following two pages. Information is also available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and Council's website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Home care: Support worker Leon helps Elizaveth with her washing.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



In home support

Council's experienced In Home Support staff provide a professional, personal and caring service which is sensitive to individual needs.

Home care

Council's home care service provides assistance with daily household tasks required to maintain a comfortable and healthy home environment.

Support workers assist their clients with household duties such as cleaning the floors, kitchen and bathroom; hanging out the washing; meal preparation and shopping.

Personal care

Personal care services are provided to assist older people and people with disabilities with the personal tasks they would usually do for themselves but, because of illness, disability or frailty, are unable to manage on their own.

Clients are assisted with bathing, showering or sponging; dressing or grooming; eating and drinking and preparing light meals.

Respite care

Council's respite care service provides support for full-time carers of frail older people or people with a disability by providing them with a break from their caring role.

Respite care can be provided as planned regular respite, emergency respite or occasional respite (including weekends and evenings).

Council is always looking for more people to join its team, providing home care, personal care and respite care.

Part-time and flexible hours are available.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

A friendly voice

Clients may not see the faces of Council's In Home Support administrative team, but they sure know the voices of the six staff members answering their calls.

Taking dozens of calls every day, the team makes sure Council's In Home Support service runs smoothly.

In Home Support Administration Officer Juana Cruz said although clients never see her face, her voice is very well known.

"Clients aren't just a name on paper — they're real people and I am familiar with them and their carers and all their likes and dislikes," Ms Cruz said.

"Routine and familiarity are important to our clients. They can schedule their lives around their care and our support workers really understand their clients' needs."

Ms Cruz said she understood why clients became so fond of their support workers and requested them for specific tasks.

"The best thing about this job is our staff. They're flexible, they listen and understand the pressure everyone is under to provide the services clients need. They really go the extra mile," Ms Cruz said.



Respite care: Support worker Charlie with Wesley and Andrew.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Delivered meals

Council's Delivered Meals Service delivers more than 100,000 meals to clients each year through the commitment and skill of nine staff and 150 volunteers.

Older residents or residents with a disability who require support are assessed for the service and can receive a range of hot and chilled meals. The carers of these residents are also eligible to receive this service.

The menu is varied and caters for all dietary requirements. Clients can select a daily meal from a choice of six mains and three desserts. Soup and fruit juice is also included and the menu is updated twice a year, to reflect seasonal changes.

Delivered Meals Co-ordinator Chris Wilson said the service, which operates 365 days a year, is much more than a food service.

"Clients not only receive their meals, but their health and wellbeing is monitored by staff," Ms Wilson said.

"We have had instances where our staff and volunteers have actually assisted our clients in times of emergency and have been able to get them the care they needed almost immediately."

Ms Wilson said the service relies heavily on its volunteers, some of whom had been delivering meals for more than 20 years.

"Our volunteers are very special people. They are extremely dedicated — just like the postman, they are out there rain, hail or shine," Ms Wilson said.

"But we are always looking for more people to become volunteers."



Delivered meals volunteer Grace and Donald.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Property Maintenance Officer Phil Morey busy at work.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Property maintenance

Council's property maintenance team comprises of five staff who assist clients with minor maintenance and home modifications to maintain a safe and secure home environment.

The experienced and skilled team undertake a variety of tasks including:

- changing tap washers;
- installing handrails and other mobility aids;
- repairing door and window locks;
- changing light globes; and
- cleaning windows.

Property Maintenance Co-ordinator Lindsay Robinson has been working for the team for 30 years.

"People can, and do, rely on us," Mr Robinson said.

"We take care of things people can't, or shouldn't, do themselves."

Mr Robinson said he gets a lot of positive feedback from clients.

"Staff really like their work and gain a lot of personal satisfaction from a job well done," Mr Robinson said.

Social support

Art and craft, woodwork, music, exercises and outings to the park or beach are just some of the activities offered to participants of Council's social support program.

Up to 30 people a day participate in the program, which encourages frail older people, people with disabilities and carers to participate in social activities in a friendly and supportive environment.

It also provides the opportunity for participants to maximise their own independence and enhance their self-esteem, confidence and general wellbeing.

Transport to and from the Leila Road, Carnegie Centre is available and morning tea and lunch are also provided.

Council's Social Support Co-ordinator Donna Hinshaw said the flexibility of the program allows staff to design activities around the needs and wants of the clients.

"We want to be able to provide our clients the opportunity to participate in activities that are challenging," Ms Hinshaw said.

"We get to know the clients, find out what they like and work this into our core activities."

Ms Hinshaw said there were many benefits of participating in the program.

"The program not only makes our clients feel part of the community, but it gives them the opportunity to create new friendships and engage in new activities," Ms Hinshaw said.

Program worker Iris Namir, social support program participant Jack and Activities Co-ordinator Jo Waterman.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



MEETINGS AND CLUBS

St Peter's Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at St Peter's Parish, 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East. New members and partners welcome. Contact: 9579 4255.

Club 66 holds Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances with a live band on the third Saturday of each month from 8pm at 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 Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium. 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.

Ormond Angling Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8pm at 462 North Road, Ormond. Junior memberships available. There are no joining fees. Annual fees are reasonable. Contact Walter: 0400 508 330.

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 (February to November) from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 9131.

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 McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Contact Merrill: 9578 1117.

Murrumbeena Play Group Inc (a member of Playgroup Victoria) holds sessions for preschool children from Monday to Friday at Community of Christ Church Hall, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Brighton Philatelic Society meets on the first Saturday of each month from 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.

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.

Ormond Badminton Club is seeking players, either experienced or beginners, for Wednesday nights from 8.15pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

The Bentleigh East Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am to 12pm at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Come and enjoy social activities, outings and guest speakers. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Ian: 9551 5425.

South East Suburbs Permaculture Group offers short courses, working bees, discussion groups, DVDs, books, and community projects on all things permaculture. New members welcome. Contact Miriam or Adrian: 9578 7237.

Godfrey Street Community House offers Glen Eira movers seniors walking group, mixed media art, craft group, wine appreciation, touch typing, movie time, Sheila's singers, how to use your mobile phone, French, computer courses, meditation and reiki healing. Contact: 9557 9037.

Nirkoda Israeli Dance Club is starting a mid-year beginners classes. All ages and abilities welcome. Fun filled, gentle exercise to music. Classes held at Ormond Uniting Church Hall and Birch Street Scout Hall. Evening and day classes available. Contact Rosie: 9572 0992 or Judi: 0407 517 865.

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from 10.30am at the Bentleigh RSL Club, Centre Road, Bentleigh. New members welcome. Contact: 9579 5506.

The Ladies Probus Club of Elsternwick meets on the first Monday of each month from 10am at the Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Chris: 9523 7315.

Moorabbin Area Toy Library is a community based, not-for-profit organisation, offering its members access to more than 2,000 toys, games and puzzles. Located at the Moorleigh Community Village Complex, 90-92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. New members are welcome to join. A low annual fee applies. Contact: 9570 3590.

EVENTS

The Murrumbeena Craft and Produce Market will be held on 4 July from 9am to 12.30pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Contact Glynis: 0407 506 662 (after 7pm).

Twilight Chamber Music at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick, will be held on 19 July at 6.30pm. Pianist Rohan Murray and the Chamber Choir will perform. Nicholas Cowall will be conductor for the evening. Cost is \$35 or \$20 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851 or www.teamofpianists.com.au

The 16th Annual Blessing of Animals will be held on 4 October at 2pm at St James the Great, St Kilda East. Contact: 9527 8083.

Relay for Life is seeking participants for the Murrumbeena event on 24 and 25 October. There is no age limitation or fitness requirements. Cost is \$15 per person. To register go to <http://victoria.relayforlife.org.au/home.html> Contact Kelly Halliwell: halliwellk@hotmail.com

The Music Lovers Society 48th Ida Doubleday Bequest Recital will be held on 18 July from 8pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Admission: \$27. Seniors \$22, pensioners \$16, students \$11 and families \$60. Members free. Bookings are essential. Contact: Bruce and Elaine Henry: 9370 4896 or Elizabeth Weeks: 9571 0850.

COMMUNITY

St Agnes Church Mothers Union Glen Huntly is seeking first members and their descendents for its 100 years celebration on 27 and 28 September. Contact Alice: 9571 3246.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 6 July and Monday 3 August
10am-11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 7 July and Tuesday 4 August
6pm-7pm
Tuesday 14 July and Tuesday
11 August 9.30am-10.30am

**Carnegie Library and
Community Centre**
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 15 July and Wednesday
12 August 1.30pm-2.30pm
and 5.30pm-7.30pm

**Glen Huntly Maternal and
Child Health Centre**
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,
Glen Huntly
Wednesday 29 July and
Wednesday 26 August 9.30am-11am

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Wednesday 20 July and Wednesday
17 August 10am-11am

**Bentleigh Bayside Community
Health Centre**
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 25 July and Saturday
22 August 9am-11am
Wednesday 22 July and
Wednesday 19 August 5.45pm-7.15pm
Thursday 30 July and
Thursday 27 August 6pm-8pm

School Principals Community Safety Forum 2009

Glen Eira City Council will be presenting this forum for principals and teachers of primary and secondary schools within Glen Eira.

Topics to be discussed include:

- beating the cyber bullies;
- traffic and parking safety around schools; and
- mental health for students.

Wednesday 22 July
9.30am to 12pm
Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield
Cup Room
Corner Glen Eira and
Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

街樹栽種已經開始

Glen Eira 市政府每年一次的住宅區街樹栽種已經開始。

住宅區沿街將新栽種 400 多棵街樹。

栽種的每棵樹木都將用木棒支撐，並在泥土中加入有助於保持水分的小顆粒，然後覆蓋護根物以保持樹根涼爽和濕潤。

市政府公園服務經理 Laurie Unwin 指出，雖然市政府在夏季定期為新種的樹木澆水，但這很難給以樹木足夠的水分。

Unwin 先生繼續說到：“為了確保新種樹木在最初的存活期生長良好，市政府號召居民們協助給樹木澆水。”

“小冊子《如何照顧樹木》將發送到接受樹木的每戶家庭。”

“市政府還將提供一個九立升的塑料桶，市民們可用來收集家裡的各種水。”

Unwin 先生說，在天氣乾熱期間居民們可一星期幫助澆兩次水（最好在早晨），每次澆大約 5 到 10 立升的水。

Unwin 先生還說“水應當直接澆在小樹苗根部的護蓋物上。”

“乾淨的水對小樹苗最有益。你可使用洗澡時打開龍頭出熱水之前的涼水、漏水龍頭的滴水或洗衣服最後漂洗放出的水。”

“居民們應該確保任何用來澆樹的水都需符合目前限制用水的規定。”

Αρχίζει η δενδροφύτευση δρόμων

Άρχισε η ετήσια δενδροφύτευση δρόμων του Δήμου Glen Eira.

Πάνω από 400 επιπλέον δέντρα θα φυτευτούν κατά μήκος αστικών δρόμων.

Το κάθε δέντρο θα στηρίζεται σε ξύλινους πασσάλους και θα προστεθούν υγραντικοί σπόροι στο χώμα για βοηθήσουν στη διατήρηση της υγρασίας. Μετά θα προστεθεί φυτικό κάλυμμα για να κρατάει την υγρασία και τη θερμοκρασία των ριζών.

Ο Διευθυντής Υπηρεσιών Πάρκων του Δήμου Laurie Unwin είπε ότι ενώ ο Δήμος ποτίζει τακτικά τα νέα δέντρα το καλοκαίρι, η κάλυψη των αναγκών ποτίσματος είναι δύσκολη.

«Για να διασφαλιστεί ότι τα νεοφυτεμένα δέντρα θα έχουν μια καλή αρχή στη ζωή, ο Δήμος καλεί τους κατοίκους να βοηθήσουν με το επιπλέον πότισμα,» είπε ο κ. Unwin.

«Κάθε σπίτι όπου θα φυτευτεί δέντρο θα λάβει το φυλλάδιο με τίτλο 'Πώς να φροντίζετε το δέντρο'»

«Ο Δήμος θα δώσει επίσης πλαστικό κουβά εννέα λίτρων που οι κάτοικοι μπορούν να χρησιμοποιούν για να μαζέψουν νερό με διάφορους τρόπους απ' το σπίτι τους.»

Ο κ. Unwin είπε ότι οι κάτοικοι μπορούν να βοηθήσουν ποτίζοντας το δέντρο με πέντε έως δέκα λίτρα νερό δύο φορές την εβδομάδα (κατά προτίμηση το πρωί), κατά τις περιόδους που κάνει ζέστη ή ημερασία.

«Το νερό θα πρέπει να το ρίχνετε απευθείας πάνω στο φυτικό κάλυμμα στη βάση του νέου δέντρου,» είπε ο κ. Unwin.

«Το καθαρό νερό είναι το καλύτερο για νέα δέντρα. Μπορείτε να χρησιμοποιείτε το νερό που συνήθως χάνεται ενώ περιμένετε να ζεσταθεί όταν κάνετε μπάνιο ή ντους, το νερό από βρύσες που τρέχουν ή νερό από τον κύκλο ξεπλύματος στα πλυντήρια ρούχων.»

«Οι κάτοικοι θα πρέπει πάντοτε να βεβαιώνονται ότι οποιοδήποτε νερό μαζεύουν για να ποτίζουν τα δέντρα το κάνουν σύμφωνα με τους ισχύοντες περιορισμούς κατανάλωσης νερού.»

Si dà inizio al trapianto dei nuovi alberi lungo le strade

Il Comune di Glen Eira ha dato inizio all'annuale trapianto di alberi lungo le strade delle aree residenziali.

Verranno piantati più di 400 alberi aggiuntivi lungo le strade delle aree residenziali.

Ciascun albero trapiantato sarà sostenuto da paletti di legno e il terriccio verrà arricchito con granuli che trattengono la naturale umidità del terreno. Sarà anche aggiunto del pacciamme al piede dell'albero per mantenere le radici fresche e umide.

Il Direttore dei Servizi per la Gestione dei parchi, Laurie Unwin, ha informato che sebbene il Comune si sia occupato di annaffiare regolarmente i giovani alberi durante il periodo estivo, si sono riscontrate difficoltà nell'assicurare la giusta quantità d'acqua alle piante.

“Per assicurare che gli alberi appena piantati ricevano il corretto e rigoglioso avvio alla vita, il Comune fa specifica richiesta ai residenti affinché vengano in aiuto con ulteriori annaffiature” ha ribadito Mr Unwin.

“Ciascun abitazione riceverà assieme all'albero trapiantato l'opuscolo informativo dal titolo *How to Care*.”

“Il Comune fornirà inoltre un secchio di plastica da nove litri che i residenti potranno adoperare per raccogliere acqua riciclata proveniente dall'abitazione stessa.”

Mr Unwin ha affermato che i residenti possono collaborare fornendo a ciascun albero dai cinque ai dieci litri d'acqua due volte la settimana (preferibilmente di mattina) durante i periodi asciutti o più caldi.

“L'acqua dovrebbe essere versata direttamente sul pacciamme al piede dell'albero” ha raccomandato Mr Unwin.

“Ai giovani alberi è preferibile dare acqua pulita. Si può raccogliere e utilizzare l'acqua che si lascia scorrere nella vasca da bagno o nella doccia mentre si aspetta che raggiunga la temperatura voluta, l'acqua che si spreca dai rubinetti che gocciolano oppure l'acqua dell'ultimo risciacquo della lavabiancheria.

“I residenti devono comunque assicurarsi in ogni caso che l'acqua per annaffiare gli alberelli venga raccolta nel rispetto del regolamento relativo alle attuali restrizioni idriche.”

Начата высадка деревьев на улицах

В муниципалитете Glen Eira начата ежегодная программа высадки деревьев в жилых кварталах.

На улицах муниципалитета будет посажено более 400 новых деревьев.

Каждое высаженное дерево будет ограждено деревянными подпорками, и в почву будут добавлены специальные гранулы для сохранения влаги. Затем в почву будет добавлена мульча для предотвращения высыхания и перегрева корней.

Менеджер садово-паркового отдела муниципалитета г-н Laurie Unwin отметил, что хотя муниципалитет регулярно поливает деревья летом, обеспечить достаточный объем полива не всегда удается.

“Мы обращаемся к местным жителям с просьбой помочь нам с поливкой и дать возможность прижиться молодым деревьям,” сказал г-н Unwin.

“Мы рассылаем специальную брошюру – *How to Care* (Как ухаживать за деревьями) – в дома, около которых высажены деревья.

Мы также предоставим жителям 9-ти литровые пластмассовые ведра для сбора воды на поливку из разных источников в их домах,” сказал г-н Unwin.

Г-н Unwin сказал, что муниципалитет просит жителей поливать деревья возле их домов два раза в неделю, желательно по утрам, используя 5-10 литров воды, в сухое и жаркое время года.

“Воду нужно лить прямо на мульчу в основании молодого дерева,” отметил г-н Unwin.

“Для молодых деревьев лучше всего чистая вода. Можно использовать воду из душа или ванны, пока вы ждете, когда вода нагреется, а также воду из протекающих кранов или воду последнего цикла полоскания в стиральной машине.

В любом случае, при поливке деревьев необходимо соблюдать все действующие ограничения на потребление воды.”

School crossing supervisors

Glen Eira City Council currently has permanent part-time School Crossing Supervisor positions available.

Most school crossings operate between the hours of 8.15am and 9am and 3.15pm and 4pm during school terms.

You will take responsibility for ensuring the safety of children and other people using the crossing on a daily basis. These are paid positions and salary starts at \$17.42 per hour. You will enjoy approximately 10 weeks holiday each year.

If you are responsible, reliable, and available during the school crossing hours, then we would like to hear from you.

Prospective School Crossing Supervisors will need to pass a medical examination, undergo a police check and have a current Working with Children Check.

For further information, contact 9524 3333. For a copy of the position description visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/careers

All applications must quote Ref. 09/003 within the covering letter. Applications are preferred online via www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or alternatively you can mail your application to Human Resources, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Create a Kids' Book

Always wanted to write for children? Attend a Create a Kids' Book Workshop.

Sunday 26th July
Picture Book
Workshop
Ormond
10am-4pm
with two tutors
Dr Virginia Lowe and
artist Jo Thompson.



Saturday 29th
August
Novel Workshop
Ormond
10am-4pm
with two tutors
Dr Virginia Lowe and
novelist Jennifer Dabbs.

Bookings: www.createakidsbook.com.au
Contact Dr Virginia Lowe
PO Box 2, Ormond, Victoria 3204
ph: 03 9578 5689 fax: 03 9578 3466 mob: 0400 488 100
“Stories, Pictures and Reality: Two children tell” (Routledge 2007)

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	Where
Environment	Community forum	Thursday 23 July 7pm to 9pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Draft Annual Budget 2009–2010	Comments and submissions	Closed 11 June
Draft Community Plan (including the Strategic Resource Plan)	Comments and submissions	Closed 11 June

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

Winter Music Series

The 2009 Glen Eira City Council *Winter Music Series* will warm your heart with exotic melodies and stirring performances from some of Australia's greatest musicians, with styles ranging from classical strings and klezma to gypsy and Australian Indigenous music.

Archie Roach
Sunday 12 July
Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
2.30pm

After a long absence Archie Roach returns with a series of shows to share the songs he describes as "a reaffirmation of identity, country, beliefs and spirit." Archie will perform with former *Goanna* frontman Shane Howard who co-produced his latest album. The show — *Liyam Ngarn (The Coming Together of the Spirit)* — will feature Archie's wife, Ruby Hunter and son Amos Roach, Robert Taylor (who will play the Didgeridoo), Dave Arden and Ewen Baker.



Archie Roach and Shane Howard.

Silo String Quartet
Sunday 26 July
Glen Eira Town Hall Theatrette
2.30pm



Silo String Quartet.

The *Silo String Quartet* was founded by cellist and composer Caerwen Martin in 1998 and is the only dedicated contemporary string quartet in Australia. They have performed at the *Melbourne International Jazz Festival*, *Melbourne Fringe Jazz Festival* and the *Melbourne International Women in Jazz Festival*.

Doors open 2pm. Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$20 or \$18 for concession card holders or at the door for \$23. Concession card holders will pay \$20.

Upcoming shows: Sunday 9 August — *Klezmania* and Sunday 23 August — *The Great Chefs of Europe*.

To purchase tickets or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

My Brother Jack Literary Festival

Workshops

An exciting range of workshops will be offered as part of this year's *Festival* and will be held at two of Glen Eira's premier venues — the Caulfield Cup Room (at Glen Eira Town Hall) and the Carnegie Library and Community Centre. The three hour workshops will include a question and answer session and cost \$20 to attend.

Sunday 9 August
Arnold Zable — Successful Story Writing

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, 2pm–5pm
 Sponsored by *Baha'i Community of Glen Eira*

Sunday 9 August
Anne Gracie — Writing Romantic Fiction

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 10am–1pm

Sunday 9 August
Jarad Henry — Cops 'n' Robbers

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 2pm–5pm

Sunday 16 August
Nicolas Brasch — Writing for Children

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, 2pm–5pm

Sunday 16 August
Meg Mundell — Researching for Writing

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 10am–1pm

In conversation with ...

The popular *In conversation with ...* series returns with a diverse range of speakers and topics to engage and inspire you. The series will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room (at Glen Eira Town Hall) and the Carnegie Library and Community Centre. A \$10 entry fee applies to each series.

Sunday 9 August

Lily Bragge
 Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, 6pm–7pm
 Sponsored by *Baha'i Community of Glen Eira*

Sunday 9 August

Joanna Murray-Smith
 Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 6pm–7pm

Sunday 16 August

Howard Goldenberg
 Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, 6pm–7pm

Sunday 16 August

Shane Maloney
 Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 6pm–7pm

To book your place or for further information contact Council's Arts and Culture Events Co-ordinators on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Saturday Night Music

Nick Barker

Saturday 4 July
Glen Eira Town Hall Theatrette (enter via Service Centre, which is off the main car park)
Doors open 8pm

A prolific live touring performer, Nick Barker performs solo and acoustic and has an excellent reputation for a charismatic stage presence, crowd interaction and banter.

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

Other Lands: Recent Paintings and Drawings by Michael Donnelly

Opening at 6pm Wednesday 8 July and continues to Sunday 19 July

This exhibition will feature recent paintings and drawings by artist Michael Donnelly. Through the use of shifting perspectives Michael takes viewers to 'other lands' that conjure memories of relationships and desires.

Toy Story: Jack Little's Trains and Trams

Opening at 6pm Wednesday 9 July and continues to Sunday 19 July

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is delighted to present an exhibition of rare toy trains and trams.

This exhibition will showcase a selection of more than 100 toy trains and trams from the fascinating and extensive collection of antique toys of local collector Jack Little.

Jack's collection will provide people of all ages an insight in the rich history of



Jack Little will showcase his amazing collection of toy trains and trams.

Photo: Luke Meney.

toy collecting. *Toy Story: Jack Little's Trains and Trams* will feature international and Australian made toy trains, carriages and trams dating from the early twentieth century.

Trains will be running on tracks during the exhibition, providing a fun filled afternoon for visitors young and old. Accessories such as stations, lights and signals will also be included.

Central Australian and Beyond Indigenous Art: The Ultimate Collection

Opening 6pm Wednesday 23 July and continues to Sunday 2 August

Curated by Outback Aboriginal Art, this vibrant and intriguing exhibition features recent paintings by renowned elder desert artists, including Makinti

Napanangka, Gloria Petyarre, Anna Petyarre, Kudditji Kngwarreye, Laurie Nilsen, (*Telstra Award* winning artist) and emerging artists from Maningrida.

Our World: Mixed Palette

Opening 6pm Wednesday 23 July and continues to Sunday 2 August

Our World will feature the work of the mixed palette artists who paint in a modernist style. The Mixed Palette Painters is a group of nine artists who follow a passion for contemporary art. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the group features some of Melbourne's most well known artists, including Margaret Gurney, Lois Campbell and Margaret Kettles.

Moving forward: a follow up to Small Business Month

Moving Forward was the theme for May Small Business Month.

Hosted by Glen Eira City Council, more than 700 local business operators took advantage of a range of business information and educational events during May.

The events were designed to provide stimulus, information and skills to help business operators and leaders to take on new economic opportunities and challenges.

Financial fitness workshops, business writing, record keeping and tax basics seminar, tender writing, social media, business planning, using the net, franchising, innovation and marketing were just some of the events held.

As a follow up to *Small Business Month*, Council is hosting the following workshops which will help bring together a culmination of information gained from the events held in May.

Stand out from the crowd: advertising design and copywriting for small budget businesses

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

Date: Monday 13 July

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start

Cost: \$25 (includes light supper)

RSVP: Thursday 9 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Starship Brand Development and Communication Agency Managing Director Geoffrey McDonald Bowl presented *Marketing: to stand out from the crowd* during *Small Business Month*. Providing examples of what smaller businesses can learn from major brands, Geoffrey's presentation had a strong focus on brand impact and brand protection. He covered a whole raft of modern media examples for businesses to consider in their marketing and how to best use these mediums to make an impact.

Feedback from attendees indicated that they wanted to learn more, particularly about the process of writing and designing effective advertising using local media.

The creators of the iSelect marketing campaign, Starship is a full-service, fully accredited agency. Launched in 1991, their clients include Metricon, St John, Sea Shepherd, Ezy Gas and Melrose Health.

The workshop will discuss:

- what works and what doesn't;
- how to approach advertising design and copywriting for small businesses in local media;
- branding versus product in local advertising design;
- common techniques in placement of advertising to maximise impact; and

- design and copy for websites, electronic direct mail, local papers, direct mail, and leaflets.

Develop and complete your own marketing plan in three hours

Date: Tuesday 21 July

Time: 9.15am registration to 12.30pm

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

Cost: \$25 per business (maximum two attendees per business)

RSVP: Thursday 16 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Presented by business coach and marketing expert David Wilson, this session will bring together all the aspects of marketing that were presented during *Small Business Month* into one usable plan.

Businesses participating in the three hour session will walk away with a completed, handwritten marketing plan.

Businesses are encouraged to send two members of their team and to bring along any marketing information about their business which may assist in compiling the plan.

A full set of templates and notes will be provided and all work completed will remain confidential.

Please book early for this unique event as places are limited.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting

Date: Thursday 16 July

Time: 7pm (light supper on arrival)

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

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 13 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Keeping in the Money Flow — how to take on the personal challenge in good times and bad

To be presented by Psychologist and small business coach Kaaren Hawkes, the meeting will discuss if it's our mindset or economic outlook that influences business decisions and profitability.

Kaaren will look at some of these personal and collective beliefs which influence us in relation to money management.

She will also discuss:

- how women can prepare themselves to ride the waves that the business cycles bring;



- how women can empower themselves; and
- how to build an inner resourcefulness that holds up through the realities, associated fears and impact on self confidence.

About the presenter

Kaaren has experienced the good and bad times in business living through the

impact of the 1988 recession which affected her import and retail business. Whilst continuing to operate an import business, Kaaren has also operated a professional services business for more than 20 years as a Psychologist and small business coach working with women who wish to live the life they want.

ATO — Business deduction essentials

Date: Monday 20 July

Time: 9.45am registration for 10am start until 12pm

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

RSVP: Thursday 16 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) this free session will cover some of the more common business income tax deductions in some detail, with worked examples to illustrate the calculations.

Topics to be covered include:

- income tax deductions — general;
- expenses you can claim immediately;
- expenses you can claim over time;
- expenses you can never deduct;
- trading stock and other special deductions;
- tax losses; and
- keeping proper records.

ATO — Activity statement essentials

Date: Monday 20 July

Time: 1.15pm registration for 1.30pm start until 3.30pm

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

RSVP: Thursday 16 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), this free session will provide a detailed look at the activity statement and details of the specific activity statement labels that small businesses may need to complete.

Topics to be covered include:

- the purpose of an activity statement;
- the layout of an activity statement;
- GST labels;
- PAYG withholding labels;
- PAYG instalment labels; and
- how you can use activity statement data to plan and budget.

YCG reflects on a successful year

Glen Eira City Council's Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is a group of young people aged 15 to 25.

For the past 12 months, members of the current group of young leaders have given up their time to help organise and facilitate a number of events, including *Battle of the Bands 2008* and the *2009 Youth Art Expo*.

The YCG's yearly commitment has now come to an end, with a graduation ceremony held on 20 May.

Group members have reflected on their time as part of the YCG.

Here's what they have learnt, achieved and where they plan to take their skills in the future.

What we have learnt

Over the last 12 months we have learnt how to work as a team and how to compromise to come to an agreement. We have also learnt to communicate effectively with each other and with key stakeholders for each of our events. Time management and the importance of planning have been important skills for us as a group.

We have received Event Management Training (Monash Short Courses), Occupational Health and Safety Training (Glen Eira City Council) and leadership training from Council's Youth Workers.



Bree Jolliffe and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: Les O'Rourke



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside with members of the YCG (from left to right: Samantha Redwood, James Fitzsimmons, Alice Cardwell, Natasha Abrahams, Olivia Moss, Bree Jolliffe, Ogi Jovanovic and Marika McKinlay).

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

What we have achieved

The YCG has run two successful and new events for young people in Glen Eira. *Battle of the Bands 2008* saw eight bands play and more than 300 people support the event on the night.

Our second, smaller event, the *Youth Art Expo*, was also a new event for Glen Eira. We had 53 entries in the *Art Expo* competition from five local secondary schools.

We think one of the biggest successes for us is that the people who attended our events enjoyed themselves as much as we did. We hope that through our hard work we have created strong networks within the community that will ensure the longevity of youth events in Glen Eira.

Where we plan to take our skills in the future

Some of the practical skills we have learnt such as time management and organisation have come in handy for those of us studying — especially the Year 12 students.

Some of us are considering event management as a career choice. However, we now have the skills to plan and run our own events, which we will use in other clubs we are apart of, at work and at school.

The new YCG for 2009–2010 has already started planning some great events.

For further information on the YCG and how to become a member, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963.

Alcohol and teens in sport

Research indicates that alcohol is widely used by teenagers, with around 73 per cent of Australian teenagers having tried alcohol at least once.

Glen Eira City Council will be presenting an information session for parents with teenagers to highlight the health risks of alcohol to teenagers and alcohol's relationship with sporting culture.

Wednesday 29 July
7pm to 8.30pm
EE Gunn Reserve, Malane Street, Ormond

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Please RSVP by Friday 24 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Am I safe enough?

When your child is preparing to go out with friends the furthest thing from their mind is the potential for things to go wrong. Having a safety plan of what to do if they end up in a potentially dangerous situation can prepare them to recognise, assess and avoid any possible danger.

Having open and honest communication with your child is important when preparing a safety plan.

Things to include in your safety plan

- Make sure your child's mobile phone is fully charged so that they are able to use it in an emergency.
- Know who they are going out with and contact other parents to confirm information if needed.
- Discuss where they are going and how they intend to get home. Organise a meeting spot and pick up time or pre-book a taxi to pick them up.

- Before leaving the house, make sure they have money available if a taxi is needed. Reinforce the importance of having this with them and not spending it on other things during the night out.
- If they need to leave a situation or place, plan in advance who they will call — you, another parent/guardian or a taxi — and make sure they have access to all phone numbers.
- Talk about safety in numbers to minimise time alone. Encourage your child to stay with a group of friends who they know they can trust and talk to if something goes wrong.
- Talk to your child about peer pressure. Let them know it is okay to say no when they do not want to do something.
- Let them know you will call or message them during the night to make sure they are safe and having fun.

Cycling in Glen Eira

The \$115 million Victorian *Cycling Strategy* has been released by the State Government.

The *Strategy* identifies the need for further investigation of two areas: from Elsternwick to the Gardiners Creek trail and from North Brighton to St Kilda East.

Unfortunately the *Strategy* has not provided any funding for cycling infrastructure within Glen Eira in 2009–2010.

As a result, Council officers have been liaising with VicRoads, the Department of Transport and Bicycle Victoria to examine opportunities to obtain State Government funding of bicycle infrastructure projects for Glen Eira.

Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy

Council is in the process of updating the *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy* which was adopted in 2000. Council will

be consulting with the community regarding the *Strategy* which is scheduled for completion in 2010.

The new *Strategy* will ensure that the bicycle routes meet current standards and provide cyclists with the best possible bicycle facilities.

Improving safety for cyclists

Council officers are continually looking for opportunities to improve safety and access for cyclists in Glen Eira.

Exclusive bicycle lanes will soon be installed on the approach to, and within the new roundabout constructed at the intersection of McKinnon Road and Thomas Street, McKinnon.

The bicycle lanes will not only be linemarked, but they will be treated with a green textured surface to clearly delineate between the general traffic lane and the bicycle lane.



Winter is a great time to rug up, get active and see the sights of Glen Eira.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Meeting place for Mallanbool Reserve

Mallanbool Reserve in Murrumbeena now has a 'meeting place' that celebrates the Kulin (Aboriginal) people who were the original inhabitants of Glen Eira.

The completion of these works coincided with *National Reconciliation Week*, which was held from 27 May to 3 June.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said visitors are able to sit and relax in the meeting place and reflect on the contribution of the Kulin people.

"Mallanbool Reserve is Glen Eira's most recent park and has an impressive cultural and botanical interpretive trail that allows visitors to learn about the Kulin people," Ms Smith said.

"The trail takes people on a journey through the Kulin or the 'local mob's' way of life, which included harvesting plants, fishing and hunting.

"The interpretive trail's botanical element outlines the native plant life that was abundant prior to European settlement and the variety of ways the Kulin people used the plants — from camouflage for hunting to medicinal purposes."

Ms Smith said Mallanbool Reserve is a unique place in Glen Eira as it showcases a natural heritage landscape.

"Mallanbool Reserve has a dry landscape, also known as a xeriscape, and relies entirely on natural rainfall," Ms Smith said.

"The indigenous plants found in the park are the result of a revegetation program Council completed a number of years ago."



Visitors are able to sit and relax in the meeting place and reflect on the contribution of the Kulin people.

Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

Walking in Glen Eira

Winter is a great time to rug up, get active and see the sights of Glen Eira.

According to research, just 30 minutes of exercise a day will help maintain a healthy lifestyle.

To help kick start your winter exercise campaign, Glen Eira City Council has produced a set of *Walking in Glen Eira* brochures.

The brochures cover nine self-guided walks across the municipality, as well as walking tips and tricks.

The walks are generally about five or six kilometres long and incorporate some of Glen Eira's most popular parks, reserves and heritage sites,

including Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick, the Rosstown Rail Trail and Mallanbool Reserve, Carnegie.

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

The brochures are also full of interesting facts about the municipality such as what the McKinnon Hotel was formerly known as, who the suburb of Bentleigh was named after, who was the first person to be buried in the Brighton Cemetery and where the first AV Jennings housing estate was built.

To obtain your free set of *Walking in Glen Eira* brochures, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2009

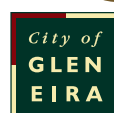


These immunisations should be given as soon as a child has their fourth birthday. Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children during 2009.

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 8 August
9.30am–11.30am**

Bentleigh Bayside
Community Health Service
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East



Glen Eira City Council

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

New look for Bentleigh Library

Planned works for Bentleigh Library will commence in late August or early September.

The planned renovations will provide a much improved facility, better suited to the operation of one of Glen Eira City Council's most popular libraries.

The entrance to the building will be upgraded and a range of interior improvements will be completed, including a better layout, improved lighting, additional seating and study facilities.

The new layout will offer a larger, brighter children's area which will

provide a better space for programs such as *Storytime*.

Upgrading of the car park is well underway and will provide improved access to the library and the adjacent shopping precinct. The changes to the car park will include new landscaping, better public lighting and improved safety and traffic flow, for both vehicles and pedestrians.

To maintain library services while the works are being carried out, Council will provide a temporary facility adjacent to the building.



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Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Do we have your email address?

If you want to take advantage of a number of new services at Glen Eira City Council's libraries, be sure to take some time on your next visit to inform staff of your email address.

The reminder service via email sends a prompt to you three days before your library item is due to be returned. You can also choose to receive regular email updates of new items added to the library catalogue. There is also a handy 'forgot your PIN' email service.

Library members can also provide their email details online by completing the email field on the *Personal details* page under *My account*. You will be required to enter your membership number and PIN number to access your personal details online.

If you do not have a PIN, please inform a staff member at any of the library branches.

A wide range of other online services is available. Library members can check the status of their requests, write a review and place a reservation on a book or other item that is out on loan.

There is also a multi-reservation search which helps students identify and reserve useful titles to help them with their assignments.

To make use of the email services, and to go into the draw to win a book bundle packed full of terrific reading, provide library staff with your email address by Friday 31 July.

Children's Book Week

Glen Eira City Council's libraries are once again gearing up for *Children's Book Week*.



Book Safari is the theme for Children's Book Week.

To be held from 22 to 28 August, special events have been planned for schools and families to celebrate Australian books, authors and illustrators and to highlight the importance of reading for children and young adults.

Children's Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia and this year will celebrate its 64th birthday.

Each year, the Children's Book Council of Australia presents awards in five categories:

- *Book of the Year: Older Readers;*
- *Book of the Year: Younger Readers;*
- *Book of the Year: Early Childhood;*
- *Picture Book of the Year;* and
- *The Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.*

The winning books will be announced on Friday 21 August.

To find out more about the shortlisted titles, visit one of Council's four libraries.

Ahoy me mateys

11 July at 2pm
Carnegie Library
7 Shepparson Avenue,
Carnegie

Find your sea legs and join in the fun at *Saturday Shakers* for rollicking stories about pirate adventures and the high seas.



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 held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm.

No bookings are required.

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Literacy for life

Glen Eira City Council in partnership with Bendigo Bank (Murrumbena Community Bank) will be presenting this information session for parents/guardians, grandparents and early years professionals.

It is widely accepted that literacy starts at infancy and that parents are a child's first literacy teachers.

This interactive session will explore literacy development, the importance of play and creative strategies to engage children.

Presenter: Early Childhood Consultant, Louise Dorrat
Tuesday 14 July
7.30pm to 9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)
Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
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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