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GESAC construction approved



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd Chairman Peter Hansen.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Glen Eira City Council has unanimously awarded the construction contract to build the first stage of the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC).

The contract sum is \$36,028,465.72. After allowing for Commonwealth funding of \$10 million and State funding to date of \$2.5 million, the construction cost to Council is approximately \$24 million.

The successful contractor, Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd, has built many major facilities, including the \$37 million Cranbourne Recreation and Aquatic Centre which opened earlier this year.

Construction is expected to start in October 2009 with GESAC opening for the summer of 2011–12.

The first stage includes a 50 metre outdoor pool, indoor 25 metre pool, learn-to-swim pool, warm water program pool, two water slides, large gym, wellness facilities, crèche, traffic lights on East Boundary Road and parking.

Council made a submission to the State Government in April 2009 for

a contribution towards the indoor courts. The Government has yet to make a decision on the request.

If the decision is favourable, Council will immediately exercise an option under the current contract to include the construction of the indoor courts for the sum of \$5,188,574.00.

Council will make its decision after the State Government has made its decision.

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Council has until October 2010 if it wants to have the indoor courts included as part of the current contract.

However, because the facility will take nearly two years to build, the tendered price to include the indoor courts later was the same as to include them from the start.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said that the facility would provide something for everyone for decades to come.

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

Chair of the Pools Steering Committee Cr Michael Lipshutz was pleased with the outcome.

"By undertaking this project when the economy is down, and by convincing the Federal and State Governments to join in partnership with us, Council will provide the Glen Eira community with an outstanding facility for about two-thirds of what it would normally cost ratepayers," Cr Lipshutz said.

Cr Whiteside paid tribute to the partnership with the Commonwealth and State Governments which have made the project possible.

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Create a Kids' Book

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Ormond
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Workshop
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www.createakidsbook.com.au

Stories, Pictures and Reality: Two children tell (Routledge 2007)

Students awarded for outstanding achievement

Students from 10 local secondary schools have received Glen Eira City Council's *Student Achievement Award*.

Students from the following schools were presented with a framed certificate and a \$40 book voucher:

- Adass Israel School, Elsternwick;
- Beth Rivkah Ladies College, St Kilda East;
- Caulfield Grammar School, St Kilda East;
- Glen Eira College, Caulfield;
- Kilvington Girls' Grammar, Ormond;
- McKinnon Secondary College, McKinnon;
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh;
- Shelford Girls' Grammar, Caulfield;
- St James College, Bentleigh East; and
- Wesley College, Elsternwick Campus.

The Award was developed to recognise and encourage outstanding

achievement by students attending secondary schools in Glen Eira.

Principals were invited to select students who had demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership skills and/or role model behaviour for other students and the community in one or more of the following areas:

- community service;
- academia;
- arts and culture;
- sport and recreation;
- education; and
- environment, science and innovation.

Schools were also invited to nominate a school finalist who was rewarded with an additional book voucher, valued at \$100.

The finalist was also entered in Council's *Young Citizen of the Year Awards*, which will be announced at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2010.

Mayor's column



November is the month in which we remember those who died or suffered in war and conflict.

On a personal note, I remember my dear father who fought in the war as a young man. For five long years he fought in different parts of the world to ensure this wonderful country of ours remains safe and free for future generations.

Remembrance Day will be held on 11 November and I am honoured to have been invited to local RSL Sub-Branch services. Details are on page seven.

Glen Eira students were recently recognised for their outstanding achievement.

I had the pleasure in presenting Council's *Student Achievement Award* to students from Caulfield Grammar, Kilvington Girls' Grammar and Shelford Girls' Grammar.

Further information about the Award can be found on this page.

On 15 November I will be attending the anniversary celebration for Katandra School — formerly Ormond Special School — and the following weekend I will be a guest at the Caulfield RSL Sub-Branch President's dinner.

Carnegie Swim Centre is now open for the season and will remain open until March 2010.

Significant works have been progressing to ensure this facility is in good working order for the community in the coming months.

A variety of events for the whole family will be held during the season so be sure to keep your eyes open for dates and times.

Finally, I would like to remind residents about changes to Victoria's road safety rules.

The new rules have been agreed to by all Australian transport ministers and will form part of Victoria's road safety strategy, *arrive alive 2008–2017*.

The rules will cover a number of areas, including child restraints, seatbelts and mobile phones.

I encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with these rules which come into effect from 9 November.

For further information visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (December 2009) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 4 November for delivery 1–2 December.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the February 2010 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 January for delivery 2–3 February (TBC).

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,
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Ecologically Sustainable Design slashes energy and water use at GESAC

Glen Eira City Council will implement a number of Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) features into its new state-of-the-art sports and aquatic centre.

With aquatic facilities being huge consumers of water and energy, the focus has been on including those elements which address these issues as a priority, as well as producing the most cost-effective benefits for the investment dollar.

In order to deliver these features, ESD engineers were included in the design team and were charged with developing an ESD strategy for the entire Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC).

Council committed to spend between four and five per cent of its construction budget on implementing the most cost effective ESD features which deliver good environmental benefits.

As a result of these features, Council expects to save around 286 megalitres of water and avoid producing 82,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases over a 25 year period.

The main ESD features which have been incorporated include the following:

Water saving measures

- harvesting rain water for supplementing mains water supply to the swimming pools;
- treating and reusing grey water for toilet flushing and irrigation;
- water recycling by retaining and treating pool backwash water for irrigation — the available water can be used on and off site without

depletion of the existing bore water system which has the potential to become a scarce commodity;

- introduction of pool blankets to minimise evaporation and heat loss; and
- use of high, water-efficient fixtures and fittings.

Energy saving measures

- introduction of heat transfer systems between airconditioning exhausts and air supply ducts by use of heat exchangers;
- solar assisted heating of domestic hot water (showers etc.);
- integration of a building management system for the effective and continual monitoring and control of variable speed plant and equipment;
- introduction of daylight sensors and glazing selection for effective control of solar radiation in the form of building heat gain and loss and lighting during daylight hours;
- incorporation of quality glazing and insulation to achieve a balance between natural solar gain and building energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- provision of motorised baffles to western glazing to achieve a balance between natural solar gains and building energy efficiency;
- energy-efficient ducted heating, cooling and ventilation systems with natural bypass systems to minimise energy consumption when outside air temperatures permit; and
- energy-efficient electrical and lighting fixtures and fittings, including a lighting management system.

The energy and water saving measures implemented at this new state-of-the-art facility will also slash energy and water costs.

At current rates, Council expects to save around \$550,000 in water costs and between \$2,550,000 and \$2,750,000 in energy costs over a 25 year period.

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"We are particularly grateful to our local Federal Member The Hon. Simon Crean MP for the \$10 million Commonwealth funding," Cr Whiteside said.

"The State Government has contributed \$2.5 million under the *Better Pools Program*.

"Basketball and netball are major growth sports and are worthy of State support.

"We look forward to a favourable response to our request in April 2009 for State Government funding towards the indoor courts."

Tucker Ward Councillors Jamie Hyams and Jim Magee said that GESAC would provide first class recreation facilities in Bentleigh East for all residents of Glen Eira, including schools, seniors and clubs.

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.



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 14 November
9.30am–11.30am

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Monday 30 November
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



Glen Eira City Council

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

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CEO's column



The State Government will contribute \$300,000 towards the refurbishment of Bentleigh Library.

The announcement was made by Minister for Local Government

Richard Wynne whilst visiting the construction site on Friday 9 October.

The \$300,000 grant is part of the State Government's \$3.63 million 2009 *Living Libraries Program*.

Each month, Bentleigh Library receives 19,000 visits and 40,000 books are borrowed.

The refurbishment is an important step in ensuring it continues to function effectively into the future.

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

The works, which are expected to be completed in nine months, include:

- upgrading the entrance to the library;
- improved lighting;
- additional seating and study facilities;
- new shelving for better collection access; and
- an improved layout, which will offer a larger, brighter children's area which will provide a better space for programs — such as *Storytime*, which hundreds of children attend every month.

Council is delighted to be working in partnership with the State Government and we thank it for its support.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Minister for Local Government Richard Wynne.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Intersections programmed for automatic pedestrian phasing

Traffic signals at the intersection of Kooyong and Inkerman Roads, Caulfield North and Orrong and Alma Roads, St Kilda East have recently been programmed for automatic pedestrian phasing.

On the Sabbath and holy days, automatic pedestrian phasing is now provided for every traffic cycle instead of a person needing to push the button.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the two intersections, which are Council owned and maintained, are controlled from the VicRoads Traffic Control Centre.

"VicRoads programmes the dates required for automatic pedestrian phasing and uploads this information to the signal control boxes at the required intersections," Cr Whiteside said.

"This will allow for residents to cross safely at the intersection, while at the same time abide by their religious beliefs."

VicRoads is responsible for another 13 intersections in which traffic signals have also been programmed for automatic pedestrian phasing.

- Nepean Highway and Thomas Street/Marriage Street, Brighton East;
- Glen Eira and Bamba Roads, Caulfield;
- Glenhuntly and Bamba Roads, Caulfield South;
- Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield South;
- Balacava and Orrong Roads, St Kilda East;
- Glen Eira and Kooyong Roads, Caulfield South;



President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria John Searle, Inspector Margaret Lewis from Caulfield Police and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside test out the new automated pedestrian signals on the corner of Kooyong and Inkerman Roads, Caulfield North.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

- Glen Eira and Orrong Roads, Elsternwick;
- Balacava Road near Labassa Grove, St Kilda East;
- Balacava Road near Empress Street, St Kilda East;
- Hotham Street and Glen Eira Road, Ripponlea;
- Hotham Street and Balacava Road, Caulfield North;
- Hotham Street and Alma Road, Caulfield North; and
- Hotham Street and Inkerman Road, Caulfield North.

Working together

President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria John Searle said he was delighted to see the project

completed.

"The project is a wonderful example of the co-operation that exists between our community, Victoria Police and Council," Mr Searle said.

"This is a great result that will help ensure the safety of Jewish pedestrians."

Inspector Margaret Lewis said Caulfield Police are making a real difference for Glen Eira residents, thanks to the excellent communication and relationships they have with Council.

"We liaise and interact constantly with Council to solve issues around public safety and continue to achieve great results in decreasing crime," Inspector Lewis said.

"The completion of this project will improve safety for all residents."

\$460,000 in recreation projects completed



A new rotunda was constructed near the barbecue area at Packer Park, Carnegie. Photo: Sally Brown.

A \$460,000 grant from the Commonwealth Government's *Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program* has assisted Glen Eira City Council in completing a number

of recreation projects across the municipality.

The grant is part of a \$250 million pool allocated by the Government to all Australian councils in late 2008.

The following projects were completed by the 30 September 2009 deadline:

- the installation of 45,000 litre water storage tanks in Harleston Park, Caulfield North and Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick;
- the installation of two water tanks at Caulfield Park;
- new shade sails over the playgrounds at Dega Street Reserve, Bentleigh; Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick; and Moorleigh Village, Bentleigh East;
- a new rotunda near the barbecue area at Packer Park, Carnegie;
- all-abilities walking trails at Lord Reserve, Carnegie and Mackie Reserve, Bentleigh East; and
- new exercise equipment at EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond.

2008–09 Annual Report available

Glen Eira City Council's 2008–09 Annual Report is now available.

Each year, Council produces an annual report to provide the community, stakeholders and staff with information about how it has performed against the objectives set out in the *Community Plan*.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said in 2008–09, Council made good progress in meeting the strategic objectives and actions outlined in our *Community Plan*.

"Council welcomes the opportunity to present open, accurate and transparent information on Council's operational, financial, environmental and social performance," Mr Newton said.

"Community members are encouraged to take an interest in the 2008–09 Annual Report, as it is a snapshot of

Council's achievements and challenges faced over the year."

2008–09 Highlights

- Achieved 100 per cent of the approved capital investment program — 78 per cent was spent on renewal and upgrade, versus 22 per cent on new assets.
- Received a Commonwealth grant of \$10 million for the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) and called for tenders for construction.
- Doubled our conversion of sportsgrounds to warm season grasses in order to mitigate the impact of climate change on community recreation.
- Council's four children's centres and seven maternal and child health centres are now powered with 100 per cent green energy.
- Bentleigh East was voted Melbourne's most liveable suburb by a special *Herald Sun* panel.
- Delivered Council's *Residents' Handbook* to 56,626 households, providing information on all Council services and facilities.
- Completed 15,872 maternal and child health key ages and stages assessments — surpassing our target by 1,872 assessments.
- Opened the 100 seat Community Room in Caulfield Park Pavilion and took bookings nine months ahead.
- Received no appeals for failure to determine town planning applications in 60 days.
- Achieved an adjusted operating surplus of \$5.6 million against a target of \$5.2 million.

- Lost no capital during the global economic crisis and Council remains a high investing, low cost council, which has low municipal rates.
- Nationally recognised at the 2008 Australian HR Awards winning *The Capital Monitor Award for Employer of Choice (public sector)*.
- Achieved an 85 per cent satisfaction rating in the independently measured *Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey 2009*.

To obtain a copy of Council's 2008–09 Annual Report, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Become part of our Family Day Care team



Council's Family Day Care Scheme offers the Glen Eira community a quality childcare service in a home setting.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

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 36 registered Family Day Care careproviders from across the municipality, but more are needed.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Kathryn Bergroth 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 Bergroth 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."

Ms Bergroth said careproviders are able to set their own fees that reflect the service they provide.

"Another benefit of being a careproviders is that you will be strongly supported by Council's qualified early childhood professionals and provided with regular professional development training," Ms Bergroth said.

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.

Glen Eira City Council's Family Day Care scheme is registered with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

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

New Councillor for Tucker Ward

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside has welcomed Oscar C Lobo JP as the new Councillor for Tucker Ward.

Cr Lobo, who was sworn in at a Council meeting last month, replaces Cr Nick Staikos, who resigned from Council in September.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to all Bentleigh and Bentleigh East residents," Cr Lobo said.

"I am overwhelmed that you have demonstrated trust in me. I hope to live up to your expectations.

"I am privileged to be amongst a group of experienced Councillors and hope to absorb their knowledge and learn the procedural and administrative routine from the CEO's office.

"I am a firm believer in community consultation. I will listen to the residents even though I may have a different personal opinion. This should not preclude you from stopping me when you see me or giving me a call.

"One thing that has worked for me in the past when taking up any issues is to see the end in the beginning. Therefore, if and when you have issues that you would like to talk to me about, please give a thought to this process. Every issue should end up as a win-win situation — this creates a great working relationship.



Cr Oscar C Lobo JP.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

"Australia, and Victoria in particular, is blessed with a multicultural community. Migration is a tough rite of passage and indeed receptiveness of the host community can make or break the experience new migrants receive from their adopted country.

"Tucker Ward is fortunate to have migrants in the composition of our community. Migrants are achievers and innovators. Leaving one's country is an act of courage and guts.

"In the words of the US President Barack Obama: *We all need to work together to make a union perfect.*

"I look forward to working with all residents."

A project of a different kind

A project of a different kind has commenced at Spurway Community.

Residents are participating in a weekly knitting group to complete a jacket for Rex, the 10-year-old white Maltese Shiatsu Cross who comes to work daily at the Murrumbidgee aged care facility.

It is very common to have pets in residential aged care facilities. They not only make wonderful companions, but they can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health and wellbeing.

Rex, who resides with Spurway's Care Manager, has been visiting up to 30 high-care residents each day since February this year; sitting quietly, keeping individual company or trotting around on a lead.

Spurway volunteer Janet, whose mother also resides at the facility, initiated the project for residents who were interested in rediscovering knitting.

"The ladies are really happy to be making a gift for Rex and look forward to the group each week," Janet said.

"They knit a row or two at their own pace, pass it around and admire their handywork."

"The knitting group is also working on a wall hanging which will be made of knitted squares."

The group will present Rex with his jacket in the coming months.



Residents are participating in a weekly knitting group to complete a jacket for Rex. Photo: Janet — a volunteer at Spurway Community.

out and about



Bentleigh Library funding announcement: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, Minister for Local Government Richard Wynne, Rob Hudson MP, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Jim Magee. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Opening of Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room: Caulfield RSL President John Decker, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Helen Shardey MP. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Opening of Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room: Cr Jim Magee, Jennifer Huppert MLC, Cr Jamie Hyams, David Newstead, Cr Michael Lipshutz, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, Bill McLaughlin, Cr Steven Tang and Cr Neil Pilling. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



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Residents asked to give trees a healthy start to life

Glen Eira City Council is asking residents to help more than 1,700 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season.

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

"Council conducts routine watering of new trees during spring and summer, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during these warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

"It can take around two years for a tree to really establish in its new location.

"Once established, the tree's root system will be strong enough to support it without additional watering.

"But to ensure that healthy start, the new street tree requires regular watering during its first year.

"Residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, twice a week during dry or warm periods.

"This water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the tree."

Mr Unwin said it was also important not to over water the new tree.

"Residents can check whether extra water is required by feeling the soil layer immediately below the mulch. If the soil is dry, more water is needed," Mr Unwin said.



Council is asking residents to help more than 1,700 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

A good time to water plants is early morning — water applied during the heat of the day is mostly wasted through evaporation.

Residents can also use their 'warm up' shower water, collected in a bucket when they shower, as a source

of water for the new tree — a great water saving practice.

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

News in brief

Weekly art workshops

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Arts Access, is hosting a series of weekly art workshops for people with a disability.

The two-hour workshops will give 15 participants from Marriott Support Services, Marillac, Scope and Moongala Community House the opportunity to learn about art, as well as sampling a variety of art styles, including ink, charcoal, textiles and pastels.

Some of the works completed during the workshops will be exhibited at Council's Gallery, with the official opening to be held on Tuesday 15 December.

The exhibition will raise awareness within the broader community about people living with a disability and showcase their achievements.

For further information, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.

International Day of People with a Disability

International Day of People with a Disability is part of a worldwide celebration that occurs on 3 December each year.

To celebrate this day, and showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with a disability, Glen Eira City Council will host

a barbecue lunch in the Bentleigh Rotunda, Centre Road in Bentleigh from 12pm–1pm.

Council staff and local traders will be attending, as well as local disability services.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.

Remembrance Day Services

Remembrance Day memorial services will be held at:

- Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL at the cenotaph at Warrawee Park, Oakleigh on 8 November at 11am;
- Bentleigh RSL at the cenotaph at Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve on 11 November at 10.30am; and
- Caulfield RSL, 4 Georges Road, Elsternwick on 11 November at 11am.

Street Beat Youth Festival

The Caulfield Police *Street Beat Youth Festival* will be held on Wednesday 25 November at Caulfield Racecourse.

To be held from 9am to 3pm, more than 3,000 primary and secondary school students are expected to attend.

The free *Festival* is a great opportunity for Glen Eira's youth to connect with their local police, emergency

services providers and local youth agencies.

The Pinnacle of Terror will entertain those watching and participating, as will a range of sporting activities, including football, rugby and basketball.

Mounted and Water Police will be attending and there will also be a car cut-out demonstration from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

For further information, contact Senior Constable Lisa Prince on 9556 6525 or 0414 181 517.

Vehicle Safety Check Day

RoadSafe Inner South East, in conjunction with Victoria Police and VicRoads, invites all Glen Eira residents to attend a free *Vehicle Safety Check Day* on Saturday 5 December.

To be held at Bunnings, 3–23 Nepean Highway, Mentone, from 9am to 1pm, drivers can have their car assessed by a motor vehicle expert.

Areas to be assessed include:

- seats and seatbelts;
- headlights;
- windscreen wipers;
- tyres; and
- brakes.

No bookings are required.

Safe food — smart and great value

Safe food — smart and great value is the theme for Food Safety Week 2009.

With Australians cooking and entertaining more at home, *Food Safety Week*, which will be held from 9 to 15 November, will focus on food safety in the home.

Smart shopping, value for money and safe storing and cooking of food will also be highlighted.

With a third of the 5.4 million cases of food poisoning reported in Australia annually thought to have originated from home, there are some basic techniques that can be applied to almost any type of food to help reduce the risk of food poisoning.

Shopping

- Buy from reputable suppliers with clean premises.
- Avoid spoiled foods, foods past their use-by date or foods in damaged containers or packaging.
- Buy chilled and frozen foods towards the end of your shopping trip.
- Hot chickens and other hot foods should also be purchased later in your trip and kept separate from cold food.
- Take chilled, frozen, or hot foods straight home in insulated containers.
- Once you arrive home, immediately transfer chilled and frozen food into your fridge and freezer.

Storing

- Cold food must be kept at 5°C or colder.
- Frozen food must be kept frozen solid at minus 15°C or colder.
- Thaw food in the fridge. Food that is thawing should be stored below and separate from cooked and ready to eat foods. This means that raw food cannot drip onto the cooked food.
- Divide large portions of food into small batches before thawing. Large portions take longer to thaw.



Cooking

- Use a thermometer to ensure food is cooked thoroughly — the centre of the food needs to reach 75°C.
- Cook poultry until the meat is white— there should be no pink flesh.
- Cook rolled or stuffed meats, mince, sausages and whole poultry until the juices run clear.
- Keep hot food at 60°C or hotter.

Cleaning

- Always wash hands with warm soapy water before and after handling food.
- Use dry, clean, sanitised cutting boards, utensils, containers and equipment and wash with hot soapy water between handling raw and cooked food.
- Clean and rinse cloths after each use. Replace frequently.

A passion for food safety

Inspecting food businesses, health and beauty premises and following up on noise complaints are just some of the duties Environmental Health Officer Kristy Taig undertakes on a daily basis.

Kristy joined Glen Eira City Council's Public Health team two years ago, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge, including a Bachelor of Public Health (Public and Environmental Health) and three years of experience in environmental health.

Kristy said one of the things she enjoys most about her role is that no two days are ever the same.

"One day I will be out inspecting a business as part of Council's *Five-Star Food Safety Program* and the next day I will be woken up in the middle of the night to attend an emergency," Kristy said.

Kristy has attended several emergencies, including the site of a car accident which recently occurred on Centre Road in Bentleigh.

"The car hit eight shops — six of these were food businesses," Kristy said.

"Upon arrival I assessed the scene to see what damage had occurred. I then had to seize and destroy food from the premises as it would have been unsafe for the public to eat."

Kristy said she then spent the rest of that day, the weekend and the beginning of the following week helping the shop owners get back on their feet.

"It was important to not only help these shop owners re-open their businesses as quickly as possible, but to ensure they were complying with food safety standards and that the quality of the food was safe to sell."

Kristy is passionate about what she does, especially when it comes to changes within the food industry.

She meets regularly with other councils to discuss issues relating to environmental health.

"I am also the convenor of Environmental Health Australia's (EHA) Public Health and Wellbeing Special Interest Group, which is overseeing current changes to the *Health Act*," Kristy said.

Kristy's hard work and dedication to the Group was acknowledged recently at the EHA State Conference.

"I was awarded the *Professional Encouragement Award* for my involvement with Environmental

Health Australia and developing practices to control infectious disease," Kristy said.

Kristy said although she has to deal with some difficult scenarios at times, such as enforcing legislation upon businesses that aren't complying with the law, the most rewarding part of her role is knowing that she has helped the community.

"At the end of the day, I can go home knowing I have potentially stopped someone from getting sick and that is a really good feeling," Kristy said.



No two days are ever the same for Council's Environmental Health Officer Kristy Taig.

Photo: Sally Brown.



Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids

Taste 4 Health and *Taste 4 Health Kids* are award-winning nutrition programs that promote local food businesses which offer healthy food choices and take responsibility for the health of their customers.

Both programs are based on the Australian Dietary Guidelines and encourage businesses to implement healthy initiatives which reduce fat, salt, refined sugar and increase fibre.

Participating in these programs does not mean that the food businesses need to remove certain foods from their menus.

It is simply about providing customers with the choice of a healthy alternatives. It may be as simple as offering wholemeal bread as well as white or changing the type of oil the food business uses.

Eating healthy food is an important way to prevent and manage health issues including obesity,

cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some types of cancer.

Each year the number of five-star food businesses participating in *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* increases — 66 businesses received awards in 2008.

Council's environmental health officers will be conducting *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* assessments of eligible food businesses in November 2009.

For further information about the *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* programs, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Council's Five-Star Safe Food Program

Under the provisions of the *Victorian Food Act*, Glen Eira City Council has a number of legislative responsibilities. These include:

- registering all local food establishments on an annual basis;
- inspecting all food establishments at least once each year and assessing business operations against National Food Safety Standards; and
- monitoring the safety of food sold within the municipality by taking food samples from food establishments and performing tests to determine the presence of bacteria that can cause food poisoning.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said during 2008–09 Council conducted a total of 1,594 food safety inspections of the 800 food businesses within the municipality and collected 390 food samples.

"Results indicated that more than 75 per cent of food samples taken from local food businesses complied with National Food Safety Standards," Mr Saunders said.

Council developed the *Five-Star Safe Food Program* in the mid-1990s and the program has been an integral part of how Council's Public Health Unit promotes and enforces food safety throughout Glen Eira.

This *Program* uses an innovative approach to enforcing the statutory provisions of the *Victorian Food Act*, by providing incentives for local food businesses that meet the food safety criteria listed below.

To achieve a five-star safe food rating, a food establishment must achieve a hygiene score of 90 per cent or above. The establishment must also:

- operate in accordance with a food safety program established for the business;



John Karboulahanous and Helen Kasimis from McKinnon Village Bakery, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Karen Rootsey and Jenni Wood from Caulfield Racecourse Tabaret.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- have a food safety supervisor trained in the required food safety competency standards who has the ability to oversee the business operations;
- pass a food hygiene questionnaire;
- pass all food sampling results and have no food seizures within a 12 month period;
- have no complaints within the previous 12 months;
- have no serious food risks identified during the food safety assessment; and
- have no unaddressed items from the previous year's food safety assessment.

Food businesses which successfully achieve a five-star rating receive a five-star food safety certificate to display; a reduction in registration fees; and free advertising in Council's *Safe Food Guide*.

The business which achieves the highest safe food rating goes on to be named *Shop of the Year* — announced at Council's annual *Food Business Awards* in April.

The evening is held to recognise the efforts of local food establishments in the areas of food safety, nutrition and disability access.

In 2009, McKinnon Village Bakery was named *Shop of the Year*. Caulfield Racecourse Tabaret was named *Shop of the Year Runner-up*.

These businesses achieved the highest and second highest food safety ratings when assessed by Council's environmental health officers.

Council officers regularly inspect poorer performing premises to ensure they are reaching National Food Safety Standards and not posing a public health risk.

If a business fails to comply with National Food Safety Standards, Council can issue the owner of the premises with a written direction. If the owner of the business fails to comply with a Council direction, Council may instigate legal proceedings in a Magistrate's Court.

For further information on Council's *Five-Star Safe Food Program*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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.

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 Lucy: 0412 501 198.

The Bentleigh East Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 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. 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.

Moorleigh Mens Probus Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Bentleigh East Sporting and Recreation Clubrooms, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9579 3352.

Ormond Senior Citizens, 2 Newham Grove, Ormond are seeking table tennis, billiard and snooker players. All welcome. Contact J Miles: 9578 5354.

Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens have cards, community singing, entertainers and bingo. Located at 27 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, new members are welcome.

Makor Library hosts free movie mornings on the third Monday of each month in the Beth Weizmann Auditorium, 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. Israeli and Jewish themed movies with english subtitles are shown. The next session will be held on 16 November from 10.30am–12.30pm. Transport is available to and from the library. RSVP essential. Contact: 9272 5611 or visit: www.makorlibrary.com

EVENTS

Hughesdale Art Group will host its 46th annual exhibition and sale of paintings on 3 November from 7.30pm at the Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. The exhibition will be open 4, 5 and 6 November from 10am–9pm and 7 November from 10am–3pm. All welcome. Contact Rudi: 9571 1204 or Marilyn: 9568 8396.

St Peter's Fete will be held on 14 November from 11am–7pm at St Peter's Primary School, 842 Centre Road, Bentleigh East. There will be rides, amusements, great stalls, fabulous entertainment, an international food court and a monster raffle.

Labassa National Trust Property, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, will hold its last open day for 2009 on 15 November. Inspect the opulent interiors on a guided tour at 11am or 2.45pm or learn about the architectural features on a guided tour at 1pm. The tearoom is open for light refreshments all day. Entry is \$8, \$5.50 for children and concession cardholders and \$20 for a family. National Trust members free. Contact: 9527 6295.

St. Stephens Anglican Church, corner North Road and Cochrane

Street, Gardenvale, will hold a twilight spring fair on 20 November from 4pm–9pm. Stalls include cakes, gifts, preserves, plants, gourmet foods, books and white elephant.

Makor Library will host a free Hebrew hour on 26 November at 11am in the Beth Weizmann Auditorium, 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. The session will feature Hebrew reading and discussion with Giora. Transport is available to and from the library. RSVP essential. Contact: 9272 5611 or visit: www.makorlibrary.com.

Pamela Irving Studio + Gallery presents *The Russian Ark and Turkish Tales* until 30 November. This exhibition features mosaics and paintings inspired by her residency in St Petersburg, Russia 2009 and a recent trip to Gaziantep, Turkey where Pamela presented a paper at the International Association of Contemporary Mosaic Art (AIMC).

Melbourne Craft and Produce Market will be held on 5 December from 9am–12.30pm at the Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road. There will be more than 50 stalls of home-grown and handmade items by local artists, craftspeople and growers. Contact Glynis: 0407 506 660 or email: craftmarket2009@bigpond.com

Glen Eira City Choir presents *Christmas in Song* on 13 December from 2.30pm at St Mary's Anglican Church, 281 Glen Eira Road, Caulfield North. Michael Lapina (tenor) and Hugh Fullarton (organist) will perform. Conductor for the afternoon will be Steven Stanke. Contact: 0423 129 371 or email: info@gleneiracitychoir.org.au

COMMUNITY

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 9 November and Monday 7 December 10am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 10 November and Tuesday 1 December 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 17 November and Tuesday 8 December 9.30am–10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 4 November and Wednesday 2 December 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 23 November and Monday 14 December 10am–11am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 28 November and Saturday 12 December 9am–11am

Wednesday 11 November and Wednesday 9 December 5.45pm–7.15pm

Thursday 26 November and Thursday 17 December 6pm–8pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 25 November and Wednesday 16 December 9.30am–11am



GESAC 建造工程獲得批准

市政府與 Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd 簽訂了 Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心 (GESAC) 的首期建造合同。

這項合同的總額為 \$36,028,465.72。迄今我們獲得了政府撥款 \$12,500,000，市政府還需出資約 \$24,000,000。

另需 \$5,188,574.00 用於建造室內運動場，這要等到州政府撥款批准。

如能獲准，市政府將立即執行目前合同中的一個選項，把建造運動場包括在內。

建造工程預計在 2009 年 10 月動工，GESAC 將與 2011 - 12 年夏季啟用。

工程的第一階段包括一個50米室外游泳池、一個25米室內游泳池、兒童游泳池、溫水池、兩個水上滑梯、大型健身房、健身設施、托兒所、East Boundary Road 上的交通紅綠燈，以及停車場。

Glen Eira 市長 Helen Whiteside 說，這將是一個供人人享用的設施。

Whiteside 市長說：“GESAC 將滿足幼童、青少年、泳道中來回長游者、康復人士以及渴望保持健康的所有社區成員的需求。”

游泳池領導委員會主任 Lipshutz 市議員對此結果感到滿意。

Lipshutz 市議員說：“在經濟不好的情況下開展這一項目，說服聯邦政府和州政府與我們合作，市政府將為 Glen Eira 社區提供一個優異的設施，給市政稅納稅人造成的花費只是正常情況下的三分之二。”

Εγκρίθηκε η κατασκευή για το GESAC

Ο Δήμος ανάθεσε τη σύμβαση κατασκευής στην εταιρία Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd για να ανοικοδομήσει το πρώτο στάδιο του Αθλητικού και Κολυμβητικού Κέντρου Glen Eira (Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre - GESAC).

Το ποσό της σύμβασης είναι \$36.028.465,72. Μετά την καταβολή των κρατικών κονδυλίων που τώρα που υπολογίζονται στα 12.5 εκ δολάρια, το κόστος κατασκευής για το Δήμο θα είναι περίπου 24 εκ δολάρια.

Θα δαπανηθεί ένα επιπλέον ποσό των \$5.188.574,00 για των κατασκευή των κλειστών γηπέδων, υποκειμένης της έγκρισης του κονδυλίου από την Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση.

Αν η απόφαση είναι θετική, ο Δήμος θα εξασκήσει αμέσως έναν όρο βάσει της τρέχουσας σύμβασης για να συμπεριλάβει την κατασκευή των γηπέδων.

Η ανοικοδόμηση αναμένεται να ξεκινήσει στις αρχές Οκτωβρίου 2009 και τα εγκαίνια του GESAC αναμένεται να γίνουν το καλοκαίρι 2011–12.

Το πρώτο στάδιο περιλαμβάνει εξωτερική πισίνα μήκους 50 μέτρων, εσωτερική πισίνα μήκους 25 μέτρων, πισίνα εκμάθησης κολύμβησης, θερμαινόμενη πισίνα για υδροθεραπεία, δύο τσουλήθρες νερού, μεγάλο γυμναστήριο, εγκαταστάσεις γυμναστικής, νηπιακό σταθμό, φώτα κυκλοφορίας στο East Boundary Road και χώρο στάθμευσης.

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside είπε ότι το Κέντρο θα έχει κάτι για τον καθένα.

«Το Κέντρο GESAC θα καλύπτει τις ανάγκες μικρών παιδιών, εφήβων, κολυμβητών, ατόμων που χρειάζονται αποκατάσταση υγείας και κάθε δημότη που θέλει να γυμναστεί», είπε η κ. Whiteside.

Ο Πρόεδρος της Συντονιστικής Επιτροπής Κολυμβητηρίων Cr Michael Lipshutz ήταν ευχαριστημένος με το αποτέλεσμα.

«Αναλαμβάνοντας αυτό το έργο όταν η οικονομία είναι πεσμένη και έχοντας πείσει την Ομοσπονδιακή και Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση να συνεργαστούν μαζί μας, ο Δήμος θα δώσει στην κοινότητα Glen Eira μια εξαιρετική εγκατάσταση με κόστος περίπου δύο τρίτων απ’ ότι θα κόστιζε κανονικά στους φορολογούμενους δημότες», είπε ο κ. Lipshutz.

Approvata la costruzione del centro GESAC

Il Comune ha assegnato alla ditta Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd il contratto per la costruzione della prima parte del Centro Sportivo e Parco Acquatico di Glen Eira (GESAC).

L’importo relativo al contratto ammonta a \$36,028,465.72. Tenendo in considerazione l’attuale sovvenzione governativa di 12,5 milioni di dollari, l’intera costruzione costerà al Comune approssimativamente 24 milioni di dollari.

Verrà anche speso un ulteriore importo di \$5,188,574.00 per la costruzione di campi sportivi al coperto, previa approvazione di sovvenzione da parte del Governo Statale.

Se la decisione sarà a favore, il Comune metterà immediatamente in atto un’opzione relativa al contratto in atto che include la costruzione dei suddetti campi sportivi.

Le opere di costruzione avranno inizio nell’ottobre 2009 con la prevista inaugurazione del centro GESAC nell’estate del 2011–12.

Il primo stadio dei lavori di costruzione includerà una piscina all’aperto di 50 metri, una piscina al coperto di 25 metri, una piscina principianti, una vasca riscaldata, due scivoli acquatici, una grande palestra, attrezzature wellness, nido d’infanzia, semaforo sulla East Boundary Road e parcheggio.

Il sindaco diGlen Eira, Cons. Helen Whiteside, ha asserito che le strutture incontreranno le aspettative di ciascun residente.

“Il centro GESAC verrà incontro alle necessità dei più piccoli, degli adolescenti, dei nuotatori in allenamento, di chi è in riabilitazione e di ciascun membro della comunità che desidera mantenersi in forma” ha affermato la Cons. Whiteside.

Il Cons. Michael Lipshutz, presidente del comitato incaricato, Pools Steering Committee, si è detto compiaciuto dell’esito conseguito.

“Con l’intraprendere un tale progetto mentre l’economia è in declino, e con l’ottenere la cooperazione del Governo Federale e di quello Statale, il Comune fornirà alla comunità di Glen Eira delle eccellenti attrezzature ad un costo di circa due terzi inferiore di quello che normalmente il contribuente si aspetterebbe di dover pagare” ha asserito il Cons. Lipshutz.

Принято решение о строительстве Дворца водных видов спорта

Муниципалитет заключил с компанией Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd контракт на первый этап строительства Дворца водных видов спорта (GESAC).

Контракт заключен на сумму \$36 028 465.72. С учетом полученных на сегодняшний день правительственных грантов в размере \$12.5 миллионов, собственные затраты муниципалитета на строительство составляют примерно \$24 миллиона.

Если Правительство штата Виктория утвердит еще один грант, то дополнительные \$5 188 574.00 пойдут на строительство закрытых кортов.

В этом случае муниципалитет сможет включить закрытые корты в существующий контракт.

Начало строительства запланировано на октябрь 2009, а открытие Дворца водных видов спорта – на лето 2011-2012г.

В первый этап строительства включены: 50-метровый открытый бассейн, бассейн для обучения плаванию, бассейн с теплой водой для занятий по различным программам, две водных горки, большой тренажерный зал, профилактический комплекс, детские ясли, светофор на улице East Boundary Road и парковка для машин.

Мэр Glen Eira г-жа Helen Whiteside отметила, что новый Дворец водных видов спорта (GESAC) рассчитан на самые разнообразные нужды.

“В GESAC найдется место для маленьких детей, подростков, любителей плавания, тех, кто нуждается в реабилитации, и вообще для всех, кто стремится поддерживать здоровый образ жизни,” отметила г-жа Whiteside.

Председатель организационного комитета г-н Michael Lipshutz также доволен результатами проекта.

“Муниципалитет убедил Правительство штата Виктория и Федеральное правительство принять участие в этом проекте, и решил осуществить его во время экономического спада, благодаря чему жители Glen Eira получат прекрасный Дворец водных видов спорта, потратив на него примерно две трети того, что он стоил бы в нормальных условиях,” отметил г-н Lipshutz.

Relaxation/yoga for parents

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

The aim of this session is to explore simple but effective techniques for recharging and relaxing. Given the restraints of time, parents need a practise that can mesh with the demands of family and work. This session is interactive and will require participants to practise the techniques discussed during the session.

Presenter: Early Childhood Consultant, Peter Hockey

Date:Thursday 26 November

Time: 7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

Venue: Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, 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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

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.

Recent consultation opportunities

| Subject | Type | Date |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Councillor Code of Conduct | Comments and submissions | Thursday 22 October |

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

| Subject | Type | Date and Time | Where |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|---|
| <i>Bicycle Strategy</i> | Workshop | Thursday 19 November at 7pm | Packer Park Hall — Leila Road, Carnegie |
| <i>Bicycle Strategy</i> | Workshop | Wednesday 25 November at 7pm | DC Bricker Pavilion — Princes Park, Caulfield South |

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

New bicycle strategy underway

Progress on the new *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy* is well underway, with research and a review of the previous strategy already complete and an infrastructure audit to be completed during November.

This is an exciting time for cycling in Glen Eira as Council, residents and key stakeholders provide input into a new *Strategy* that will shape not only the provision of future infrastructure, but the culture of cycling in Glen Eira.

Key objectives of the *Strategy* include:

- identifying a vision and principles that should frame the City's approach to the planning and development and experience of cycling following the implementation of the *Glen Eira Strategic Bicycle Plan in 2000*;
- further developing the network of local on-road bicycle networks — and off road if possible — that link schools, shopping centres, railway centres and open space areas;

- encouraging cycling as an alternate means of transport and to encourage residents to lead healthier lifestyles; and
- identifying cycling needs and barriers to participation.

Consultants, Sinclair Knight Mertz, will be assisting Council in delivering the *Strategy* which will take Glen Eira forward into the future.

The first *Glen Eira Strategic Bicycle Plan* was completed in 2000. To date, this *Plan* has been very successful and has become the blueprint for Council to develop the on and off road trail network across the municipality.

Cycling is increasing in popularity each year with significant changes in the cycling culture since 2000. More and more people are finding cycling an attractive alternative to those short trips down to their local shop or even to work.

The new *Bicycle Strategy* will provide an excellent strategic direction for Council in the development of bicycle infrastructure, planning and education for the years ahead.

In the meantime if you don't have a copy of Council's cycling brochure, contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333. The *On your Bike* brochure has a map of all existing on and off road routes as well as safe cycling tips.

What do you think of cycling in Glen Eira?

Glen Eira City Council is currently preparing a new *Bicycle Strategy* that will promote cycling across the municipality.

You are invited to a workshop to discuss the *Strategy* and any ideas you may have on improving cycling in Glen Eira.

Council is being assisted in preparing the *Strategy* by Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) — experienced bicycle planning specialists.

Workshop one

Date: Thursday 19 November

Venue: Packer Park Hall — Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J8)

Time: 7pm

Workshop two

Date: Wednesday 25 November

Venue: DC Bricker Pavilion — Princes Park, Caulfield South (Mel Ref: 68 A6)

Time: 7pm

For further information, contact Jo Neale at SKM on 9248 3208 or email jneal@skm.com.au

Opening of Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room



David Newstead from Mantric Architecture, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, ex-Chair of the Caulfield Park Reserve Advisory Committee Harold Little and Bill McLaughlin from John Patrick Pty Ltd.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.



The new Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room were officially opened on 27 September. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



More than 90 people attended the opening. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Swim season commences

The Carnegie Swim Centre is now open for the summer season.

A variety of events for the whole family will be on offer during the season, as well as plenty of room for lap swimmers.

Events will be advertised on Council's website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au — and at the Carnegie Swim Centre.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday — 6am–7pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays — 8am–6pm

The respective closing times will be extended to 8pm on days when either:

- the forecast temperature for Melbourne is 30 degrees Celsius or above; or
- the temperature reaches 30 degrees Celsius or above by 3pm on the day.

The Carnegie Swim Centre will be open until Wednesday 31 March 2010.

For further information, contact the Carnegie Swim Centre on 9571 8143.

Please note: The Bentleigh East Swim Centre will be closed this season due to redevelopment. Glen Eira City Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Alcohol, violence and young people

Over the last six months there has been a great deal of media coverage on perpetrators and victims of alcohol fuelled violence.

This attention has been magnified in recent times by the indiscretions of prominent media personalities.

Violence, alcohol abuse and the safety of our young people is a growing concern amongst parents, community members and Glen Eira City Council Youth Services.

Research shows that strong links exist between alcohol and being a victim or perpetrator of youth violence.

Alcohol affects our ability to think clearly and co-ordinate our physical functions properly, increasing the risks to safety.

With this in mind, and given that young people's cognitive, emotional and physical development is incomplete — as is the ability to adequately assess risks — adding harmful alcohol use to the mix is a dangerous combination.

Harmful alcohol use can:

- reduce one's ability to process information and adequately assess risk;
- decrease inhibitions and increase emotions including impulsivity, which can lead to people responding in violent ways when confronted;
- reduce the ability of people to defuse a potentially risky situation through reasoned discussion; and
- increase risk taking behaviour.

Harmful alcohol use and violence are not problems confined just to young people. However, it's necessary to change attitudes and behaviours at an early age in order to decrease the number of adults continuing to misuse alcohol.

What can parents do? Parents play an important part in educating their children about responsible drinking and it is never too early to start discussing the effects of alcohol and create an understanding of responsible drinking.

How can you, as a parent discuss alcohol with your children?

- Be open and honest and encourage your children to express their thoughts and feelings around alcohol.
- Ensure your teenager is aware that underage drinking is against the law.
- Establish clear rules and boundaries and your expectations regarding your children's behaviour.
- Express your concerns on the consequences of drinking clearly.
- Explore ways that you can support your children through the effects of peer pressure as this has a great influence on their behaviour.
- Alcohol use and misuse is not a new problem to society, nor is it a problem confined solely to the responsibility to parents — it is a whole community issue.

Finding effective ways to work with young people, parents, schools and community organisations to change the behaviours and attitudes of young people towards alcohol use is something Youth Services is firmly committed to.

For further information or support, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

Sources

Australian Drug Foundation — www.adf.org.au
www.australia.gov.au/drinkingnightmare



Young people aged 12 to 25 are invited to attend Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Battle of the Bands 2009* on Friday 11 December.

Hosted by the Youth Consultative Group, the free event will be held at the Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh, from 5pm to 10pm.

Come along and support our local musical talent.

Sponsored by World of Music, *Battle of the Bands 2009* is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event. Bags will be checked at the door.

For further information, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

Advertising in the Glen Eira News

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

The *Glen Eira News* reaches more than 124,000 residents each month through more than 56,000 households and businesses.

The *Glen Eira News* is highly regarded by the local community for its attractive presentation and informative features on Council services and events.

The *Glen Eira News* offers a variety of advertising opportunities, with our standard advertisement being one column (62.5mm) wide by 11cm deep.

For further information, a schedule of rates and bookings, contact Shae Henzen on 9524 3333.



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Youth Services moves to Bentleigh

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services has moved to a new central location in Bentleigh.

While renovations are being undertaken at the Bentleigh Library, Youth Services is operating from the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh, for approximately nine months.

Following the completion of the renovations, Youth Services will have new offices located next to the Bentleigh Library.

Opening hours at the Higgins Road site will remain the same — 1pm–6pm Monday–Thursday and 1pm–5pm Friday.

For information, support and referral services, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

We look forward to continuing to work with all members of the community in supporting the needs of young people and families.

Introducing YCG 2009–10

Another exciting year has begun for the Youth Consultative Group (YCG).

The group is made up of eleven dynamic young people from Glen Eira — Jasper, Ryan, Rachel, Deshlin, Amelia, Lauren, Tahl, Kiyara, Yalanka and Tim.

The YCG is a vital program for Glen Eira City Council Youth Services as it acts as a voice for young people, whilst giving members the opportunity to develop into leaders of the future.

The YCG members have been building on their leadership skills and have also completed a Monash Short Course in event management with Monash Short Courses.

The YCG members will use their event management training to facilitate special events in Glen Eira. These events provide an opportunity for other young people to showcase their talents in areas such as art and music.

Currently, the YCG are preparing for *Battle of the Bands 2009*. It is hoped this year's event will be bigger

and better than the last, with members of the YCG putting their own individual twist on the night.

Keep your eye out for their faces and more information on the events they will be planning throughout 2010.



YCG 2009–10. Back row: Yalanka, Tim, Deshlin, Ryan and Rachel. Front row: Amelia, Kiyara and Lauren. Absent: Jasper and Tahl. Photo: Bree Cross.

Springtime Music Festival commences

Glen Eira City Council's celebration of spring continues throughout November with three free concerts. All concerts will be held from 2pm to 4pm at the following locations:

Dominic Chipperfield Duo

Sunday 8 November

Halley Park — corner Jasper Road and Mortimore Street, Bentleigh

Melbourne based flamenco guitarist Dominic Chipperfield took up the guitar at the tender age of 12. His repertoire includes a wide variety of traditional and classical pieces. Dominic will be accompanied by Emma Rodda on violin, forming a beautiful melodic duo.



Dominic Chipperfield Duo.



Michael Fitzgerald Duo.

Michael Fitzgerald Duo

Sunday 15 November

Joyce Park — Jasper Road, Ormond

Michael Fitzgerald and Chris Backman have become one of the most in demand acoustic duos in Melbourne. With exceptional singing and harmonies and skilled guitar playing, they bring outstanding quality to every performance. Both Michael and Chris have worked professionally for more than 15 years, playing covers from *The Rolling Stones*, *The Beatles*, *U2* and today's top 40.

TLC

Sunday 22 November

Centenary Park — Bignell Road, Bentleigh East

This warm, talented and energetic duo is made up of Curtis King on guitar and vocals and Fiona King on bass guitar and vocals. They cover a wide variety of styles, including retro, disco and rock. With their great range of rock 'n' roll songs from the 50s and 60s, through to swing and blues, *TLC* will appeal to crowds of all ages.



TLC.

Autism spectrum

Managing fussy eating, toilet training and behaviour guidance

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

This session will provide an understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Aspergers Syndrome. Families will receive practical strategies to assist their children with eating, toileting training and behaviour guidance needs.

Presenter: Early Childhood Consultant, Di Chandler

Date: Wednesday 2 December

Time: 7.30pm–9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)

Venue: 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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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

Photographic Imaging College 2009 Graduate Exhibition

Opens 6pm Wednesday 4 November and continues until Sunday 15 November

Glen Eira City Council Gallery will host the Photographic Imaging College graduate exhibition, which showcases the work of approximately 100 students, including graduating students of the Diploma of Arts in Applied Photography.

The exhibition will feature a broad range of work, from traditional black and white silver gelatin processes, type C colour prints through to digitally generated prints, new media, video projection and installation. A distinct quality of the exhibition will be the synthesising of traditional and innovative approaches to photography.

As in previous years, the themes, styles and concepts are wide ranging, reflecting the individual development

of students in response to the world around them. The diverse interests and range of approaches to photography promises a dynamic and intriguing exhibition.



Marissa Horton, second year student, Diploma of Photoimaging — Hosier # 1.

Picture This

Art from the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group

Opens 6pm Wednesday 18 November and continues until Sunday 29 November

This year's annual exhibition and sale of paintings features works by members of the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group.

Picture This will showcase diverse art works ranging from decorative art to traditional and modern paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolour.

The Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group was formed in 1963 by a small group of community minded enthusiasts, returning to Glen Eira City Council's Gallery to share their exhibition with the community.

Picture This will be officially opened on Wednesday 18 November at 6pm. Guest speaker for the evening will be Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson.

Highlights from Glen Eira City Council's Art Collection

Opens 6pm Wednesday 18 November and continues until Sunday 29 November

Highlights from Glen Eira City Council's Art Collection will showcase major paintings, prints and photographs from the collection by leading Australian artists.



Charles Blackman — Seated School Children, 1977, oil on canvas, 152.4 x 122 cm, Glen Eira City Council's Art Collection.

Living Together — a celebration of Chinese, Greek and Indian cultures

Glen Eira City Council's *Living Together* cultural day is about just that — people from different cultures living together, side-by-side in the community.

To be held on Sunday 29 November at Caulfield Park, corner of Hawthorn and Balacava Roads, Caulfield North, from 12pm–4pm, the event will showcase three cultures: Chinese, Greek and Indian.

Glen Eira is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds and Council invites everyone to join in the festivities and gain a greater understanding of our neighbours and the greater community.

The event will include a selection of Greek, Chinese and Indian delicacies to tantalise your senses and make your mouth water.

There will be entertainment on the main stage with dance and music performances by Greek band *Meltemi* and Indian dance troupe *Tatva*.

Melbourne Greek band *Meltemi* specialise in traditional Greek music with a modern twist. It is a little known fact that in the 1960s, many Bollywood songs were re-made in Greece with Greek lyrics. They became extremely popular and today are listened to by people of all ages.

Tatva specialises in both traditional and modern Indian dance which interprets and represents through movement, cultural and social situations and issues. *Tatva* has performed at festivals in Australia and the United Kingdom.

For the very first time, *Meltemi* and *Tatva* will present a fusion of Bollywood



and Greek music, which is not to be missed.

The renowned *Melbourne Chinese Children's Choir* will perform in both Chinese and English, accompanied by traditional instruments.

There will also be special performances by Chinese, Greek and Indian community groups including: Chinese fan dancing, Tai Chi with swords, Indian children's singing, Chinese line dancing and Greek children's dancing.

Chinese kite making and Indian sand picture making will keep

people entertained, as will a Chinese lion dance, roving Greek and Indian singers and a Greek soccer display match, featuring the Oakleigh Cannons.

So come along. Bring the whole family, your neighbours and friends to help celebrate the cultural diversity of Glen Eira.

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

Party in the Park 2010

Glen Eira City Council is calling for expressions of interest for its 2010 *Party in the Park* series.

Free outdoor events will be held on Sunday 28 February at Allnutt Park, Bentleigh and Sunday 14 March at Packer Park, Carnegie. Both events will be held from 12pm–4pm.

There will also be a free concert on Sunday 28 March at Princes Park, Caulfield South, from 12pm–3pm.

The series will be bigger and better than ever and applications are open to Glen Eira based community groups (for community information, activity and display marquees), community performers (for participation in the on stage and ground entertainment), art and craft artists (for the art and craft marketplace at Allnutt Park only) and local businesses (to promote and sell goods and services).

Please note: There will be no art and craft, community or business stalls at Princes Park in 2010.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Follow the Arts and culture links to *Party in the Park*.

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



2009 Party in the Park at Packer Park, Carnegie. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

library news

It's magic!

Join in the fun of *Saturday Shakers* at Carnegie Library on 14 November at 2pm for stories filled with magic and adventures.

Come dressed as a fairy, a wizard or Harry Potter.

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. The free 45 minute sessions are held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm. No bookings are required.



Reading rocks this summer

Get ready to read over summer.

Reading Rocks blasts off at all Glen Eira libraries on 7 December. It's open to all young readers up to 13 years.

To enter the draw and win some great prizes, you need to read five books, but don't stop there — you can enter as many times as you like.

Children under five can also join in and be in the draw for a special prize — with the help of mum or dad reading to them.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton

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Glen Eira Women's Business finale 2009

When: Thursday 19 November

Time: 7pm–9pm

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

Cost: \$15

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

How to grow a profitable business

Author of *How to Bake a Business* Julia Bickerstaff will be the guest presenter at the Glen Eira Women's Business Network 2009 finale. In this inspiring and motivating presentation Julia will share with you why she believes that there is a profitable business hiding inside every small business and how you can discover yours.

Julia will provide her insights into:

- the 10 reasons why your business is not as profitable as it could be;
- the basic business recipe: the simple do-able techniques that will transform your business; and
- five take away tips to improve the profitability of your business tomorrow.

About the speaker

Julia is an expert in helping small and medium sized businesses grow profitably and she is a well-known business writer, speaker and adviser.

In 2007, Julia founded The Business Bakery, an online resource for women running micro-businesses and in 2008 founded Butterfly Coaching for small and medium sized businesses.

For eight years Julia was a partner at professional services firm Deloitte. During her time there she chaired the firm's Innovation Council, was on the Inspiring Women Executive, led the Deloitte Technology Fast 50 and led the firm's strategic focus on small and medium sized businesses.

Julia is a Chartered Accountant and has a degree in Economics from The London School of Economics and Political Science, London.



Julia Bickerstaff.

Win-win opportunities for local businesses

Expressions of interest are being sought from local businesses which are interested in participating in Monash University's, Faculty of Business and Economics, Berwick and Peninsula Campuses' summer semester *Business Internship Program* and *Work Placement Program*.

Students in their third year of a Bachelor of Business and Commerce degree are available to assist local companies with specific projects or tasks relating to their majors.

The host business is offered opportunities to complete specific skill-set projects or tasks while students receive workplace opportunities and learning.

The students have up-to-date knowledge in their chosen field and are eager to apply this knowledge in a business environment.

Businesses are under no obligation to remunerate the students; however participating businesses can make their own arrangement with the students through the University.

Students are covered by the University's insurance.

Student placements are being sourced for the 20 day *Business Internship Program* (one month) or the 40 day *Work Placement Program* (two months) commencing in December 2009 or prior arrangement.

Both *Program's* can be worked continuously or intermittently subject to agreement between the business, faculty and student.

Businesses can benefit from having an extra resource to conduct practical research and analysis, management and specific project delivery in the following disciplines:

- accounting;
- economics;
- management;
- marketing;
- tourism;
- marketing communication; and
- international business.

Many businesses which undertake an intern have been given valuable insight into the student's capabilities and fit within their existing team and ultimately have offered casual, part-time and full-time employment to them.

Some past projects and studies students have engaged in include:

- data gathering for workplace accreditation;
- logistics management in events;
- analysis of organisational structures;
- negative gearing of rental properties;
- an event and conference planner's guide to the Mornington Peninsula;
- analysis of financial reporting deadlines for large multi-departmental business; and
- study on claiming work related expenses when salary sacrificing 100 per cent.

For further information, contact Glen Eira City Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

BusEd — linking business and education

Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program* helps local business owners grow their business by linking them with specialist skills from students studying in the areas of website development, IT, advertising, graphic design, market research, and other business related disciplines.

Carnegie Mainstreet Committee is working alongside marketing students from Holmesglen TAFE Chadstone Campus to develop a broader understanding of consumer behaviour, the key reasons for visiting the centre and what they want from their commercial community shopping centre.

During October, the students surveyed shoppers at designated locations throughout Carnegie.

Carnegie Mainstreet Committee formulated the survey with the students and each group will prepare a report for use by the Committee and Council.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said small businesses often lack the finances and time to update their existing practices by accessing tools that could take their business to the next level of success.

"This is an opportunity for businesses to link with students who have up-to-date knowledge and the willingness to put their technical knowledge to practical use," Ms Bredin said.

"The students also gain valuable real-life experience in a business, which helps them to become employment prepared."

If you are interested in participating in the *BusEd Program* during 2010, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Bentleigh rocks

More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the 2009 *Bentleigh Festival* on Sunday 15 November.

Rock 'n' Roll is the theme for this year's *Festival*, which will be held in Centre Road — between Jasper and Wheatley Roads — from 10am to 4pm.

The 2009 *Bentleigh Festival* will feature:

- entertainment stages with live music and dancing;
- a vintage American car display;
- rock 'n' roll dancing demonstrations;
- Elvis and other 60's characters look alike competition;
- roving entertainers;
- carnival rides and games, including, cars, trains, bike rides, a giant slide, jumping castle and show bags;
- an animal farm;
- displays and performances from community groups, schools, local groups and charities; and
- a cutest pet competition.

Centre Road shops will also be offering fantastic specials and food stalls.

For further information visit www.bentleigh@shopbentleigh.com.au

Carnegie Mainstreet fair 2009

Carnegie Mainstreet Traders will celebrate in style at their Christmas fair and sidewalk sale on Saturday 28 November.

To be held from 10.30am to 3.30pm, Koornang Road will be closed to traffic from Rosstown Road to Neerim Road from 6am to 6pm.

Santa will arrive at 10.45am and Humphrey Bear will present his own show at 2.30pm.

There will be free rides and amusements for young and old, personality entertainers, street side cafes, competitions and bands.

There will be artwork on display from local schools and traders and community groups will have goodies on sale for the festive season.

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