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Glen Eira — cleaner, greener and safer



Tree planting at Caulfield Park: Tony Sinclair from Turf Renovation Australia, Council's Contracts and Special Projects Co-ordinator Andrew Barden and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Glen Eira City Council's 2009–10 Annual Budget focuses on making the municipality a cleaner, greener and safer place to live.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the budget delivers on what the community indicated during the consultation process for Glen Eira's *Community Plan* as high priorities, including dumped rubbish and graffiti.

"Council's hard rubbish collection service has been changed from monthly to on-demand," Cr Whiteside said.

"A new graffiti clean up service for private property and commercial property is also being introduced, as well as funding for a graffiti education campaign.

"The new service will begin with a total clean up of all graffiti across the municipality."

Cr Whiteside said an acceleration of efforts to reduce energy consumption, reduce emissions and increase sustainability was also flagged by the community as a priority.

"Council's retro-fitting of energy-saving measures and the

conversion of sportsgrounds to warm season grasses have both been doubled in this year's budget and Council's use of green energy tripled," Cr Whiteside said.

"Funding has also been allocated for the installation of water tanks and the planting of hundreds more trees."

Cr Whiteside said the community also wants safer roads and better transport options.

"As a result, funding for more traffic lights, roundabouts, speed cushions and other safety treatments have been included in the budget," Cr Whiteside said.

"Resources have also been increased to lobby other levels of government about public transport."

Renewing community assets and facilities continues to be a high priority. Council has allocated \$37.63 million — the equivalent to \$638 per property — for new capital works projects this financial year (\$25.43 million in 2008–09).

Cr Whiteside said \$14 million has been budgeted in 2009–10 for the construction of the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC).

"The majority of the money we spend on GESAC in this budget will be the money provided to us by the Federal Government which has given the project full support and the maximum allowable funding of \$10 million," Cr Whiteside said.

"GESAC will cater for the needs of toddlers learning to swim, teenagers, lap swimmers, netballers, people needing rehabilitation and every member of the community who wants to keep fit and well.

"The budget also allows for increased funding for meals-on-wheels, recycling, library books and many other community services."

Cr Whiteside said while Council is delivering on the community's priorities, we also need to have regard to the community's capacity to pay.

"Local Government collects three percent of all the taxes in Australia and we aim to give the residents of Glen Eira good value for their money," Cr Whiteside said.

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New garden mulch storage facility



Residents can access the facility for free seven days a week.

Photo: Frank Romania.

The construction of a new garden mulch storage facility at Glen Huntly Park is complete.

The facility is enclosed on three sides, with a weatherproof shadesail roof over the top.

Residents can access the facility for free seven days a week, however Glen Eira City Council cannot guarantee continuous supply of mulch due to seasonal demands.

The new facility replaces the old mulch storage area at Caulfield Park.

The garden mulch is from street and park tree prunings that have been shredded through Council's mobile wood-chipping machine.

It makes for a great mulch, but people need to be aware it is untreated and cannot be guaranteed to be free from pests, disease or other contaminants.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said the combination of drought and water restrictions has taken its toll on plants and trees across the municipality.

"Mulching plants and trees helps retains moisture and reduces evaporation from soil by as much as 70 per cent," Mr Unwin said.

"A good layer of mulch of at least 75 millimetres thick also discourages weed growth and prevents erosion."

Access to the facility is via the Glen Huntly Park car park. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Mayor's column



Glen Eira will be cleaner, greener, safer and better as a result of *Council's 2009 –10 Annual Budget*.

Council has allocated \$37.63 million for new capital works projects this financial year.

Funds will be spent on improving recreation and leisure facilities; drainage infrastructure; upgrading footpaths and roads, reinvigorating shopping areas; constructing new public facilities; and increasing the safety and effectiveness of current community amenities.

Much of the City's infrastructure and many community facilities need considerable investment to either upgrade and repair or replace. Upgrading and repairing is more economical than replacing in the future.

Maintaining these facilities and assets over the long-term is one of Council's most important responsibilities.

Volunteers and residents who have contributed to the City of Glen Eira were thanked for their efforts and invited to Town Hall in July for a civic cocktail reception.

Fellow Councillors and I welcomed the opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions made by so many in our community.

Included were residents from diverse clubs and organisations who were acknowledged on the evening.

Council's libraries are gearing up for *Children's Book Week*.

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

The love of books and reading at an early age gives a child a great start in life. Details can be found on page 13.

Council's *Winter Music Series* concludes this month, with Australia's leading klezmer band *Klezmania* performing on 9 August and gypsy jazz ensemble *The Great Chefs of Europe* on 23 August. Tickets can be pre-purchased or are available at the door.

I recently enjoyed a barbecue with the Greek Senior Citizens Group who meets at the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens Centre every Wednesday. Thank you again to this active group.

Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the October 2009 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 2 September for delivery 6–7 October.

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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Sustainable Water Use Plan developed

A valuable water management and conservation tool to guide Glen Eira City Council's operations and advice to the community has been developed.

The *Sustainable Water Use Plan 2009* (SWUP), which forms part of Council's *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2008*, identifies where Council uses water and how much water is used.

The *Plan* also identifies actions for Council to reduce its water consumption and effectively work with the community to assist others to improve their own water management.

Council has already undertaken numerous actions to reduce water consumption, including:

- the installation of automatic, subsurface drip irrigation systems for sportsgrounds;
- the installation of six large water tanks;

- the installation of water efficient fixtures in all Council managed buildings; and
- the resurfacing of 11 sportsgrounds with warm season grasses.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the impact of climate change, lower than average rainfall and increasing water scarcity highlight the need for Council and the broader community to better manage water conservation.

"This *Plan* identifies that low rainfall and water shortages are likely to be a major challenge in the way that Council manages its water consumption in the future," Cr Whiteside said.

"Council's total water consumption in the baseline measurement year of 2000 was 311 million litres, with most of this water used for Council's parks and reserves.

"Council is now working towards reducing its annual mains water consumption to no more than 75 per cent of the amount used in 2000."

Cr Whiteside said the reductions will largely be achieved by the implementation of the *SWUP Action Plan* and the introduction of a number of water saving measures in open space and irrigation systems.

"Future proposed actions include a rolling program to upgrade sportsgrounds with warm season grasses; options for irrigation systems audit for priority upgrades; and continued education programs, which will assist in achieving the target," Cr Whiteside said.

For a copy of the *Plan*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. The *Plan* is also available from Council's four library branches.

A community Councillor



Council's citizenship ceremony: Moshe Ferder, Dan Ferder, Ilanit Gigi and Cr Lipshutz.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

From one leafy suburb to another, Camden Ward Councillor Michael Lipshutz grew up in North Balwyn.

Now residing in Caulfield, he was educated at Deepdene Primary School in North Balwyn before moving to Mount Scopus Memorial in Burwood when he was in Grade Four.

"I then went on to study Law at the University of Melbourne from 1970 to 1973 and then completed my Articles," Michael said.

Married with four sons, Michael has been practising law since 1975 and specialises in family law and commercial litigation.

Community involvement

Since his university days, Michael has been involved with the community, in particular the Jewish community.

He has held many positions, from President of Melbourne University's Jewish Student Society (1970–1973), Maccabi Victoria Board Member (1998–2001), President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (2003–05) and Chairman Anti Defamation Commission (2005–2007).

"To date, I am involved with the Zionist Council of Victoria and the Zionist Federation of Australia," Michael said.

Running for Council

Now serving his second term on Council, Michael said he decided to run again because there was still a great deal of unfinished business which he still wanted to complete. He was supported in this by his wife and family without whom it would have been impossible to achieve.

"I was not ready to leave Council as there was still work to be done and I had so much more to contribute," Michael said.

"As Chair of Council's Pools Steering Committee, I wanted to see the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) come to fruition.

"I also wanted to do more regarding the beautification of Glen Eira and would like to see more canopy trees and leafy streets."

When Michael's term comes to an end in 2012, he would not only like to see more of Council's *Street Tree Strategy* implemented, but he would like the wording of local laws to be user-friendly and written in plain English.

"I would also like to see the tension between the State Government and residents regarding planning issues resolved," Michael said.

Time to relax

In between work, community activity and Councillor duties, Michael enjoys going to the football with his sons to watch the Demons play.

He is also a regular visitor to his local gym and enjoys tennis and running.

"I also love to travel and have recently returned from a trip to Italy," Michael said.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with Michael, he can be contacted on 0400 832 270 or alternatively send an email to mlipshutz@gleneira.vic.gov.au or read his blog at <http://mlipshutz.blogspot.com>

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"Of our seven surrounding councils, Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is by far the lowest, our cumulative rate increases over the last five years are also the lowest and our investment in community facilities is the highest.

"We also offer one of the highest pensioner rate rebates of any council in Victoria."

Council would like to thank all residents who contributed to the budget process during public meetings.

All submissions and comments were considered when deciding the final budget.

Further information about Council's 2009–10 Annual Budget can be found on page eight and nine of this edition of the *Glen Eira News* or downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre funding announcement: Jennifer Huppert MLC, Cr Lipshutz and Federal Member for Hotham and Minister for Trade The Hon. Simon Crean MP.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Have your say on proposed Local Law 2009

Glen Eira City Council is inviting community views on its proposed Local Law 2009.

The proposed Local Law, which has been reviewed extensively by Council's Local Law Review Committee and external solicitors, will help Council meet its responsibilities to maintain a safe, pleasing, peaceful and healthy environment for the whole community.

The proposed Local Law makes a large number of changes to the existing *Local Law 2000*. Most of these changes are minor, but some are significant and comprise new provisions. Examples of these new provisions include Clause 422 — aerosol paint containers and Clause 330 — building site management.

The *Local Law 2000* will be revoked on the commencement of the proposed Local Law.

Copies of the proposed Local Law 2009 are available from Council's Service Centre and website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Formal advertisements calling for submissions will shortly be lodged, specifying the submission process and closing date. Community members will be invited to submit their written feedback to Council.

All submissions should be posted to:
Local Law submission
Chief Executive Officer
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
Caulfield South Vic 3162

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

Roundabout works complete

One of Glen Eira's most dangerous intersections just became much safer with the completion of a roundabout.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the notorious Thomas Street and McKinnon Road intersection in McKinnon had been identified as a blackspot.

"According to the *Glen Eira Road Safety Strategy*, the intersection has a history of casualty crashes," Cr Whiteside said.

"The construction of the roundabout will help improve road safety in the area."

Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police welcomed the completion.

"The installation of the roundabout will assist the police in Glen Eira and Bayside in decreasing our collision rate and improve the safety for all road users," Inspector Lewis said.

Bayside City Council Mayor Cr James Long said the completion of the roundabout was a win for the community.

"This intersection is now safer. It will reduce traffic congestion and allow traffic to move much better," Cr Long said.

Other works completed at the site of the new roundabout include the planting of three palm trees, concreting, linemarking and installation of new turf.

Exclusive bicycle lanes on the approach to, and within the roundabout, were also installed.

The project was undertaken on a shared basis between the two Councils. Glen Eira City Council and Bayside City Council each contributed more than \$200,000 towards the construction, while the Federal Government put forward \$180,000.



Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside at the site of the new roundabout.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Renovations completed at Centre Road Kindergarten

Renovations at Centre Road Kindergarten are now complete.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said the extension and refurbishment works will enhance all aspects of the kindergarten program.

"The new concrete ramp at the main entrance to the kindergarten will provide easy access for people with a disability," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The foyer area, staff office and storeroom have also been extended and upgraded, increasing available floor space by 75 per cent.

"As a result, there is now a larger drop-off and pick-up area and more storage space for children's bags and coats."

Kindergarten teacher Nicole Rose told the *Glen Eira News* everyone was excited about beginning a new chapter in the history of Centre Road Kindergarten.

"The extended foyer area is a much needed change," Ms Rose said.

"The children have a larger area to store their belongings and parents can now meet in comfort and wait while enjoying the digital display of their child engaging in the week's program."

Ms Jolliffe said the office and storeroom now have custom cabinets, a purpose-built desk and customised shelving.

"Staff and the committee now have adequate room to work and store a wide range of resources and equipment and to complete administrative tasks," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The increased office space will also allow room for the provision of a proper adult sized meeting table for staff and committee members."

Ms Rose said the new office is a huge improvement and staff can now meet with parents in a quiet and private environment.



Children from the Centre Road Kindergarten Seahorses Group check out the new concrete ramp.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Glen Eira News Photos



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

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





Parents sleep easier with new safety checklist for babies

Glen Eira parents — in particular first time parents — can now sleep easier thanks to a new *Safe Sleeping Checklist*.

The *Checklist* will assist parents in taking simple measures to ensure their baby sleeps safe and sound.

Copies of the *Checklist* will be made available by Glen Eira City Council's experienced Maternal and Child Health nurses during the initial home visit after mother and baby are discharged from hospital.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Ruth Hennell said a safe sleeping environment is important, especially during the first six months.

"One in every 4,000 births in Australia is affected by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) each year," Ms Hennell said.

"The *Checklist* will assist parents in making sure their child sleeps in a safe and secure environment, reducing the risk of SIDS.

"This includes keeping baby smoke free before and after birth; sleeping baby on its back with its face

and head uncovered; making sure blankets are firmly tucked in and the baby's feet touch the end of the cot; and removing all toys, pillows, bumpers and other soft bedding prior to placing your baby in its cot."

Ms Hennell said the position of the cot is also an important factor to consider when it comes to safe sleeping.

"Cots should not be placed near blind and curtain cords or heaters and other electrical appliances," Ms Hennell said.

The *Checklist*, which is an initiative of the State Government and was developed in partnership with SIDS and Kids Victoria, is part of a new state-wide Maternal and Child Health Key Ages and Stages framework.

The framework aims to improve the health, wellbeing, safety and development of children in 35 identified areas.

The Safe Sleeping Checklist will assist parents in taking simple measures to ensure their baby sleeps safe and sound. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

In Home Support employment information session

Would you like to make a difference in the community? Do you enjoy working with frail older people and people of all ages with disabilities? Are you looking for a friendly, diverse and rewarding career?

If this sounds like you, come along to Glen Eira City Council's In Home Support employment information session on Monday 14 September.

Two sessions will be held: 11am to 12.30pm in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall and 7pm to

8.30pm in the Boyd Room at Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

You will learn more about In Home Support roles including home care, personal care and respite care and Community Care staff will be present to answer your questions on the type of roles available, job requirements, current vacancies and Council's service philosophies.

If you are looking for a change or some flexibility in your work arrangements, then we have the career for you.

Applicants must be willing to undergo both a police check and a work based medical. A current driver's licence and vehicle is mandatory.

Places are limited. To register, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 by Friday 11 September.



Respite care: Support worker Garry and Tom.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

The social and emotional needs of young children

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

The session will examine ways that you can enhance children's self-esteem, facilitate social engagement and friendships with peers and provide opportunities for children to exercise autonomy.

Presenter: Early Childhood Consultant, Louise Porter

Tuesday 11 August

**7.30pm–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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GLEN EIRA ADULT LEARNING CENTRE INC.
Reg. No. A 13210Z ABN 56 245 390 101
Adult Education in the Community

419 North Rd Ormond, 3024

New Computer Classes

"Digital Technology 1"
BEGINNING Tuesday August 11: 1pm-4pm
Duration: 7 Weeks (excludes school holidays)

"Digital Technology 2"
BEGINNING Tuesday October 13: 1pm-3.30pm
Duration: 9 Weeks (excludes Melb. Cup holiday)

"Office Computer Skills"
BEGINNING Tuesday October 13: 9.30-12.00pm
Duration: 9 Weeks (excludes Melb. Cup holiday)

Other Available Day and Evening Computer Classes:

- Introduction to Windows
- Microsoft Word
- Internet and E-mail
- Intermediate Windows, Internet & E-Mail
- Creating and building upon Word Documents
- Publisher
- Excel
- Powerpoint

Please contact the centre on 9578 8996 to discuss your enrolment

Delivered Meals Service latest arrival

Say hello to the latest arrival at Glen Eira City Council's Delivered Meals Service.

A new, biodegradable meals container has been introduced by the Service, replacing the old aluminium container with a cardboard lid.

The innovative and creative product is made of waxed cardboard and has a clear film peel.

Council's Co-ordinator Delivered Meals Chris Wilson said the new containers are a lot cleaner and easier to manage, preventing unwanted spillage.

"The containers also have sealed compartments to prevent cross contamination of foods," Ms Wilson said.

Ms Wilson said the clear film peel is not plastic, but a specially designed product which is self-ventilating, allowing steam to escape without the need to pierce the top or remove the seal until after the heating of the meal.

"Unlike the old aluminium containers heated meals stay hotter longer as there is no loss of heat through the container," Ms Wilson said.

"The other advantage of this is that the containers are perfectly manageable to hold after heating."

Ms Wilson said since the introduction of the new containers in February, the Service has received a lot of positive feedback from clients.

"Our clients have said the new containers are not only easier to handle when removing them from an oven or microwave, but they are more attractive as they are able to see the meal through the clear film," Ms Wilson said.

For further information about delivered meals, accessing the service or becoming a volunteer, contact the Delivered Meals Service on 9576 9748.

The new containers are a lot cleaner and easier to manage.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Inclusive recreation respite program



Lawn bowls was just one of the many sports and activities sampled.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

An inclusive recreation respite program was held recently for young people with a disability.

Organised by Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with the City of Stonnington and Access Unlimited, more than 30 young people aged eight to 18 sampled a variety of different sports and activities including soccer, drama, lawn bowls, art, fitness and indoor sports and circus skills.

The next program will run during the September school holidays.

Council, the City of Stonnington and Access Unlimited would like to thank all the volunteers, Monash Sport, Chapel off Chapel, Caulfield Park Bowls Club, Prahran Neighbourhood House, Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club and the Orrong Romanis Recreation Centre.

For further information about participating or supporting more inclusive sporting opportunities, contact Access Unlimited on 8290 1185.

Yumi Supported Playgroups

Feeling anxious or depressed can happen to any mother during and after a pregnancy.

In Glen Eira there are services to support mums who may be experiencing emotional difficulties since the birth of their baby.

Yumi (which means beautiful) Supported Playgroups provide mothers with a space to be heard and supported in a relaxed environment.

Funded by the Pratt Foundation, the playgroups are run weekly during the school term for mothers with children up to six years.

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Project Officer and Playgroup Facilitator Sue van Wyk said the playgroups provide a place where mothers can meet other mums who understand what each other are experiencing.

"Some of the mothers who attend the playgroups have attended the Glen Eira Mothers Support (GEMS) Group," Ms van Wyk said.

"However, you don't need to participate in GEMS to attend. Any woman who is experiencing anxiety or depression is more than welcome."

Glen Eira City Council Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Ruth Hennell said many mothers experiencing emotional difficulties often feel isolated and prefer not to attend local playgroups.

"It's great that Council's Maternal and Child Health Service can now offer these mothers the option of a supported playgroup as an alternative," Ms Hennell said.

Yumi Supported Playgroups are held on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm at Caulfield Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield and Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm at Moongala Women's Community House, 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh East.

To register for Yumi Supported Playgroups, contact Sue van Wyk on 9575 5322 or email s.vanwyk@bbchs.org.au



Who makes you proud?



2009 Citizen of the Year winner Lenny Gross.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Nominations are now open for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year Awards*.

The Awards recognise the contributions of outstanding Glen Eira residents and community groups who, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

Nominees for *Citizen of the Year* and *Young Citizen of the Year* must be residents of Glen Eira.

To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year Award*, nominees must be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2009.

To be considered, community groups must be not-for-profit community based groups which consist of four or more members and operate within the municipality.

Nominations close Friday 18 September 2009.

Awards will be presented at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2010.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four libraries, Community Information Glen Eira and Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Seniors Festival celebrations will inspire

The *Victorian Seniors Festival 2009* promises to once again inspire residents with music, dance, fitness and culture.

The *Festival*, which is held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Friday 25 September to Sunday 11 October under the theme: *Be Inspired*.

A highlight of the *Festival* will be a free concert. To be held on 25 September, *Showstoppers* will feature wonderful music from film and stage.

Glen Eira City Council will also host an informative healthy living seminar, in conjunction with *Community Safety Week* and *Mental Health Week*.

Other Council and community events to be held during the *Festival* include walks, luncheons, concerts and open days.

Further information will be available in the September edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

To register interest in receiving a copy of the *Festival* program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

out and about



Opening of Jack Little exhibition: Jack Little and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.



Visit to Town Hall: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and members of the 1st Bentleigh Guides Group.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Civic cocktail reception: Cr Neil Pilling, Dominic Tesoriero from Glen Eira Tennis Club and Cr Frank Penhalluriack.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Capital investment – what's happening in the City



\$80,000 will be spent on minor playground upgrades. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Open space

For the 2009–10 year, \$1.62 million will be spent on open space projects, including:

- pool maintenance at Carnegie Swim Centre — \$210,000;
- park pathway lighting program — \$114,000;
- installation of timber posts and rail fencing for exclusion zone fencing (indigenous woodlands) — \$80,000;
- minor playground upgrades — \$80,000;
- replacement of aged infrastructure within parks (such as damaged seats, cables, drinking fountains and bins) — \$75,000;
- sportsground lighting — \$175,000;
- cricket net and cricket wicket upgrade/replacement/reconstruction program — \$244,000; and
- reconfiguration of Marlborough Reserve, Bentleigh East — \$75,000.

Environment

For the 2009–10 year, \$2.4 million will be spent on environmental projects, including:

- planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds — \$1.78 million (including Centenary Park Reserve, Bentleigh East; Koornang Park, Carnegie; Victory Park, Bentleigh; King George Reserve IV Memorial, Bentleigh East; and EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond — oval one reconstruction);

\$14 million will be spent on the construction of the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

- sustainability measures (including implementing water and energy conservation measures and managing Council's carbon footprint) — \$260,000;
- sustainable transport measures — \$110,000; and
- bicycle strategy implementation — \$100,000.

Buildings

For the 2009–10 year, \$18.18 million will be spent on building projects, including:

- Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre construction — \$14 million;
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve pavilion upgrade — \$700,000 for design and consulting work;
- Bentleigh Library upgrade — \$1.05 million;
- Public toilets renewal and upgrade — \$240,000;
- structural renewals — \$365,000;
- plant replacement — \$322,000;
- bathroom refurbishments — \$220,000;
- floor covering refurbishments — \$200,000;
- roof replacement — \$230,000;
- kitchen refurbishments — \$138,000; and
- Senior Citizens Centres' renewal and upgrade program — \$144,000

Roads

For the 2009–10 year, \$8.37 million will be spent on road projects, including:

- local roads reconstruction — \$4 million;
- footpaths — \$1.8 million;
- local roads resurfacing — \$600,000;
- intersection safety and traffic signals — \$961,000 (including the construction of a roundabout with exclusive bicycle lanes at McKinnon and Tucker Roads, McKinnon and the installation of traffic lights at Inkerman and Alexandra Streets, St Kilda East);
- car park renewal — \$300,000;
- right-of-ways — \$230,000;
- kerb and channel — \$130,000; and
- Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) renewal program — \$100,000.

Funding has also been allocated for the City's drains (\$3 million), shopping centre upgrades (\$500,000) and library books and materials (\$689,000).



\$1.78 million will be spent on planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



\$961,000 will be spent on intersection safety and traffic signals. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

2009–10 Budget at a glance

Rates and charges

Total rates and charges revenue in Glen Eira will increase by an estimated 6.5 per cent in 2009–10 compared to the previous financial year.

The residential waste and recycling charges will be:

- 240 litre bin \$151.20 (\$144 in 2008–09); and
- 120 litre bin \$138.40 (\$130.50 in 2008–09).

How we compare

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira's cost of day-to-day services is 19 per cent lower;
- Glen Eira's average rates and charges are estimated to be 14 per cent below the average; and
- Glen Eira has a large capital expenditure program.

What you pay

Average rates, plus the waste and recycling charge, will be \$1,129 per property in 2009–10. This is equivalent to \$22 per week:

- \$12 for capital works and maintenance;
- \$3 for waste and recycling; and
- \$7 for all other services and government charges.

Council pension rebate

To assist eligible pensioners, Council introduced the pensioner rebate in 2001. In 2009–10, this rebate remains at \$270.

Actual rates for an individual property depend on the value of that property.

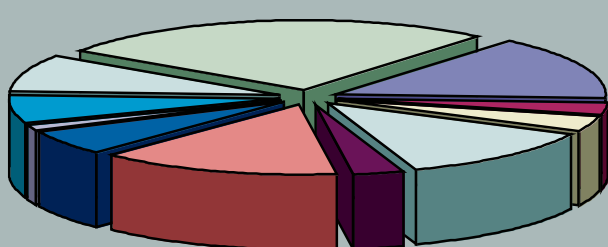


Ratepayers dollars at work



Photos: Bernie Bickerton, Sharon Walker — On Location Photography and David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Services that Council delivers for every \$100 of rate revenue



\$2.85	Fire Brigade Levy
\$3.78	Community Safety
\$12.46	Recycling and Waste
\$2.86	Town Planning
\$14.69	Parks and Recreation
\$5.75	Libraries
\$1.21	Cultural Services
\$6.58	Family and Children's Services
\$8.48	Services to the Aged
\$26.73	Capital Works Program
\$14.61	Footpaths, Roads, Drains and Building Maintenance

Please note: Figures include internal revenue and expense allocations and are calculated net of direct income items such as grants and fees and charges (excluding waste management).

Rates are a necessary part of community life. Revenue raised goes towards providing vital services and maintaining facilities for day-to-day living in Glen Eira.

Glen Eira City Council delivers, or pays for, the following services:

- Capital Works Program;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Footpaths, Roads, Drains and Building Maintenance;
- Recycling and Waste;
- Family and Children's Services;
- Libraries;
- Town Planning;
- Fire Brigade Levy;
- Community Safety (street lighting, school crossings, traffic engineering, environmental health, building control and local laws);
- Cultural Services; and
- Services to the Aged.

On average, each household would pay \$1,129 in 2009–10 for rates and waste management services — the equivalent of just \$22 per week.

That's about the same as the average home phone bill or tax on the average week's petrol.

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.

Brighton Floral Art Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 1pm at St Leonard's Uniting Church Hall, corner New Street and Wolseley Grove, Brighton. New members welcome. Contact Elizabeth Terrell: 9885 7036 or Carmen Doyle: 9557 5810.

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.

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.

The Bentleigh East Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am 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.

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.

Connections presents a New Beginnings Group on Tuesday afternoons from 28 July to 15 September. The eight week group is for women who have experienced being put down or abused in relationships either as adults or children. Sessions are free and will be held from 1pm to 3pm at Connections Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor from 1pm to 3pm. Contact Robyn or Berna: 9521 5666.

Murrumbeena Bowls Club is seeking new members to join for the forthcoming summer season. Come and see what the sport of bowls has to offer. Contact Michael: 9569 4969.

The Elsternwick Club will have social bowls (and introductory bowls lessons for those interested) every Sunday morning throughout September from 10.30am to 12.30pm at 19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick. Contact John Boorn: 95783692 or email: bowls@elsternwickclub.com.au

EVENTS

The Climate Action Group in Glen Eira will be hosting a public meeting on the *Science and Solutions of Climate Change* on 6 August from 7pm to 9pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Guest speakers include Professor David Karoly (Melbourne University) Andrew Lucas and Glen Eira City Council Deputy Mayor Cr Steven Tang.

Twilight Chamber Music at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick, will be held on 16 August at 6.30pm. Sally-Anne Russell (mezzo-soprano), Paul McMahon (tenor), Paul McMillan (viola) and Darryl Coote (piano) will perform. Cost is \$35 or \$20 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851 or www.teamofpianists.com.au

Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents *A Horse! A Horse!* on 25 August at 8pm (preview session. All tickets \$12), 26 August at 8pm, 27 August at 8pm, 28 August at 8pm, 29 August at 2pm and 30 August at 2pm. Shows will be held at National Trust Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, North Caulfield. Tickets cost \$15 or \$12 for concession cardholders and trust members. Contact: 9690 1593.

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

COMMUNITY

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

Year of the Blood Donor 2009 needs 160,000 new donors to improve the lives of others. It only takes around an hour of your time and one donation can save three lives. Contact: 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 3 August and Monday
7 September 10am–11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)**
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,
Caulfield

Tuesday 4 August and Tuesday
1 September 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 11 August and Tuesday
8 September 9.30am–10.30am

**Bentleigh Bayside Community
Health Centre**
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 22 August and Saturday
19 September 9am–11am

Wednesday 19 August and Wednesday
16 September 5.45pm–7.15pm

Thursday 27 August and Thursday
24 September 6pm–8pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 17 August and Monday
14 September 10am–11am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child
Health Centre**
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,
Glen Huntly

Wednesday 26 August and
Wednesday 23 September
9.30am–11am

**Carnegie Library and
Community Centre**
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 12 August and
Wednesday 9 September
1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm



Glen Eira – 更加清潔，更加環保，更加安全

Glen Eira 市政府的《2009 - 10年度財政預算》重點在於將本市政區建設成為更加清潔、更加環保和更加安全的居住地。

財政預算將社區在《社區計劃》協商過程中提出的事項列為工作重點，其中包括亂倒垃圾和塗鴉。

市政府的硬垃圾收倒服務從每月一次改為按要求提供。

市政府還將推出一項為私家和商業物業提供清除塗鴉的新服務，並撥出資金開展塗鴉教育運動。

新服務以清除整個市政區的塗鴉為開端。

被社區視為重要事項的方面有：更加努力地減少能源消耗、降低氣體排放和增強可持續性等等。

今年的財政預算中，市政府在節能設備補裝措施和體育場草坪改種暖季草上的預算增加了一倍，而市政府所使用的綠色能源增加了三倍。

市政府還撥款安裝蓄水罐和栽種數百棵樹木等項目。

社區還要求得到更加安全的道路和更好的交通選擇。

因此，財政預算中還包括安裝更多的交通燈、路口轉盤、限速墊和其他安全裝置。

另外預算還增加了資源，用於在公共交通問題上遊說各級政府。

2009 - 10年度將撥出一千四百萬澳元用於建造 Glen Eira 體育和水上運動中心 (GESAC)。

財政預算還增加了送飯上門、廢品回收、圖書館書籍以及許多其他社區服務的撥款。

欲知詳情，請查閱網站：www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira – πιο καθαρό, πιο πράσινο και πιο ασφαλές

Ο Ετήσιος Προϋπολογισμός 2009 – 10 του Δήμου Glen Eira επικεντρώνεται στο να κάνει το δήμο ένα πιο καθαρό, πιο πράσινο και πιο ασφαλή τόπο διαβίωσης.

Ο προϋπολογισμός υλοποιεί αυτά που εξέφρασε η κοινότητα στη διαδικασία διαβούλευσης για το Κοινοτικό Σχέδιο Glen Eira ως πράγματα υψηλής προτεραιότητας, περιλαμβανομένου του προβλήματος των πεταμένων σκουπιδιών και γκραφίτι.

Η υπηρεσία αποκομιδής μεγάλων σκουπιδιών άλλαξε από μηνιαία αποκομιδή σε αποκομιδή κατόπιν αιτήματος.

Θα εφαρμοστεί επίσης μια νέα υπηρεσία καθαρισμού γκραφίτι για ιδιωτικά και εμπορικά ακίνητα, καθώς και χρηματοδότηση για μια ενημερωτική εκστρατεία για το γκραφίτι.

Η νέα υπηρεσία θα ξεκινήσει με γενικό καθαρισμό όλων των γκραφίτι σε ολόκληρο το δήμο.

Μια επιτάχυνση των προσπάθειών για μείωση της ενεργειακής κατανάλωσης, μείωση των εκπομπών και αύξηση της βιωσιμότητας επισημάνθηκε επίσης ως προτεραιότητα απ’ την κοινότητα.

Οι δαπάνες του Δήμου για αναδρομική εγκατάσταση μέτρων εξοικονόμησης ενέργειας και η μετατροπή του χορτοτάπητα των γηπέδων σε χορτάρι θερμών εποχών έχουν αμφότερα διπλασιαστεί στο φετινό προϋπολογισμό και η χρήση πράσινης ενέργειας απ’ το Δήμο τριπλασιάστηκε.

Ανατέθηκαν επίσης κονδύλια για την εγκατάσταση δεξαμενών βρόχινου νερού και φύτευση εκατοντάδων περισσότερων δέντρων.

Η κοινότητα επιθυμεί επίσης ασφαλέστερους δρόμους και καλύτερες συγκοινωνιακές επιλογές.

Ως αποτέλεσμα, ο νέος προϋπολογισμός περιλαμβάνει χρηματοδότηση για περισσότερους φωτεινούς σηματοδότες, κυκλικές διασταυρώσεις, ‘σαμαράκια’ για την ταχύτητα και άλλα μέτρα.

Αυξήθηκαν επίσης πόροι για την πίεση άλλων βαθμίδων της κυβέρνησης σχετικά με τη δημόσια συγκοινωνία.

Δεκατέσσερα εκατομμύρια δολάρια καταχωρήθηκαν στον προϋπολογισμό 2009 – 10 για την κατασκευή του Αθλητικού και Κολυμβητικού Κέντρου Glen Eira (GESAC).

Ο προϋπολογισμός αφήνει επίσης περιθώρια για αυξημένη χρηματοδότηση της υπηρεσίας διανομής γευμάτων, ανακύκλωση, βιβλία βιβλιοθήκης και πολλές άλλες κοινοτικές υπηρεσίες.

Περισσότερες πληροφορίες: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira – più pulizia, più verde e più sicurezza

Il Bilancio Preventivo stabilito dal Comune di Glen Eira per l’anno 2009 – 10 mira a trasformare la municipalità in un luogo di residenza più pulito, più verde e più sicuro.

Il bilancio viene incontro a quelle che la comunità ha indicato come maggiori priorità, assieme all’eliminazione dei rifiuti e dei graffiti, durante il procedimento di consultazione tenuto dal comune di Glen Eira per la realizzazione del Piano Comunitario.

Il servizio comunale di prelievo rifiuti solidi ha subito una variazione passando da servizio mensile a servizio a richiesta dell’utente.

Si sta anche introducendo, sia per le proprietà private che per quelle commerciali, un nuovo servizio di pulitura graffiti affiancato da sovvenzionamento per una campagna educativa al riguardo.

Il nuovo servizio avrà inizio con una totale azione di pulizia di tutti i graffiti esistenti nella municipalità.

Un’altra priorità indicata dalle consultazioni comunitarie consiste nell’accelerare l’impegno alla riduzione del consumo energetico, alla riduzione delle emissioni ed all’incremento della sostenibilità.

Nel bilancio di quest’anno il Consiglio ha raddoppiato i provvedimenti presi a riguardo del risparmio energetico e della conversione di campi sportivi in prati per la bella stagione, mentre l’utilizzo di energia verde da parte del Comune è stato triplicato.

Sono stati anche predisposti fondi per l’istallazione di serbatoi d’acqua e l’incremento del numero di alberi precedentemente piantati.

La comunità chiede anche strade più sicure e migliori alternative di trasporto pubblico.

Come risultato si sono incluse nel bilancio sovvenzioni per incrementare il numero dei semafori, dei rondò spartitraffico, dei dossi rallentatraffico e di altri mezzi di sicurezza.

Si sono anche incrementate le risorse destinate ad esercitare pressione su diversi livelli del governo con riferimento ai trasporti pubblici.

Nel bilancio 2009 – 10 sono stati anche preventivati quattordici milioni di dollari per la costruzione del centro sportivo e acquatico di Glen Eira (GESAC).

Il bilancio preventivo prevede inoltre un incremento di fondi per il sovvenzionamento dei pasti a domicilio, del riciclaggio, delle biblioteche comunali e di molti altri servizi comunitari.

Per ulteriori informazioni visitare il sito: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira – чище, зеленее, безопаснее

В бюджете муниципалитета Glen Eira на 2009 – 2010 финансовый год особое внимание уделяется чистоте, озеленению и безопасности.

Бюджет построен с учетом приоритетов, выявленных в ходе общественных консультаций и включенных в План общественного развития Glen Eira – таких, как граффити и уборка мусора.

Режим сбора небытовых отходов в муниципалитете был изменен: вместо ежемесячного, сбор этих отходов будет теперь осуществляться по требованию.

Организуется новая служба удаления граффити с частной и коммерческой недвижимости, а также выделяются средства на образовательную кампанию по поводу граффити.

Новая служба начинает удаление всех граффити в муниципалитете.

В ходе общественных консультаций была также отмечена важность снижения уровней потребления энергии, вредных выбросов и обеспечения устойчивости развития.

В бюджете в два раза увеличен объем средств на внедрение энергосберегающих мер и технологий, и на перевод спортивных площадок на специальные травяные покрытия для жаркого времени года.

Кроме того, средства были выделены на установку баков для воды и посадку сотен новых деревьев.

Среди общественных приоритетов также были отмечено улучшение транспорта и безопасности на дорогах.

Дополнительные средства поэтому были выделены на светофоры, участки кругового движения, ограничители скорости и другие меры безопасности.

Также были увеличены ресурсы для лоббирования в интересах развития общественного транспорта на других уровнях системы государственного управления.

14 миллионов долларов направляется в 2009 – 2010 на строительство Дворца водных видов спорта Glen Eira (GESAC).

В бюджете также предусмотрено финансирование службы доставки готовой еды на дом, утилизации отходов, библиотек и других муниципальных служб.

Дополнительная информация: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



The secret of happy children

A funny and moving session about the basics of parenting with a loving, warm and yet firm approach — helping children to understand their emotions and become better at living empowered and confident lives.

Psychologist and Parent Educator Steve Biddulph will present this session for parents/guardians and grandparents.

Wednesday 19 August

7.30pm to 9pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$25 Playgroup Victoria members and \$30 non members

Advance bookings essential. Tickets available from Playgroup Victoria only. To book, phone 1800 171 882 ext 140 weekdays, 9am to 3pm or visit www.playgroup.org.au to download booking form. Credit card, cheque or money order payment accepted. Booking fee applies.

Playgroup Victoria regrets that babies and children cannot be accommodated at this talk.



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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	Where
Local Law 2009	Comments and submissions	Formal advertisements calling for submissions will shortly be lodged, specifying the submission process and closing date.	Local Law submission Chief Executive Officer Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Environment	Community forum	Thursday 23 July

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

Satisfaction with library services

A recent customer satisfaction survey conducted by Glen Eira City Council has found 95 per cent of library members are satisfied with Council's library services — two per cent more than last year.

Two hundred library members participated in the telephone survey, with 85 per cent of people rating the libraries as either excellent or good.

In 2009, staff assistance with enquiries and the size and range of collections were the most positive aspects of the library service. Other areas where the library is performing well are providing access to computers and the internet, the good range of CDs and DVDs and providing excellent and outstanding services.

Location is the key factor for visiting any of the libraries. Carnegie Library is most popular for its collections and range of books, comfortable surroundings and facilities and amenities, followed by Bentleigh Library.

According to library members surveyed, the most important uses of their libraries are as a place to look for materials to borrow, a place to locate specific information, access to educational tools and support and use of collections. This year, there has been a noticeable increase in those who visit the library to browse or search for material to borrow, indicating the increasing importance of the library collections and lending facilities to residents.

Ninety nine per cent of people surveyed said they borrow library materials when they are at the library, with 88 per cent visiting a library at least once per month.

The majority of people using the library component of Council's website access it from their home. People using the website are mainly searching the catalogue, renewing library items, and finding out library hours. Other key uses are viewing their borrowing records, placing an online reservation and using the free online databases.

Points highlighted for future consideration include expanding the range and number of new releases in books and other materials and reviewing loan procedures.

Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the survey.

Special school activities

Glen Eira City Council's libraries have once again developed an exceptional free program for local primary schools during *Children's Book Week*.

Students from across Glen Eira will this year have the opportunity to meet UK based illustrator, Mike Spoor; Author of the popular *The Pearl of Tiger Bay* and *The Garden of Empress Cassia*, Gabrielle Wang; and Author of *Ringle Tingle Tiger*, Mark Austin. In these interactive sessions, the speakers will discuss creative writing, storytelling and illustration, the elements of book design and the challenges in having a book published.

Work to begin on Bentleigh Library

Work on the refurbishment of Bentleigh Library will start later in the month. Library services in Bentleigh will continue from a temporary facility located next to the current library building. Opening hours will remain the same and customers will be able to access a range of library items and use PCs to access the internet. Residents will be advised of more details in the lead up to the changes.

Community Information Glen Eira Inc Annual General Meeting

Community Information Glen Eira Inc will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 August.

Commencing at 12.30pm with a light lunch, the meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn and Roads, Caulfield.

A staff member from Financial Counselling (Vic) Cheltenham Office will address the meeting.

If you would like to attend, contact 9571 7644 by Thursday 20 August.

On Safari for Children's Book Week

Glen Eira City Council's library branches are inviting you to join in the following activities to celebrate *Children's Book Week*.

Eira's Book Safari

Join *Eira's Book Safari* for the chance to win a great prize. Collect your *Book Safari* card next time you are in the library. Borrow three items or more, have your Safari card stamped and on the third visit fill in your details. You will then go into the draw to win a Safari Book Bag full of books, DVDs and fun activities.

Eira's Book Safari is open to library members up to 17 years, with one Safari Book Bag prize to be won in each age group — zero to four years, five to eight years, nine to 12 years and 13 to 17 years. Children can enter as many times as they like.

Eira's Book Safari closes on Sunday 4 October.

Saturday shakers — Book Safari

8 August

2pm

Carnegie Library

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Be part of the *Book Safari* and share stories for *Children's Book Week*.

Saturday shakers — sharing stories is a fun and interactive storytime program suitable for children eight years and younger, promoting the love of books and reading. Often following a special theme, the free 45 minute sessions are held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm.

No bookings are required.



Nobody Owns the Moon

Sunday 16 August

2pm to 2.45pm

Glen Eira Town Hall

Auditorium, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (enter from Glen Eira Road)

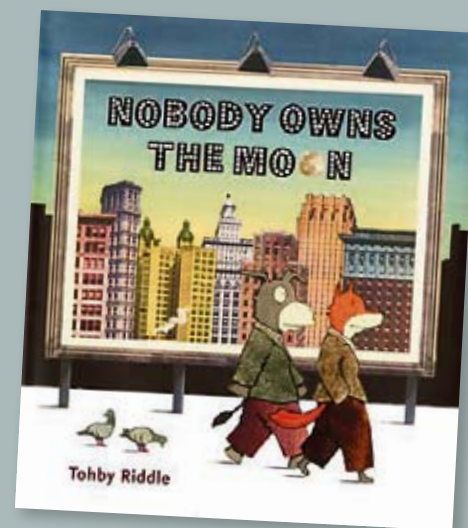
Celebrate *Children's Book Week* at this special event.

Nobody Owns the Moon, which has been shortlisted for this year's *Picture Book of the Year* award, is a delightful show based on the book of the same title.

Clive Prendergast is a fox with a regular job and a place to call home. His friend Humphrey is a struggling donkey with no fixed address. Life in the city is a mixed bag for these two, but a special blue envelope is about to change everything — at least for one night.

Set in a bustling big city, *Nobody Owns the Moon* is a whimsical story about friendship and belonging.

This is a free event and no bookings are required.



Book Week Storytimes

Join in one of our *Children's Book Week Storytime* sessions between 24 and 28 August. These *Storytime* sessions will feature books nominated for *Book of the Year — Early Childhood*. For session times, phone 9524 3623 or go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Australian Poetry Slam '09 kicks off at Caulfield

Sunday 13 September

Registrations from 3pm

Slam-off commences at 3.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall Theatrette, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Calling all poets for the first Victorian heat of the *Australian Poetry Slam '09*, the Australia-wide competition for emerging performance poets.

Here is a great chance to share your poetry with an enthusiastic audience. *Poetry Slam* contestants are given a microphone and just two minutes to make an impression with their original spoken word acts. No props or music are allowed. There will be elimination

rounds, with the last poet standing winning \$100 plus the honour of being Glen Eira's first *Slam* winner.

The winner and runner up will move on to the state final at the State Library of Victoria in mid-November. The best two Victorian slamming poets will then battle it out at the Sydney Opera House for the coveted *Australian Poetry Slam '09* title and a \$5,000 cash prize.

If you are not a budding poet you can still enjoy the fun of a poetry slam by being a part of the audience for this free event. Judges will be selected at random from the audience.

For further information, visit slv.vic.gov.au/goto/poetryslam or search Facebook or Twitter for AustPoetrySlam.



youth news



Battle of the Bands 2008 winner The Lukas Vassey. Photo: Madi Saylor.

We want you — and your band

Are you aged between 12 and 25 and living or attending school in Glen Eira? Are you currently a member of a band? Do you think your band could be the next big thing?

Following the success of *Battle of the Bands 2008*, Youth Services and the Youth Consultative Group (YCG) will again be hosting *Battle of the Bands 2009* in December.

This year's *Battle of the Bands* will prove to be bigger and better than last year. We are calling for all interested youth bands to submit their demo CD for a chance to battle it out amongst their peers for ultimate band supremacy.

Punk, alternate, rock, pop or metal. Whatever your genre, we are looking for you.

Closing date for all demo submissions is Friday 2 October.

For further information on how to submit your demo CD, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963.

Empower program

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services has developed an innovative new empowerment program.

Empower is suited for young women aged 13 to 18 who want to build on their social skills, with a variety of activities, in a fun and safe peer-supported setting.

The program is designed to develop confidence and self-esteem.

Empower will run for eight weeks with activities and information sessions on a range of topics, including:

- personal budgeting;
- healthy cooking;
- consumer rights;
- mobile phone usage; and
- health and wellbeing.

Guest speakers will also be invited to address the group.

Empower will commence on 8 October and will be held on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm at the Youth Information Centre.

For further information about *Empower*, or to register your interest, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963.

Youth Services calling for expressions of interest for new program

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is establishing a program to impart musical skills and knowledge to young people aged 12 to 25.

The aim of this program is to provide a space where bands can rehearse to fine tune their musicianship and performance skills.

The program will also provide young people with the opportunity to learn and develop skills around recording, mixing and engineering music.

Youth Services is seeking expressions of interest from young people that would benefit from such a program.

The program will be run from the Youth Information Centre and students will learn the basics of sound, acoustics and general recording principles.

To register your interest or for further information, contact Damien Landini on 9579 7963.



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Parent information night

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will be hosting a free parent information night

The night is a chance to hear and learn from one of Australia's leading clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller.

Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families.

Andrew's presentations are highly informative and entertaining. He brings a unique style

that will engage you and teach comprehensive strategies parents can use from day to day with children of all ages.

Wednesday 2 September

7.30pm–9pm

Glen Eira Town Hall Theatrette, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

To register your interest, contact Youth Services on 9579 7963 or visit the Youth Information Centre at 202A East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Winter Music Series

The 2009 Glen Eira City Council *Winter Music Series* concludes this month with two great concerts. Book your tickets early to save money and avoid disappointment!

Klezmania

Sunday 9 August

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
2.30pm**

Klezmania is regarded as Australia's leading klezmer band and performs dynamic instrumentals and songs in Yiddish and English. With energy and passion, *Klezmania* play everything from romantic ballads and whirling frenetic traditional dance tunes to foot tapping jazzy songs from the diverse cultures of old world of Rumania, the Balkans, Turkey and the Ukraine to the USA and Australia with their own spirited original music.



The Great Chefs of Europe.

The Great Chefs of Europe

Sunday 23 August

**Glen Eira Town Hall Theatre
2.30pm**

The Great Chefs of Europe make you feel as though you've just entered a hip Parisian basement club. They perform a sumptuous repertoire of gypsy jazz, flamenco inspired originals, east European melodies and a repertoire full of classic gems and contemporary Latin grooves. Book now. Sell out expected.

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



Klezmania.

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

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



Greg Allen — Long Day, watercolour, 88 x 90cms.

Twenty Melbourne Painters

Opens 6pm Tuesday 4 August and continues to Sunday 16 August

Glen Eira City Council Gallery is the ideal place to house the 91st

Annual Twenty Melbourne Painters Society Inc. exhibition.

The exhibition highlights the singular and combined talents of this unique and carefully selected group of realist painters whose aesthetic remains firmly grounded in the classical rigor of tone, form, colour and drawing as vital prerequisites of fine painting.

Artists featured in the exhibition include Angela Abbott, Greg Allen, June Barnett, Bill Caldwell, Margaret Cowling, John

Dudley, Jacqueline Fowler, Amanda Hyatt, Barbara McCullum, Lee Machelak, Paul McDonald Smith, Ross Paterson, Herman Pekel, Clive Sinclair, Peter Smales, David K Taylor, Judith Wills, Maxwell Wilks and Joseph Zbukvic.

B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit Jewish Youth Art Competition

Opens Wednesday 19 August and continues to Sunday 30 August

The B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit's Jewish Youth Art Competition aims to develop and enhance the artistic abilities of youth between 11 and 18 years.

This important annual exhibition showcases the innovation and talent of art by Jewish youth, including

painting, drawing, multi-media and sculpture.

Prizes will be awarded for the best works in three categories in three age groups. In addition, there will be a prize for overall best and best Jewish theme. The most promising young artist will also be awarded a \$2,000 grant to further their education.

Director of the Jewish Museum of Australia Dr Helen Light will officially open the exhibition on Sunday 23 August at 2.30pm.

Highlights — Glen Eira City Council's Art Collection

Opens Thursday 20 August and continues to Sunday 30 August.

Here is an opportunity to see some of the treasures in Council's art collection, including ceramics, paintings, works on paper and sculpture.



Ross Paterson — Dookie, oil, 69 x 91cms.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network meeting

Time: 7pm–9pm

Date: Thursday 20 August

Where: Glen Eira City Council, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Monday 17 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

One woman's story

One of Australia's most successful and inspiring young entrepreneurs will present at Glen Eira City Council's upcoming Women's Business Network meeting.

Editorial Director and Publisher of *Real Weddings* and *Real Weddings Style* magazines Kirsten MacKelden is an award-winning speaker who possesses a dynamic combination of creativity, business skills and experience.

With Kristen's commitment to better work-life balance for her staff members, as well as valuing her own need for mentors, personal growth and time with her husband and daughters, Kirsten is an example of the new breed of business success stories.

Kirsten will share the valuable lessons she has learnt during her career on how to create a well-balanced, successful business and life.

Frustrated by the Australian bridal magazine market, Kirsten launched *Real Weddings* magazine in 2002 — the first magazine in the world dedicated to showcasing beautiful and stylish real wedding stories.

In 2006, her company, Indigo Media Group, was named by *BRW Magazine* as 'one of the fastest growing young Companies in Australia.'

In 2007–08, *Real Weddings* magazine was named *Magazine of the Year* at the prestigious *Publisher's Australia Bell Awards*.

Kirsten was a finalist in the Ernst & Young *Entrepreneur of the Year Awards* in 2008 and was recently named *Victorian Business Owner of the Year* at the *Telstra Business Women's Awards*.



Kirsten MacKelden.

Grow your business – successful grants and tenders

When: Thursday 3 September

Time: 9.30am–4.30pm

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

Cost: \$40

RSVP: Thursday 27 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. There are limited positions available.

To be presented by Margaret Aspin from Aspin Group, this full day workshop is designed to help small business develop winning tenders and grant proposals.

Who should attend?

- managers and decision makers;
- grant and submission writers within organisations who have not yet reached expert level; and
- administrators who will work on submissions.

Customised program

The workshop is customised, keeping in mind the needs of the individuals in the group.

This means we take grants and other documents of real relevance to the participants and work on them together. The program includes some theory, case studies and hands-on activities.

The following topics will be covered:

Section one: Grant basics, tender basics and cold proposals

- understanding the difference between grants and other types of funding, including Expression of Interest (EOI), proposals, panels, cold submissions and limited tenders, government and non-government tenders;
- reading the grant/tender and making a decision about going for it or not;
- use of wording in grants/tenders and what they really mean;
- sections of grants/tenders; and
- documents and evidence required.

Section two: Preparation, lodgement and following up a grant submission and tenders

- preparing the elevator or clear summary;
- discussions with the funding body prior to writing the grant submission;
- the submission planning timetable;
- the convincing argument and convincing approaches:
 - building on past experiences within the organisation;
 - use of research data;
 - support from other organisations;
 - purchasing earlier successful models and enhancing;
 - purchasing experience from experts and other organisations;
 - what to quote and when; and
 - using charts, graphs and other visual materials to convince.
- The grant/tender submission project action plan:
 - timelines and milestones; and
 - what to set in concrete and what to leave flexible.
- capacity statements:
 - what to add and what to leave out.
- bios and role statements:
 - size and thrust of bios;
- risk plans;
- the budget:
 - static and flexible budgets;
 - itemised budgets;
 - cost issues;
 - core and elective budget components; and
 - dollar-for-dollar, in-kind and other shared budgets.
- value for money statement:
 - what can be considered value for money.
- Formatting and editing:
 - assisting the short-listing panel to read and understand your submission.
 - lodging a submission:
 - electronic lodgements;
 - document inclusions;
 - following up;
 - covering letters; and
 - letters of support.
- feedback processes:
 - learning from the experience.

Section three: Preparation for distinct types of bids

- preparation of individual organisation bids;
- preparation of consortium bids:
 - lead agent responsibilities;
 - contractual management and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
 - budget management; and
 - project management by non-lead agent organisation.
- preparation of cold bids which can lead to a grant:
 - targeting the right funding body;
 - finding the right person to meet;
 - preparing the elevator;
 - getting the meeting;
 - pitching the concept and behaviour during the meeting;
 - closing the meeting on a positive note; and
 - what to send to the funding body after the meeting and other follow up issues.

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



Drip irrigation and bird baths being installed prior to planting bird attracting plants at the new aviary garden. Photo: Andrew Barden.

Birds galore at Caulfield Park

Birds and residents will be the big winners from a new garden in Caulfield Park.

The aviary garden is located on the Inkerman Road side and replaces the old caged aviary that was on this site.

The new gardens will be a must visit area for residents to watch the bird-attracting plants grow and develop, as well as the gradual appearance of birds as their habitats develop.

The aviary garden area will include:

- pathways;
- landscaping;

- interpretive signage;
- lighting;
- an automated toilet; and
- a picnic shelter, barbecue and seating.

The garden is situated adjacent to the playground and will no doubt be a popular place for children to visit and catch a glimpse of birds in the wild.

Over the years as the site develops, the aviary garden will become a defining landmark at Caulfield Park.

It will help residents see a wide variety of birds in their natural habitat. Make sure you take the time to enjoy this new feature of Glen Eira.

Walk for fun

Glen Eira residents are fortunate to have some great walking paths across the City catering to the needs of all. Lengths of pathways and surfaces vary, providing something for everyone.

Walking for exercise and enjoyment is one of Victoria's most popular forms of exercise.

It's inexpensive and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

Walking is a great way to unwind and relax while at the same time stay fit and healthy.

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena; Centenary Park, Bentleigh East; Caulfield Park, Caulfield North; and Murrumbeena Park, Murrumbeena all have granitic sand pathways that provide a popular surface for joggers and walkers.

These tracks are perimeter tracks that are often used by people wanting to maintain their fitness levels.

The lengths of the perimeter tracks are as follows:

- Caulfield Park — 2,182 metres;
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve — 1,200 metres;
- Centenary Park — 687 metres; and
- Murrumbeena Park — 784 metres.

Please note: All distances are approximate measurements.

There are some great all-weather paths across the City that are constructed of concrete or asphalt.

These shared pathways are wide enough to cater for both cyclists and pedestrians.

They are also well used by older adults who prefer firmer surfaces and people in wheelchairs.

Parks with all-weather pathways include:

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh;
- Princes Park, Caulfield South;
- King George VI Reserve, Bentleigh East;
- Allnutt Park, McKinnon;
- Packer Park, Carnegie;
- Mallanbool Reserve, Murrumbeena; and
- Boyd Park, Murrumbeena.

Council also has shared pathways along the Frankston Railway line between Glen Huntly Station and Bentleigh Station.

The off-road pathway linking Princes Park to EE Gunn Reserve, which includes pedestrian lights at Booran Road, is also popular with residents.

So why not take the opportunity to walk along one of Council's many and varied pathways this August and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.



Coaches from 10 local sporting clubs attended the workshop.

Photo: Paul Holtschke.

Inclusive coaching workshop success

Twenty coaches from 10 local sporting clubs recently attended an inclusive coaching workshop.

Glen Eira City Council hosted the two hour session which was facilitated by Darren Cunningham.

The evening provided an opportunity for local coaches to be introduced to the concepts and principles around coaching and supporting a person with a disability.

The session also gave the opportunity for coaches to workshop ideas, learn better ways to communicate and to understand that when it comes to coaching people with a disability, the principles of coaching remain the same.

Christine O'Keefe from the Bentleigh Junior Football club was impressed with the quality of the session.

"I have learnt to focus on the ability and interest of the person, rather than on what they can't do," Christine said.

"It's more about thinking outside the square and realising when it comes to

coaching a person with a disability, their disability is irrelevant — the coaching principles remain the same."

If your club was unable to attend the session and would like further information or would like to attend future workshops, contact Paul Holtschke at Access Unlimited on 8290 1185 or email pholtsch@stonnington.vic.gov.au



Walking can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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