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## Drought proofing parks and sportsgrounds

**Caulfield Park Oval Five (left) will be resurfaced with Kikuyu (right).**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

In response to the deteriorating conditions of Glen Eira's sportsgrounds, Council has accelerated its warm season grasses conversion program.

Commencing in April, three ovals on the south side of Caulfield Park will be converted to a low maintenance, low water usage and drought-tolerant turf to provide a more sustainable surface for both active and passive recreation.

Class A recycled water will be used to water the new turf and water tanks and drip irrigation systems will also be installed.

*“By early spring the grass would be fully established and the surface available for the 2009–2010 cricket season and for passive users.”*

Council has converted approximately three grounds per year under this program, including Marlborough Reserve in Bentleigh East, Bentleigh

Reserve and Glen Huntly Park oval in Caulfield East. This program has included both resurface works and total ground reconstructions.

Council's Co-ordinator Ground Maintenance Peter Todd said the lack of rainfall and recent extreme temperatures have had a significant impact on Glen Eira's grounds.

“The most effective action to improve the condition of grounds would be to accelerate the conversions to warm season grasses,” Mr Todd said.

“Although the preferred time for laying grass is spring, there are some benefits to laying it earlier in the year.

“By early spring the grass would be fully established and the surface available for the 2009–2010 cricket season and for passive users.”

During the upgrade, the new turf will be fenced off from April to September and clubs which normally use the ovals will be relocated for the 2009 season to other grounds.

The works will also involve demolishing the grey hex pavilion and returning it to open space, realigning some of the grounds,

planting 120 new trees and removing 15 and establishing new paths.

Another program of conversions of grounds to warm season grasses is planned for September in other areas of the City.

**Class A recycled water will be used to water the new turf and water tanks and drip irrigation systems will also be installed.**

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said Caulfield Park is the City's largest park and is used not only by sports clubs, but also walkers, dog walkers, joggers and community festivals.

“Conversion to more sustainable surfaces will benefit all users of the Park,” Cr Whiteside said.

“Council apologises for the temporary inconvenience caused, but this intervention is necessary if we are to put our parks and grounds on a more sustainable footing.”

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**May Small Business Month**

# Charity concert for bushfire appeal

More than \$8,200 was raised for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal at Glen Eira City Council's gala charity concert on 14 March.

One hundred and thirty people attended the concert, which featured one of the biggest stars of the Australian musical stage, Rhonda Burchmore.

Tony Charlton was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. There were also performances by local jazz great Allan Zavod, one of Australia's greatest classical pianists, Alan Kogosowski, Danielle Soccio, soprano Emily Xiao Wang and tenor Philip Calcagno.

Council would like to thank all performers for donating their time and energy on the night. Special thanks to Stage Two Lighting and Mark Barry for donating the audio and lighting equipment as well as the Caulfield branch of Snap Printing which provided printing services prior to the evening.

At the time of going to print, Council has contributed \$45,939.45 in cash donations to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal. This amount includes the money raised at the charity concert, a \$30,000 cash donation from Council plus employee donations of \$7,719.55.

## Cocktail party raises money for appeal

To help raise money for the Bushfire Appeal, Rosstown Community hosted a cocktail party on 28 February.

More than \$450 was raised from the evening, in which 50 people dressed in their finest and enjoyed champagne, canapés and live entertainment, which was provided by John Colvin and Joy Allen.



Danielle Soccio, Allan Zavod, Rhonda Burchmore, Emily Xiao Wang, Phillip Calcagno and Alan Kogosowski.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Mayor's column



Even during these tough economic times, it is so pleasing to see how the community has dug deep to help those affected by the recent bushfires.

On behalf of Glen Eira City Council, I would like to thank everyone for the contributions they have made. Whether this has been through a cash donation, attendance at our gala charity concert or through the donation of clothes, food and other goods, you have all made a difference.

National Youth Week kicked off on Saturday 28 March and will run until Sunday 5 April. To celebrate the Week, Council's Youth Services team is hosting an art expo, which will feature the works of some of Glen Eira's young artists.

So come along on Thursday 2 April and support our youth of today. Further information can be found on page 13 of this edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

On Monday 6 April, Council will host its annual *Food Business Awards*. Guest speaker at the Awards night will be Peter Russell-Clarke.

As part of the evening, I have the pleasure of announcing the 2009 *Shop of the Year*, which is awarded to the food business which has delivered the highest standard of food safety in the City. There are 10 nominees for the 2009 *Shop of the Year Award*. Best of luck to all nominees.

Council's annual ANZAC Day service will be held on Sunday 19 April at the Cenotaph (north-west side) in Caulfield Park. The service will commence at 2.30pm and I encourage everyone in our community to come and pay their respects, particularly school aged children who have been attending this service in growing numbers in recent years.

**Cr Helen Whiteside**  
Mayor

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## Deadlines

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

### Coming deadlines

The deadline for the June 2009 edition of the *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 May for delivery 2-3 June.

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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# Applications for community grants now open

More than \$300,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2009–2010 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the Program opened last month and will close at 5pm on Friday 29 May.

The Program supports and assists not-for-profit community based groups within the municipality to implement projects and activities.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said Council was committed to investing in the community.

"This program allows Council to support projects and services that address local issues," Cr Whiteside said.

In 2008–09, more than \$323,000 was distributed to 129 not-for-profit community groups.

Grants were awarded to a wide variety of groups including citizen groups, playgroups, arts and culture organisations as well as sport and recreation groups.

The *Glen Eira News* caught up with the Rotary Club of Caulfield to see how they used their grants.

## Annual festive season lunch

For more than 20 years, the Rotary Club of Caulfield has hosted an annual festive season lunch.

Glen Eira residents who use the Meals on Wheels service are invited to attend the lunch, which is held in December at Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre, Caulfield South.

Heather Welsh from the Rotary Club of Caulfield said the Club had initiated the lunch as a community service project in partnership with Council.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside attended the annual festive season lunch last year.

Photo: Gedeon Herschberg.

**"This program allows Council to support projects and services that address local issues."**

"However, in more recent years the lunch has become a combined community effort between the Rotary Clubs of Caulfield, Elsternwick and Glen Eira together with volunteers from Temple Beth Israel," Heather said.

"Council has also played a part in making this lunch possible through its Community Grants Program. The Club used the grant to cover the hire costs of the venue and other associated costs."

Heather describes the lunch as one of the true hands-on community services of Rotary that is an enjoyable experience for both the guests and Rotarians involved.

For further information about the 2009–2010 Community Grants Program contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Glen Eira – a great place to live

Sport and family are a huge part of life for new Tucker Ward Councillor Jim Magee.

Not only does he coach the Under 16 City of Moorabbin Cricket Association representative cricket team during summer, he is also actively involved as an executive member of the City of Moorabbin Cricket Association (CMCA).

Come winter, though, his involvement in sport doesn't cool off.

"My two sons play sport during the colder months and during this time I play the role of taxi driver and umpire critic," Jim told the *Glen Eira News*.

Jim, who emigrated from Northern Ireland to

Australia when he was 11, is a resident of Bentleigh East and has lived in the municipality since 1982.

He was educated at the Prahran College of Advanced Education.

### Running for Council

The threat of closure of the Bentleigh East Swim Centre and its redevelopment is one of the main reasons Jim decided to run for Council.

Prior to election, Jim was Chairman of the Northern Memorial Action Group — a group that lobbied Council to keep open our two pools.

"We petitioned Council to not only keep the pool open, but to upgrade the current facility," Jim said.



Cr Magee and Bentleigh East resident Janis.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

"The petition had more than 7,000 signatures, the largest petition ever received by the Council.

"I would also like to see Council expand its profile in the community. We need to interact more with local primary and secondary schools and have a greater involvement in our community houses."

### In Council

After having just past 100 days on Council, Jim is amazed me how much time Council takes up.

"It is not uncommon for me to spend many hours each day on Council matters, from taking phone calls and responding to emails to Council meetings every Tuesday night and weekend functions," Jim said.

"I must say, however, I have loved every minute of it."

If there is anything you would like to discuss with Jim, he can be contacted on 0427 338 327 or alternatively send an email to [jmagee@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:jmagee@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



Cr Magee and Mackie Road fruiterer Channat Sea.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## CEO's column



Glen Eira City Council has been increasingly effective at attracting co-operation and funding from other levels of government. Recent examples include:

- the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Thomas Street and McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Council received a \$180,000 grant from the Federal Government, while both Glen Eira and Bayside councils' have contributed more than \$200,000;
- \$460,000 in Federal Government funding for local recreation improvements and water conservation measures in the stimulus package;
- \$2.5 million from the State Government's *Better Pools* program towards the redevelopment of the aquatic components of the Bentleigh East Swim Centre;
- grants from the State Government for conversion of sportsgrounds to warm season grasses;
- the *Showerhead Exchange Program* in partnership with South East Water;
- increased funding for home and community care (joint Federal and State Government funding); and
- the agreement in principle to transfer control of the former Glen Huntly Reservoir to Council for use as public open space.

Council currently has a major submission before the Federal Government for funding from the stimulus package for the redevelopment of the Bentleigh East Swim Centre. We also have funding proposals for *Blackspot* funding for traffic lights and other safety improvements.

These co-operative arrangements are important. Local Government collects only three per cent of all taxation in Australia. A high level of co-operation is needed so that local facilities and services are better supported from the taxes that people have already paid.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Have your say on proposed residential zones

The State Department of Planning and Community Development is inviting comment on proposed new residential zones.

The zones have the potential to change what development is permitted in residential areas, including the density of development.



**Councils have asked for better planning tools to manage the location and form on new housing within their local communities.**

Photo: Sally Brown.

Glen Eira City Council's response to the proposals will concentrate on ensuring that any move to the new zones does not weaken the restrictions which Council currently has in place.

**The zones have the potential to change what development is permitted in residential areas, including the density of development.**

The three new residential zones are:

- The **Substantial Change Zone** which provides for housing growth by a mix of housing types that includes medium to higher density housing in appropriate locations.
- The **Incremental Change Zone** which allows for a variety of housing types including medium density housing provided it respects the character of the neighbourhood.
- The **Limited Change Zone** which enables specific characteristics of the neighbourhood to be protected through greater control over new housing development.

To download a copy of the proposed residential zones, go to [www.dpcc.vic.gov.au/planning/residentialzones](http://www.dpcc.vic.gov.au/planning/residentialzones) Alternatively, if you would like the Department to mail a copy to you, phone 1300 366 356 between 8.30am to 5pm weekdays.

The Department's deadline for submissions is Thursday 9 April 2009.

## Anzac Day Service

The people of Glen Eira are invited to attend an Anzac Day Service at the Cenotaph (north-west side) in Caulfield Park on Sunday 19 April, commencing 2.30pm.

Following the service light refreshments will be served in the marquee located in Caulfield Park.

Those who wish to lay a wreath, please contact 9524 3225.



## Roundabout works commence

Construction of a roundabout at one of Glen Eira's most dangerous intersections has commenced.

Work at the Thomas Street and McKinnon Road intersection in McKinnon commenced in late February and is expected to be completed by May.

Glen Eira City Council and Bayside City Council have contributed more than \$200,000 towards the construction, while the Federal Government has put forward \$180,000.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the notorious intersection, which is located on the border of Glen Eira and Bayside, had been identified as a blackspot.

**... making the roundabout safe for the community was a priority.**

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

"It is hoped that the construction of the roundabout will help improve road safety in the area."

Cr Whiteside said the roundabout has been designed not only to improve safety for motorists, but to also provide improved safety and access for cyclists



**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Bayside City Council Mayor Cr James Long at the site of the new roundabout.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

by way of separate bicycle lanes with a green textured surface.

"Pedestrians will also benefit as the roundabout is designed to reduce vehicle speeds and formalised crossing points will be provided," Cr Whiteside said.

Bayside City Council Mayor Cr James Long said making the roundabout safe for the community was a priority.

"This roundabout will benefit the community by improving safety, reducing traffic congestion and allowing traffic

to move better. It's great to know the works have begun," Cr Long said.

Cr Whiteside warned that during the construction phase there would be some road closures.

"Council asks for the community's understanding during the construction of this much needed roundabout and apologises for any inconvenience caused," Cr Whiteside said.

# Caulfield Racecourse — getting the balance right

Glen Eira City Council is working hard to protect the interests of residents and businesses in the vicinity of Caulfield Racecourse.

## Public use of public land

A large part of the area is Crown Land. The Crown Land is reserved for three purposes — a racecourse, public recreation ground and public park. Council supports increased park land and recreation opportunities, in addition to horse racing. However, we need to get the balance right.

In mid-2008, Council and the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) reached an agreement.

The full text can be found on Council's website but, in brief, the MRC and Council agreed that:

- the training of horses should be relocated from Caulfield to a more suitable venue;
- land on Neerim Road currently used as stables should be incorporated into Glen Huntly Park as additional public open space (Area "E" on the map); and
- the area around the lake should be beautified as passive open space and made easily accessible (area "C").

In early 2009 the industry body, Racing Victoria Limited (RVL), published a draft document on future strategy for the industry. It designated Caulfield and Flemington as training venues for up to a combined 1,200 horses. The MRC has assured Council that it stands by the agreement. Council has written to RVL asking it to bring its industry strategy into line with the agreement between Council and the MRC and confirm that the future of racing at Caulfield does not include training.

## Major development north of Station Street

The MRC has developed concepts for future development on the land north of Station Street ("A" on the map). As previously reported, the proposals envisage more than 1,000 units of residential accommodation (dwellings, hotel rooms, serviced apartments or student accommodation) and some 35,000 square metres of retail and office development.

*"The intensity of urban development is increasing. It is more important than ever for residents to have access to an adequate quantity and quality of public open space."*

On 4 September 2007, Council resolved that it was prepared to place an amendment on public exhibition, but not the amendment in the form proposed by the MRC. Council reserved its right to determine its position on the issues after hearing community views (eg. parking, traffic, the mix of retail, office and residential and access to open space).

On 29 October 2007, the Minister for Planning asked the State Government's Priority Development Panel (PDP) to advise him about the MRC's proposed amendment. The PDP supported Council's view that the original form of amendment was not appropriate for exhibition. No decision emerged from the PDP process.

The proposal is at conceptual stage and a long way from construction. There has been no public exhibition or other



public process to enable the community to be properly informed or to comment on any proposal. The matter has now been out of Council's hands since 29 October 2007. Council has sought a meeting with the Minister for Planning to clarify the process for considering the proposals, including proper opportunities for community input.

## Land swap

The MRC has proposed a land swap. Under the swap, the MRC would gain ownership of the triangle of Crown Land bounded by Normanby Road, Station Street and Smith Street ("B" on the map). The MRC proposes that the triangle be included in the commercial development mentioned above and be developed with a 15 storey building. In return, the MRC is offering land that it owns on Booran Road adjacent to the Kambrook, Glen Eira and Booran

Roads roundabout ("D" on the map).

Council has opposed this swap. The land being offered is on a busy five way intersection. There is little parking and there is no access from the block to any other public land. The eastern part of the block is not under any observation and would not meet the established Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles used by Victoria Police.

Council has asked that, if any swap goes ahead, the swap include land of equivalent value. Given that the triangle is very valuable, a larger and more appropriate area of land should be made available for public use in return.

The swap would require the approval of the State Government and legislation to remove the Crown Land status from the land. The parties to the swap are the MRC, the Trustees responsible for the Crown Land and the State Government. There has been no process of public consultation to date.

## Potential

The intensity of urban development is increasing. It is more important than ever for residents to have access to an adequate quantity and quality of public open space. The fact that there is a large area of Crown Land in such a strategic location near the Caulfield Railway Station provides enormous potential for community benefit. The current restrictions on community use mean that potential is not being realised.

Council will continue to work with all parties to ensure better parklands, improved access to passive and active open space — as well as racing — and well located appropriate development. We need to keep working to get the balance right.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

# May Small Business Month Moving Forward

*Moving Forward* is the theme for Glen Eira City Council's *May Small Business Month 2009*.

*May Small Business Month* is an opportunity for local businesses to get together, promote their goods and services and network with other business.

It is also an opportunity to obtain valuable information and further insights into the economic maze, which will help business move forward in today's economy.

Events have been designed to provide stimulus and to help business operators and leaders to take on new economy opportunities and challenges.

Topics that will be covered include:

- economic outlook;
- marketing;
- legals for business;
- professional writing;
- business planning;
- financial management;
- e-commerce;
- tender writing;
- franchising;
- record keeping; and
- tax basics;

All *May Small Business Month* events will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Further information will be available in a special four-page liftout in the May edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

## Friday 1 May The state of play

To kick off the start of *May Small Business Month*, columnist and business commentator Terry McCrann will be the special guest at a breakfast seminar where he will discuss:



Terry McCrann.

- the economic outlook;
- politics; and
- business trends and issues.

Since 1987 Terry has written a daily column on business, the economy and politics in papers across Australia owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation group.

He reaches a wider audience than any other columnist in Australia through papers that include the *Herald Sun* and *Sunday Herald Sun* in Melbourne, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph* in Sydney and the *Weekend Australian*.

Joining *Business Sunday* as a regular commentator in 1987, Terry is well known for his hard-hitting commentaries on business, the economy, rampaging entrepreneurs, and politicians.

A graduate of Melbourne Grammar School, Terry gained an Honours degree in Economics from Monash University. In 1975 he became finance editor for *The Sun* and the following year finance editor of *The National Times*. Two years later in 1978, Terry was appointed Business Editor for *The Age*.

...Terry is well known for his hard-hitting commentaries on business, the economy, rampaging entrepreneurs, and politicians.

Terry has provided critical analysis of the great events and personalities that have shaped the nation. He is a former *Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year*, *Financial Journalist of the year*, winner of the Melbourne Press Club's *Golden Quill Award* and winner of the prestigious *Walkley Award* for business journalism.

**Time:** 7am registration for 7.30am start to 9am

**Where:** Yarra Yarra Golf Club 567 Warrigal Road (entry between Centre and South Roads).

**Cost:** \$45

**RSVP:** Monday 27 April to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

## Financial fitness for business

This linked series of workshops will demystify and simplify your understanding of financial management of your business.

The four, three hour workshops will also provide business operators and staff with an overview of the practical tools that allow you to take control of the financial management of your business and improve your opportunities to survive and grow in today's challenging environment.

The workshops will be presented by Director FMT, financial management trainer and consultant Jan Barned.

Jan presents in a down to earth, easy to understand manner, demystifying financial management processes and methods.

... improve your opportunities to survive and grow in today's challenging environment.

All four workshops will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall. Cost is \$80 for all four workshops. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Monday 27 April to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

**Workshop one:** Friday 1 May

**Time:** 1pm registration for 1.15pm start to 4.15pm

**What's to be discussed:**

- financial statements what are they telling you;
- accounting concepts;
- balance sheets;
- profit and loss statements;
- cashflow statements;
- chart of accounts; and
- ratio analysis.

**Workshop two:** Friday 8 May

**Theme:** Working capital: unlocking the hidden cash within the business

**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9am start to 12pm

**Workshop three:** Friday 15 May

**Theme:** Budgeting and forecasting

**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9am start to 12pm

**Workshop four:** Friday 22 May

**Theme:** Application to your business

**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9am start to 12pm

## Wednesday 6 May How small businesses can avoid the legal pitfalls

Presented by five expert lawyers from The Law Institute of Victoria, this session will give small business operators an idea of how they can manage risks for the following five most common legal issues:

**Planning for congratulations, not commiserations**

The importance of planning and getting professional advice.

**Thou shall share the vision — directors' duties**

What is best practice, managing risks and protection via insurance.

**Putting it in writing — making, breaking and signing contracts**

Guarantees for supply contracts, financial contracts and the rights to terminate and claim compensation.

**From little things big things grow — franchising and the legal issues to consider**

Legal risks and obligations under the *Franchise Code of Conduct*.

**Look before you lease — retail leasing and the legal issues to consider**

Protection to first time tenants, obligations and grievances of tenants.

**Time:** 6pm registration for 6.30pm start to 8.30pm (light supper on arrival)

**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall

**Cost:** \$10

**RSVP:** Friday 1 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

# May Small Business Month calendar of events

**Monday 11 May**  
**ATO tax basics seminar**

Small business operators and those just starting or thinking about starting a new business are encouraged to attend this free tax seminar.

**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9am start to 12pm  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall.  
**Cost:** Free (light refreshments included)  
**RSVP:** Thursday 7 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Tuesday 12 May**  
**Using the net for business success**

For businesses thinking of establishing an online business or improving their website.

**Presenter:** Melissa Norfolk  
**Time:** 6.45pm registration for 7pm start to 9pm  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$15  
**RSVP:** Friday 8 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



**Melissa Norfolk.**

**Wednesday 13 May**  
**Business review and renew**

To be presented by experienced business coach David Wilson this all day workshop will teach business owners how to become more strategic thinkers.

**Time:** 9am registration for 9.15am start to 5pm  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$30 (include lunch)  
**What to bring:** A calculator  
**RSVP:** Thursday 30 April to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Monday 18 May**  
**Writing winning words in tenders**

Practical workshop to learn how to complete government and non-government tender schedules to win more business.

**Time:** 9.15am registration for 9.30am start to 12.30pm  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$15  
**RSVP:** Wednesday 13 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Wednesday 20 May**  
**The new social media frontier:  
It takes a Community**

This new social media and networking business frontier goes way beyond websites, search engine optimisation, shopping carts, blogs, FaceBook, YouTube, LinkedIn and others and calls into question current theories of business, management, marketing, staff, stakeholder engagement and customer interactions, rendering them all obsolete.

This insightful, easy to understand and inspirational presentation will take you to the world of tomorrow and give you the insight, knowledge and practical tools you need to confidently and profitably move your business into the future.

**Presenter:** Morris Miselowski  
**Time:** 6.15pm registration for 6.30pm start  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$30 (includes meal)

**Thursday 21 May**  
**Glen Eira Womens Business Network**

**Presenter:** Jacqui Harvey  
**Time:** 7pm registration networking and supper for 7pm start.  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$15  
**RSVP:** Tuesday 19 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Tuesday 26 May**  
**ATO record keeping workshop**

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office, this workshop is designed to help small business operators gain a better understanding of the basic concepts of record keeping.

The workshop involves a mixture of hands-on, practical exercises and some general record keeping principles.

**Time:** 8.45am registration for 9am start to 1pm  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** Free (includes light refreshments)  
**RSVP:** Friday 22 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Tuesday 26 May**  
**Marketing: to stand out from the crowd**

Marketing expert, columnist, and Managing Director of Starship brand development and communication Geoffrey McDonald Bowll will give some great tips and examples on how to create an impact on any budget.

**Time:** 6pm registration for 6.30pm start  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$25 (includes light meal)  
**RSVP:** Friday 22 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

**Wednesday 27 May**  
**The franchise way**

All you need to know about franchising and how to get your business franchise ready.

**Presenter:** The Franchise Council of Australia  
**Time:** 6.45pm registration for 6.30pm start (includes light refreshments)  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall  
**Cost:** \$10  
**RSVP:** Friday 22 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



**Steve Wright — Executive Director, The Franchise Council of Australia.**

## Thursday 7 May Write up your business

Presented by experienced trainer, speaker and author Mary Morel, this informative and entertaining session will teach you quick and easy techniques to apply to your writing — whether you write web copy, press releases, reports for clients, proposals or brochures.

This session will cover:

- writing for your audience (including finding an angle for a press release);
- principles of persuasive writing;
- how to adapt your story for different mediums (print and online); and
- writing for your brand (eg. styles and visual appearance).

Mary works with organisations and individuals to improve the quality of people's writing to get messages across.

The 2008 Telstra Business Women's Awards nominee is the author of two business marketing books — *Talk Up Your Business* and *Promote your Business*. These books are full of practical advice on how to promote your business on a tight budget.

**Time:** 6pm registration for 6.30pm start to 9pm (light supper on arrival)  
**Where:** Glen Eira Town Hall **Cost:** \$20  
**RSVP:** Monday 4 May to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



# The benefits of dog training

Whether you have just purchased a new puppy or have had a dog for years, dogs of all ages, sizes and breeds will benefit from training.

Dog training not only teaches the dog how to behave better, but it will teach the owners the skills and strategies required to help prevent and minimise conflict.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said one of the responsibilities of being a dog owner was ensuring that your dog was well behaved and manageable in a public environment.

"Proper training can assist the dog owner in effectively controlling their

dog and help to prevent any incidents from occurring between dogs in off-leash areas," Mr Bordignon said.

"Having a well trained dog also helps ensure the safety and comfort of other residents who may be using the park."

## Other benefits

Mr Bordignon said training your four-legged friend has other benefits.

"Training your dog — particularly from an early age — will help your dog socialise not only with other dogs, but people too," Mr Bordignon said.

"Dogs are very similar to children and need to learn right from wrong. Training will help them to learn some simple manners and household rules as well as basic commands, such as sit, walk, come and drop."

## Reduction in pet rego fees

Under the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* if a dog has successfully completed dog obedience training with an approved organisation a reduction in pet registration fees will be offered.

Substantially reduced fees will also be offered if your dog is:

- desexed and/or microchipped;
- more than 10 years of age;
- kept for working stock; or
- kept for breeding at a domestic animal business conducted on a registered premises.



**Training your dog will help your dog socialise not only with other dogs, but people too.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



**Training will help dogs learn some basic commands, such as sit.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Reduced fees will also be offered if your dog is registered with Dogs Victoria (previously known as the Victorian Canine Association).

Pet registration renewal notices for 2009–2010 have been sent to existing registered owners.

The maximum registration fee for the 2009–2010 registration year is \$122 for dogs.

A new registration tag and a *Certificate of Registration* will be issued, however

payment must be received by 10 April to ensure that your pet is re-registered.

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

If you have recently taken ownership of a new dog, registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre or from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

# Recreation respite program

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

The program is open to children aged eight to 18 with a disability. Siblings and other children are also welcome.

Participants will be able to sample the following range of sports and activities:

## Lawn bowls — Tuesday 7 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Armadale Bowls Club  
 Princes Park, Sussex Road  
 Caulfield South

## Photography — Wednesday 8 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Caulfield Photographic Society  
 Caulfield Park Croquet Club, corner  
 Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads,  
 Caulfield

## Basketball — Thursday 9 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Phoenix Park Community Centre Hall,  
 Rob Roy Street,  
 Malvern East

## Dance — Tuesday 14 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Kinetic Dance  
 158 Balaclava Road,  
 Caulfield North

## Drama — Wednesday 15 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Chapel off Chapel  
 12 Little Chapel Street,  
 Prahran

## Football — Thursday 16 April

10.30am to 1pm  
 Princes Park — oval number four  
 Sussex Road and Dover Street  
 Caulfield South

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

For further information or to register your child, contact Amanda Burns on 9524 3333.



**Basketball was a very popular activity during last year's program.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

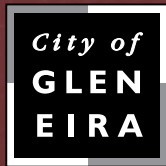


**The dance session on 24 April will provide participants with the opportunity to socialise and make new friends.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Glen Eira City Council presents ...



# My Brother Jack

Literary Festival



## Workshops

Whether you are looking for tips on successful story writing; romance writing, crime writing; writing for children; or how research can improve your writing our renowned presenters Arnold Zable; Anne Gracie; Jarad Henry; Nicolas Brasch; and Meg Mundell are on hand to share their invaluable wealth of knowledge with you. This exciting range of workshops will take place at two of Glen Eira's premier venues: the Caulfield Cup Room (at the Glen Eira Town Hall) and the Carnegie Library and Community Centre. All workshops are three hours duration and will include a question and answer session.

## In conversation with ...

The popular *In conversation with ...* series returns with a diverse range of speakers and topics to engage and inspire you. Including presentations by comedian turned writer Lily Bragge; playwright, screenwriter and novelist Joanna Murray-Smith; Howard Goldenberg; and Shane Maloney. The *In conversation with ...* series will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room (at the Glen Eira Town Hall) and the Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

## Literary Awards

The winners of the 2009 *My Brother Jack Literary Awards* are open to people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira and offers major cash prizes for short stories and poetry in junior, youth and senior categories. The winners will be announced at the annual awards ceremony which will be held in the auditorium at the Glen Eira Town Hall and the evening will be hosted by Fiona McLeod.

Proudly sponsored by:



Festival venues:

Glen Eira Town Hall  
Corner Glen Eira and  
Hawthorn Roads,  
Caulfield  
Melway ref: 68 C2

Carnegie Library  
and Community Centre  
7 Shepperson Avenue,  
Carnegie  
Melway ref: 68 J5

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

# Workshops

Sunday August 9

## Arnold Zable — Successful Story Writing

Arnold Zable is an award winning writer, storyteller and human rights advocate. His books include *Jewels and Ashes*, *Wanderers and Dreamers*, *The Fig Tree*, and three novels, *Cafe Scheherazade*, *Scraps of Heaven* and, most recently, *Sea of Many Returns*.

Successful Story Writing is a popular workshop that explores the art of creative writing and story, with techniques that can be applied to fiction and non-fiction, memoir, family history, autobiography, biography, the short story or the novel.

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room  
2pm–5pm \$20

Sunday August 9

## Anne Gracie — Writing Romantic Fiction

Anne Gracie started writing romance as an ignoramus, thinking it would fund her literary ambitions. She discovered a whole new challenging, exciting world. She's now a multi-published, best-selling, award winning Australian writer.

The international market for romance is huge and it's hungry for new voices and fresh stories. This is why romance writers published with large, international publishers can earn a living by writing. In this three hour workshop you will learn the crucial features of gripping, well-written, internationally marketable romantic fiction and find out how to sell your manuscript to overseas publishers.

Carnegie Library and Community Centre  
10am–1pm \$20

Sunday August 9

## Jarad Henry — Cops 'n' Robbers

Jarad Henry has written two books *Head Shot*, inspired by Melbourne's gangland killings, and *Blood Sunset*. He has worked in the criminal justice system for the past ten years and is a strategic advisor for Victoria Police. He is currently working on his third novel, *Pink Tide*, a story about gay bashings and homophobia.

If you've ever wanted to write a crime novel or short story, chances are you'll have at least one detective wandering your pages. Learn how to get the procedure right in this workshop.

Carnegie Library and Community Centre  
2pm–5pm \$20

# In conversation with ...

Sunday August 9

## Lily Bragge

Lily Bragge is a Melbourne based writer and journalist who is a weekly arts contributor/reviewer and feature stories writer for *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Good Weekend*, *Sunday Life* and *Sun Herald* magazines. She has written for various national and international publications, as well as for the stage, film and television. After working successfully as a stand-up comic for a few years, Lily turned to full-time writing and is currently finishing her first book, a memoir.

Lily will chat about writing across multiple disciplines: the process, the similarities, contradictions, editing and being edited, differing styles and tone. Writing for stage, comedy, journalism and now, her most recent foray: the memoir. She will also discuss the traps and pitfalls of what it is to indulge in the public confessional.

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room  
6pm–7pm \$10

**Workshop and In conversation with ...**  
**bookings: 9524 3333**

*All tickets sales are in accordance with Council's ticketing policy. Please see [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) for more details.*

Sunday August 16

## Nicolas Brasch — Writing for Children

Nicolas Brasch is the author of more than 250 books for children and young adults. He writes both fiction and factual books for the trade, library and educational markets. Nicolas has also presented workshops and seminars on writing and storytelling and is the founder of *Writers in Residence*.

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room  
2pm–5pm \$20

Sunday August 16

## Meg Mundell – Researching for Writing

Meg Mundell holds an MA in creative writing and works as a writer/researcher. Her fiction, memoir and journalism have appeared in *Meanjin*, *New Australian Stories*, *Sleepers Almanac*, *The Death Mook*, *The Monthly*, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Seeking a sneaky way to kill a character? Interviewing a grumpy cop for a magazine article? Got a protagonist with an unusual job? Whether you write fiction or non-fiction, thorough and imaginative research can greatly enrich your work. This workshop will explore how both conventional and unorthodox research methods can enhance your writing.

Carnegie Library and Community Centre  
10am–1pm \$20

*Left to right: Arnold Zable; Anne Gracie; Jarad Henry; Nicolas Brasch; Meg Mundell*



*Left to right: Lily Bragge; Joanna Murray-Smith; Howard Goldenberg; Shane Maloney*

Sunday August 9

## Joanna Murray-Smith

Joanna Murray-Smith is a Melbourne based playwright, screenwriter and novelist. Her plays, which include *Honour*, *Rapture*, *Bombshells*, *Nightfall*, *Redemption*, *Love Child* and *Flame*, have been produced around the world. *Honour* has been produced in more than two dozen countries, including productions on Broadway and at the National Theatre in London and most recently in the West End. Both *Honour* and *Rapture* won the *Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Best Play*. Most recently, Melbourne Theatre Company produced *The Female of the Species*. Joanna has also published three novels *Truce*, *Judgement Rock* and *Sunnyside*.

Carnegie Library and Community Centre  
6pm–7pm \$10

Sunday August 16

## Howard Goldenberg

Howard Goldenberg was made and raised in Leeton, New South Wales. On his father's side, Howard is descended from the Gaon (Genius) of Vilna; on his mother's from Cyril Coleman, pearl diver, polo player, and one-stringed violinist, of Broome.

Howard practises medicine and monogamy. It is in the latter field that he claims distinction, having contributed to the existence of three children and five grandchildren. Having completed 63 laps around a small star, Howard is currently training for his 37th marathon. In his later-life pursuit of writing for publication,

Howard has enjoyed sell-out success with his memoir *My Father's Compass*.

His second book is *Raft*.

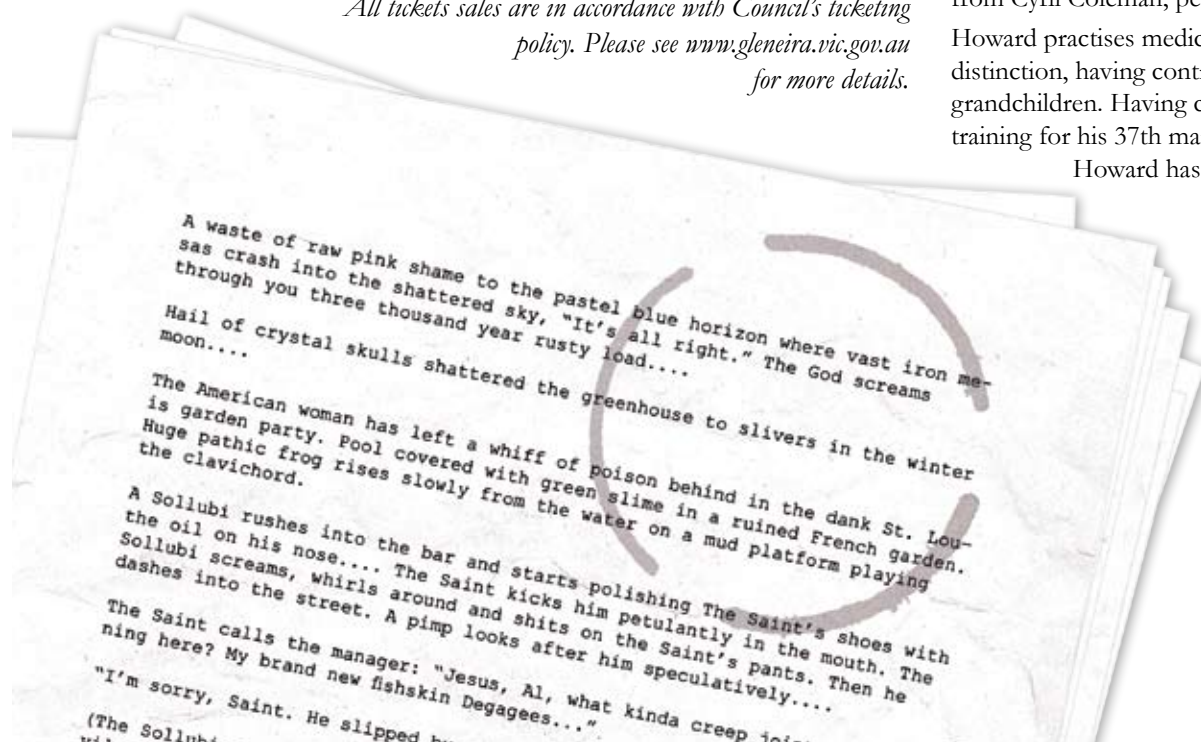
Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room  
6pm–7pm \$10

Sunday August 16

## Shane Maloney

Shane Maloney is the author of the award winning and much loved Murray Whelan series: *Stiff*, *The Brush-Off*, *Nice Try*, *The Big Ask*, *Something Fishy* and *Sucked In*. His work is characterised by a strong sense of humour and an acute sense of Melbourne's political and cultural nuances. He has been published in the UK, Germany, France, Britain, Japan, Finland and the U.S.

Carnegie Library and Community Centre  
6pm–7pm \$10



# Literary Awards

The 2009 Literary Awards are open to people who reside, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira.

Major cash prizes will be awarded in junior, youth and adult categories.

Entries close: Friday 19 June 2009 at 4pm

## Sunflower bookshop short story award\*

3,000 word limit

First prize: \$500  
Second prize: \$300  
Third prize: \$200  
Entry fee: \$10 per entry  
Judge: Paddy O'Reilly

Winning entries will be published in *Etchings* magazine

## Eastend booksellers poetry award\*

60 line limit

First prize: \$400  
Second prize: \$200  
Third prize: \$100  
Entry fee: \$10 per entry  
Judge: Claire Gaskin

Winning entries will be published in *Etchings* magazine

## Youth short story award\*

3,000 word limit

Age group: 15–21 years  
First prize: \$200  
Second prize: \$100  
Third prize: \$50  
Entry fee: \$8 per entry  
Judge: Paddy O'Reilly

## Youth poetry/lyric writing award\*

50 line limit

Age group: 15–21 years  
First prize: \$200  
Second prize: \$100  
Third prize: \$50  
Entry fee: \$8 per entry  
Judge: Claire Gaskin

## Baha'i junior short story award

2,000 word limit

Age group: 10–14 years  
First prize: \$50  
Second prize: \$25  
Judge: Kirsty Murray

No entry fee required

## Baha'i junior poetry/lyric writing award

40 line limit

Age group: 10–14 years  
First prize: \$50  
Second prize: \$25  
Judge: Kirsty Murray

No entry fee required

# Payment

Cheque or postal order payments

Please make cheque/postal orders payable to:

Glen Eira City Council,  
and include payees name and address details on the reverse side.

Please return payment with this form.

## Credit card payments

Visa  Mastercard

Card Number:

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Total amount enclosed: \$ .....

## Literary Awards entry form

- Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award  
 Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award  
 Youth Short Story Award  
 Youth Poetry/Lyric Writing Award  
 Baha'i Junior Short Story Award  
 Baha'i Junior Poetry Award

Title of entry: .....

Short story word count: .....

Poetry line count: .....

Name: .....

Email: .....

Address: .....

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Telephone (BH): .....

Mobile: .....

*This information is collected for the purpose of service improvement. Whilst any comments written on this form may be quoted in Council material, the person providing any comment shall not be identified*



\* Workshop participants are entitled to one free entry

## Conditions of entry

Please read the following conditions of entry clearly. Entries that do not comply with these conditions will be disqualified.

- Entries must be the original work of the author.
- Entries must be unpublished and not have previously gained a prize in another competition. Plagiarised entries will not be considered.
- Entrants are advised that works should not include the names of real people without their written consent.
- It is recommended that entries do not include racial, aggressive or sexually explicit themes.
- Entries will not be returned. Entrants must submit copies only of their original work.
- The Literary Awards are open to people who reside, work, or study in the City of Glen Eira.
- There is no theme, genre or style restriction for any category. Age group conditions apply for the Junior (10–14 years at 30 June 2009) and Youth (15–21 years at 30 June 2009) categories only.
- Glen Eira City Council reserves the right to retain a copy of prize winning stories and poems and publish these on Council's website and Council's monthly newspaper, the *Glen Eira News*. Council also reserves the right to publicly perform the winning works at the *Presentation Night*. Copyright of the works performed and/or published remains with the author and is not held by Glen Eira City Council.

- Winners will be publicly announced at the *Presentation Night* to be held on Thursday 20 August at Glen Eira Town Hall, Auditorium at the following times:  
Junior Categories: 6pm–7pm  
Youth/Adult Categories: 8pm–9.30pm
- Following the *Presentation Night*, entrants will also be notified in writing and a full list of winners will be posted on Glen Eira City Council website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)
- All entries are read by the judge whose name appears in the category section of this form. The judge's decision is final.
- Entrants are permitted to submit more than one entry into each category; however each individual entrant can only be awarded one prize per category.
- *Sunflower Bookshop Short Story Award* and *Eastend Booksellers Poetry Award* winning entries will be published in *Etchings* magazine. Writers will be paid in accordance with *Etchings* standard writers' fee paid by Illura Press.

## How to enter

1. Entries must be typed in double space, one sided on A4 paper and stapled in the top left hand corner. Where possible, a disc copy in Microsoft Word Version 6 should accompany your entry.
2. The entrant's name and address must not appear on the entry.
3. The entrant's personal details should be clearly printed on the entry form which must be attached by

paper clip (not stapled) to the entry. Please ensure the relevant entry fee(s) is included.

4. A separate entry form per entry is required. However the payment of fees for multiple entries may be totaled. Photocopies of the entry form are acceptable.

## Entries should be mailed to:

Glen Eira City Council Literary Awards  
Glen Eira City Council  
PO Box 42, Caulfield Vic 3162

Or delivered in person to:  
Council's Service Centre  
Glen Eira Town Hall  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Closing date: Friday 19 June 2009 at 4pm

**Disclaimer:** The entrant agrees and consents to participating in the Glen Eira City Council *Literary Awards* on the conditions published. When Glen Eira City Council has received the manuscript entry, the entrant will be notified by mail after the published closing date. Manuscripts will not be returned and become the property of Glen Eira City Council. All manuscript entries will be judged anonymously. No responsibility can be accepted for the loss or damage of any manuscript entry. The entrant agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified and to hold harmless Glen Eira City Council, its servants and agents and each of them from and against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses and damages ("loss") whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising out of or in relation to the manuscripts.



# Things We Can't Tell

by Vivienne Christie

Stella has a long list of things she can't tell. The op shop in the next town, where they bought her first high school uniform last year. Her father's occasional second job. The "brand new" bike they'd given her little brother Ben for Christmas; it had been hers until a few years ago. And she especially can't tell the thing about her mother, who's lived on the farm for 13 years but still cries when the calves are loaded up for the sales on Sunday mornings.

Stella doesn't mind. Since her friend Lily moved to Queensland, there's really nobody to tell anyway.

There's just one problem lately. With all that not telling, her words sometimes dry up. Last week, it happened after something her mother said. "Do you ever thing what it'd be like to live in the city, Stell?"

"I guess I don't see the point really," Stella finally replied.

Her mother sighed. "There is a life beyond this place you know."

Stella knew. They'd occasionally drive down the highway to visit Aunt Denise in the city. Her mother loved pointing out landmarks from her childhood. The school, the swimming pool, the coffee shop where she'd worked to pay for a P&O cruise with Denise when she was 18. "If I'd known I was going to meet your father, I probably would have gone to Queensland instead," she'd laugh, and her father would smile too, so everybody knew they were in the joke together.

It's been ages since one of those trips. Her mother seems to have given up on jokes and her father has stopped smiling. Neither parent notices that Stella can last through dinner, help wash up and watch TV without saying a single word all night.

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The best thing about not telling is that sometimes people start filling in the gaps themselves. Like today, when Mr. Gordon slows his truck as Stella navigates her bike around the sharp stones on the side of the gravel road.

"I've been trying to get onto your father," he tells her through the open window. "Tell him those cattle in the top paddock are desperate for hay. They'll be getting into my place next."

Stella feels a flutter of anxiety unfold and curl itself around the edges of her stomach. But she pushes on. The town arrives as a series of small factories and farming supply stores, then a scattering of weatherboard houses. As she approaches the supermarket, Stella tingles with panic. She has planned this badly. Her backpack is too bulky, her ripped jeans too obvious. She allows herself to be swallowed by the automatic doors anyway. Ben is waiting for her at home.

It's not the same as shopping from a list with her mother, when they carefully check prices, always looking above and below eye level for something cheaper. Now, Stella snatches whatever is closest. A packet of pasta, canned tomatoes and baked beans. It's surprisingly easy.

It's the cereal aisle where she pauses to think. Stella doesn't even like Rice Bubbles, but the big boxes come with the action man figures Ben used to organise in rows on his windowsill. It will make him forget and remember all at once.

The backpack is bulging with the promise of Stella's first worry-free afternoon for days. The automatic doors appear like a committee wishing her well on her return journey. They're already open when Stella feels the hand on her shoulder. It's Carol Jackson, a manager here.

"Stella, what's in your bag?"

"Oh it's just school stuff," she manages.

"I think we better call your parents," Carol says.

Stella can't tell. That her mother has left, and her father is missing too.

And it's probably all Stella's fault.

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Stella feels her panic dilute with relief when Carol puts down the phone.

"Well, there's nobody there," she announces, looking at the TV screens that would have given away Stella's secret. "Why don't you just tell me what's wrong?"

Stella shakes her head; she can't choose from all the possible answers.

Carol stands and gestures to cups and biscuits on another table. "You look awfully pale. Eat something and then we'll talk more."

Stella is not locked in this room. She could just sneak past the bananas and cabbages and home to her brother, who'll be peering down the laneway by now. But nestled among the memos to order more bread rolls and sign rosters, Stella feels

safe. She can even picture herself filling out the order form for the bakery supplier.

Stella's an intruder though. Worse than that, a thief. The door opens to remind her. Carol is accompanied by a man she introduces as Bob. Stella has seen him before, but can't remember where.

"Listen," he begins then tugs furiously at the tie tightening around his neck. "I don't believe in getting the police to collect teenage girls. But I can't let you walk out with fifty bucks worth of groceries either."

Stella wonders what's happened to her backpack. God, Ben must be starving by now. Maybe she should tell them.

Stella could always leave out her part. That the fight had started because she'd been so greedy, blind to the fact that asking could be a lot worse than not telling.

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She'd had to squeeze her question after Ben's stories from football practice, and her mother's announcement she might apply for some cleaning shifts at the motel on the highway.

"Lily has asked me to Queensland for the holidays. Can I go?" she'd blurted.

Her mother was pleased. "But it's a long way, love. How would you get there?"

"Lily's parents will pay the airfare. It's going to be her birthday present."

Her father put down his fork. "I don't think so, Stella," he said. "We're not taking charity from strangers."

It was like he'd slapped her. Lily wasn't a stranger. Didn't he remember the weekends she'd come and help round up the cows for milking? She was useless at it, used to scream so much the whole herd would run away. Her father just laughed and said if he could make a farm girl out of Stella's mother, he'd make one of her friend too.

Stella didn't usually react so angrily. But didn't he realise how much meant to her? She stalked to her bedroom, even slamming the door for once. The noise of crashing wood created an aftershock in the room she'd left.

"Nothing, you give those kids nothing!"

The bitterness in her mother's shouting seemed to seep through the walls, covering Stella with its mucky intentions.

When she woke next morning, four plates remained on the table, covered with half-eaten dinners that reminded her of skeletons. Her father was sitting in his usual place.

Her mother had gone to stay with Aunt Denise.

"I'm going down to the city," her father announced next morning. "Don't tell anybody about all this, Stella, not anybody. I'll be back tomorrow, or the day after."

But he hadn't been back any of those days and Stella would push away thoughts of car accidents, only to make way for murder-suicide scenarios. Alongside them was a nine-year-old brother who refused to eat more potatoes.

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If she makes something up, Stella bargains with herself, then she won't really be telling. "My dad wanted me to get stuff," she finally tells them. "But he forgot to give me the money."

"Why didn't you just tell us?" Bob says his smile swinging between Carol and herself. "I know your father's good for it."

Stella remembers now. Bob was a man her father introduced her to when they still spent Saturdays at the footy club.

"Give your old man my regards," Bob tells Stella as she leaves the store, her groceries packed neatly into two green bags. The Rice Bubbles stand tall, like a soldier returning from a successful military mission. "I haven't seen him for so long. Must be tough on the farm."

It's not a surprise when she finds her father sitting in his ute outside the shop. They don't speak until they've driven most of the ten-minute journey to the farm.

"I know I shouldn't have been so long," he tells her. "I just wanted to be sure she doesn't want us to come to her."

"Does she?"

Her father runs a hand through his hair. "Wants time to think about it. Says she can't tell."

Stella and her father exchange a smile. It seems like none of them can.

*This is an edited version of the story, the complete version appeared in issue six of Etchings magazine.*

# On a Visit to Jerusalem

by Ralph Genende

Like you

I have grown older

and bolder

uncovered another layer

uttered another prayer

uncluttered a space here

made a little room there.

But boldness is not always

the stuff of heroics

David strutting across the divide.

Sometimes you need the courage of fools

those who break full of impulse

into sacred places

set aflame some dark name.

And this layer is connected

to that one

and this prayer

unties that one.

Like you

Jerusalem

I've seen too much

so let's walk

your walls

perhaps we'll catch a glimpse of young Jacob

scaling upwards

outrageous among the angels.

The Bahá'í Faith  
Bahai.org.au

# Tiny Planets of Light

by Cecile Knights

The stars are scattered,

aligning themselves

in the dark, mysterious sky.

In beautiful patterns they light up the world,

like water droplets stuck on a glittering spider web,

the moon its spider.

In another place, lights are lit up in huge city buildings,

wasting electricity.

Power is wasted all over the world,

in different locations, in different ways.

More carbon dioxide is getting trapped in the atmosphere,

the gassy clouds getting denser, thicker.

Clouds used to represent dreams.

Now they represent global warming,

weather,

disasters.

How will it feel one night

to watch the sun setting in its beautiful orangey-pink display,

and you'll look up

and the stars are gone,

luminosity vanished?

The stars are hiding behind the carbon dioxide clouds,

and never will we see them again,

never will future generations see the tiny planets of light.

All that will be left is the memories,

the story you will tell your children, your grandchildren,

your great-grandchildren:

how each night, the stars would light up the sky.

But now, there is a shadow over the Earth,

no moonlight, no starlight evident.

And as the story of stars is forgotten over time,

no one will ever know what a starry night ever looked like,

and the brilliant glow of simple happiness

you would feel inside

while you lay down on the soft grass

with your loved one beside you,

the only sound

your steady, rhythmic breathing,

and the warmth of one hand in another.

# Trees given new lease of life

More than 3,000 drought affected street, park and reserve trees have been given a new lease of life — thanks to GLG Developments.



**Before: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Council's Ground Maintenance Co-ordinator Peter Todd visited the site prior to the rainwater being extracted.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

As reported in the *Glen Eira News* February 2009 edition, GLG Developments made more than two million litres of rainwater available to Glen Eira City Council at the end of last year.

The extraction of the rainwater, which accumulated in an open excavation over a two year period, was completed at the end of February.

GLG Developments Director Dan Langer said the company purchased the East Boundary Road site for residential use in 2005. A planning permit has since been issued for the development of 50 residential allotments and 10 townhouses, which will be offered to the market later this year.

"Whilst undertaking the planning process for the development of the site, the previous industrial factory infrastructure was removed," Mr Langer said.

"This infrastructure included a basement which remained open for the past couple of years.

"Over this time, rainwater gathered in the open basement and rather than just dispose of it, we set about finding an appropriate use for the water."

Mr Langer said when approached, Council was most appreciative of being offered such a large volume of water.



**After: More than two million litres of rainwater was extracted and used to water more than 3,000 drought affected street, park and reserve trees.** Photo: GLG Developments.

"Council began the extraction process almost immediately to water trees across the municipality," Mr Langer said.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said access to the water relieved the strain on bore water supplies for nearly two months.

"Council would like to thank GLG Developments for allowing extraction of the rainwater. We are very grateful for the opportunity," Mr Unwin said.

## out and about



**Party in the Park at Allnut Park: Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Jim Magee, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside, Cr Michael Lipshutz and Cr Margaret Esakoff.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



**Bushfire charity concert: Cr Frank Penhalluriack and Jack Campbell.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



**Bushfire charity concert: Cr Michael Lipshutz and Cr Steven Tang.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## 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](http://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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or alternatively you can mail your application to Human Resources, PO Box 42 Caulfield South, 3162.



## Wiser Driver Program

Glen Eira City Council and Roadsafe Inner South East Inc will be hosting a *Wiser Driver Program* in April.

The *Program* will be conducted over a two week period, with participants attending four, two hour sessions.

The *Wiser Driver Program* aims to:

- improve road safety;
- provide an opportunity to upgrade knowledge and discuss issues related to driving; and
- encourage informed decision making about driving in later years.

Participants in the *Program* will receive the *Victorian Rules and Responsibilities* booklet, *Older Drivers* handbook and a certificate of attendance.

The *Program* will be held on 21, 23, 28 and 30 April at the DJ. Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club, 1 Derry Street, Bentleigh East from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Bookings are essential by Tuesday 7 April.

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

## Council to sign up to Support 155

Glen Eira City Council is taking the next step in conserving water supplies.

Council is supporting South East Water's *Support 155 Business Program*. The *Program* is targeting all businesses using less than 10 million litres of water a year and encourages them to assess their water use. The *Program* also provides materials to help each business use water more efficiently.

*Council will be writing to the lessees of all Council owned properties, encouraging them to participate in the Program.*

More than 110 businesses from across Melbourne have already signed up for the *Program*, including other councils, child care centres, aged care facilities preschools and hotels.

Participating businesses receive free:

- a two and a half hour mini water assessment;
- a retrofit of minor water efficient appliances such as showerheads and flow restrictors;
- a Certificate of Commitment for display on the premises; and
- a series of stickers encouraging water conservation practices.

Council will be writing to the lessees of all Council owned properties, encouraging them to participate in the *Program*.

Small to medium sized businesses within the municipality are encouraged to participate.

For further information, contact South East Water on 131 867 or go to [www.southeastwater.com.au](http://www.southeastwater.com.au) and click on *Support 155 Business Program*.

## Crossroad intersection safety improvements



**Speed cushions at Ludbrook Avenue and Lucas Street, Caulfield South.**

Photo: Matthew Harridge.

Safety at six crossroad intersections in Glen Eira has been improved by a new rubber speed cushion treatment.

Glen Eira City Council's *Road Safety Strategy* identifies merit in treating crossroad intersections of local streets to reduce casualty crashes across the municipality.

Based on this information, and following a review of VicRoads crash statistics, Council has installed speed cushions on the approaches of the following six intersections:

- Ludbrook Avenue and Lucas Street, Caulfield South;
- Saturn Street and Lucas Street, Caulfield South;

- Foch Street and Malane Street, Ormond;
- Sommerset Street and Mulgrave Street, Caulfield North;
- Elster Avenue, Gough Street and Lucy Street, Elsternwick; and
- Stockdale Avenue and Marlborough Street, Bentleigh East

The speed cushions are intended to reduce vehicle speeds approaching the intersections and to assist motorists from inadvertently overshooting the existing stop or give way signs.

As the speed cushions use recycled rubber, these road safety improvements also continue Council's commitment to the Municipal Association of Victoria's *Eco-Buy* program.

## Reducing the impact of climate change

Glen Eira City Council will continue its efforts to reduce the impact of climate change.

A range of water, heat and energy saving measures will soon be installed in the homes of frail older residents.

Advice and information in relation to climate change and its impact will also be provided.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said eligible residents will be identified through their contact with Council's Community Care Services.

"Council will also inform local residents of the initiative through the local media," Ms Marr said.

Residents who meet the eligibility criteria will have a home assessment undertaken by the Property Maintenance Co-ordinator to

determine what measures could be implemented. These measures include:

- replacing existing light globes with energy saving light globes;
- checking and/or installing smoke detectors;
- replacing smoke detector batteries;
- replacing existing showerheads with AAA rated showerheads;
- replacing tap washers; and
- covering existing garden beds with mulch.

A grant received from the Department of Human Services will be used to help fund the installation of these measures.

For further information contact Council's Property Maintenance Service on 9524 3333.

The Rotary Clubs of Glen Eira, Elsternwick & Caulfield invite you to  
**Calvary Health Care Bethlehem's**  
**2nd Annual Dinner Dance**

Auction items include:  
 Holiday Packages  
 Fine Dining  
 Classic Memorabilia  
**Auctioneer Alan Jarrott**

**MC Russell Morris**  
 Former AFL player  
**Guest of Honour**  
**Cr. Helen Whiteside**  
 Mayor of Glen Eira

**"Colour Patch"**  
 The theme is **elegance & colour**—  
 each table will be a different colour combination.  
 First in gets their colour choice.

Dance to music from  
**The Rathdowne Street Big Band**  
**Saturday 23rd May 2009**  
**7pm—12.30am**  
**Glen Eira Town Hall**  
 Corner of Glen Eira & Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield

Tickets: \$75 each; \$700 for a single table booking. Bookings to Debbie on 03 9595 3399

## MEETINGS AND CLUBS

**Club 66** holds Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances with a live band on the third Saturday of every month from 8pm at the Bentleigh Uniting Church Hall, 495 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Cost of \$7 includes a light supper. Contact Margaret: 9587 1092.

**Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group** meets every Monday (except public holidays) in the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall. New Vogue and Old Time dancing from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Come and join a fun, social afternoon and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Contact Audrey: 9822 2064.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group** holds art classes in all media from Monday to Friday with a special children's class on Saturday mornings. A life drawing class is also held once a month at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9563 7621 or 0433 793 726.

**The Bentleigh Life Activities Club** offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy social activities including table tennis, golf, card games and music. New members welcome. Contact Gotu: 9557 2562 or Pat: 9555 6008.

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

**McKinnon Needlepointers** run a Nu-Wave program teaching the art of needlepointing for beginners through to the experienced. The group meets every second Thursday from 1pm at the McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Contact Merrill: 9578 1117.

**Bridge @ 99** (an activity of the B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit) is looking for bridge players for Thursday nights. Arrive 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at 99 Hotham Street, St Kilda. Cost of \$10 includes light supper. Contact Sol: 9578 1826 (not on Saturdays).

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

**Little Steps Playgroup** is seeking expressions of interest from fathers, mothers or families who would like to attend a Sunday playgroup. Commencing 19 April, the Playgroup will meet from 3pm to 5pm at the lower hall, corner Clarence Street and Kooyong Road, Caulfield South. Contact Stephen: 0412 267 437.

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

**The Multicultural Association of Russian Speaking Women** is seeking volunteers who are able to offer their services in areas of administration, bookkeeping, marketing and IT or would like to share their skill and knowledge in the areas of the performing arts, health and art and craft. This group is also seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to join an Internet Self Support Group and a Protect and Manage to Stay Young Group. Understanding of Russian is preferred, but not essential. Contact: 0416 251 317.

**Sew Inspired** patchwork and quilting groups meet monthly on Saturday afternoons in the church hall, 44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Beginners are welcome and there is no charge. Contact Helen: 0423 001 603.

**Moorleigh Men's Probus Club** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10am at the Bentleigh East Sporting and Recreation clubrooms, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh. Visitors are most welcome. Contact: 9579 3352.

## EVENTS

**Murrumbeena Craft and Produce Market** will be held on 4 April at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. There will be handmade and homegrown items for sale. Community organisations will also be selling items as part of their fundraising activities. Contact Glynis: 0407 506 662.

**Bentleigh Organ Club** is pleased to present church and theatre organist John Sutcliffe performing on 6 April from 8pm to 10.30pm at Coatesville Bowling Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East. Cost of \$6 for visitors and \$3 for members includes a light supper. Contact Cliff and Jenny Restarick: 9528 2539.

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

**The Adelphi Theatre** will stage the comedy play *Escape* by William Hambly from 31 March to 3 April at 8pm and 4 and 5 April at 2pm at the Labassa National Trust Mansion, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North. Cost: \$15 and \$12 concession. Bookings essential. Contact: 9690 1593.

**A Bushfire Recovery Benefit Belly Dance Concert** will be held on 5 April at 7pm in the Glen Eira Town Hall auditorium. Doors open at 6.30pm. Prepaid and concession tickets are \$25 and \$30 at the door (if available). All proceeds will go to the Rotary Bushfire Recovery Fund. Contact: 9568 7190 or [www.ameda.org.au](http://www.ameda.org.au)

**Ormond Angling Club and the Melbourne Racing Club** will host a *Kids Learn to Fish Day* on 5 April from 10am to 2pm in the centre of Caulfield Racecourse Reserve. Equipment will be provided or you can bring your own. Gold coin donation and sausage sizzle also available. Access to the lake is via Guineas Tunnel with free parking opposite Caulfield Station, Gate 21, Normanby Road, Caulfield. All welcome. Contact: 9257 7200.

## COMMUNITY

**Wesley Do Care** is a social support program for socially isolated older people and younger people with disabilities who are still living at home. Wesley Do Care is seeking volunteers to visit people in their homes on a regular basis. Volunteers are provided training and ongoing support. Contact Sandra: 9771 6134.

**St Catherine's Church**, corner Kooyong Road and Clarence Street, Caulfield South is looking for volunteers to staff its Opportunity Shop. Contact Tracey: 0410 718 380.

**Godfrey Street Community House** is hosting the following activities, workshops and courses: movie time; Glen Eira movers; patchwork and craft; mobile phone workshop; email and internet; digital photography; touch typing for kids and adults; and French for beginners. Contact: 9557 9037.

**Bentleigh East Primary school** is calling for volunteers to help children in their weekly garden class on Tuesdays and Fridays for 45 minutes and/or in the kitchen classes on Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday for 90 minutes. It is highly desirable that volunteers commit to the same class each week for at least six months. It is a legal requirement for all volunteers to obtain a Working with Children Check. Contact: 9570 3525.

## Immunisation sessions

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 6 April and  
Monday 4 May 10am–11am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium**  
(entry via Glen Eira Road)  
Corner Glen Eira and  
Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 7 April and  
Tuesday 5 May 6pm–7pm  
Tuesday 14 April and  
Tuesday 12 May 9.30am–10.30am

**Bentleigh Bayside  
Community Health Centre**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Saturday 18 April and  
Saturday 23 May 9am–11am  
Wednesday 22 April and  
Wednesday 20 May 5.45pm–7.15pm  
Thursday 30 April and  
Thursday 28 May 6pm–8pm

**Packer Park**  
Leila Road, Carnegie  
Monday 20 April and  
Monday 18 May 10am–11am

**Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre**  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Wednesday 15 April and  
Wednesday 13 May 1.30pm–2.30pm  
and 5.30pm–7.30pm

**Glen Huntly Maternal and  
Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale  
Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 29 April and  
Wednesday 27 May 9.30am–11am



**社區撥款現在接受申請**

Glen Eira 市政府將通過 “2009-2010 社區撥款計劃” 向當地社區團體撥款逾\$300,000。

這項計劃上個月開始接受申請，申請截止時間是5月29日星期五下午5.00。

本計劃資助本市非營利社區團體開展項目和活動。

Glen Eira 市長 Helen Whiteside 說市政府致力於社區投資。

Whiteside 市長還說：“此計劃使市政府得以支持解決當地問題的項目和服務。”

在2008-09年度，市政府將逾\$323,000 撥給了129個非營利社區團體。

一系列廣泛的團體獲得了撥款，其中包括公民團體、遊戲小組、藝術和文化機構，以及體育和娛樂團體。

《Glen Eira 新聞》採訪了 Caulfield 扶輪社，瞭解他們怎樣使用撥款。

**年度節慶季節午餐**

二十多年來，Caulfield 扶輪社每年舉辦一次節慶季節午餐會。

接受送飯上門服務的 Glen Eira 居民被邀請參加午餐會，該午餐會於12月舉行，地點在位於 Caulfield South 的 Caulfield 高齡公民俱樂部。

Caulfield 扶輪社的 Heather Welsh 說，市政府的“社區撥款計劃”為成功舉辦該午餐會起了重要的作用。

Heather 說：“俱樂部使用此撥款支付場地租金和其他相關的費用。”

如想瞭解“2009-2010社區撥款計劃”的詳情，請聯絡市政府服務中心，電話 9524 3333 或訪問網站 [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**Άρχισε τώρα η υποβολή αιτήσεων για κοινοτικά κονδύλια**

Πάνω από 300.000 δολάρια θα δοθούν σε τοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2009-2010 του Δήμου Glen Eira.

Η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα άρχισε τον περασμένο μήνα και θα κλείσει στις 17.00 την Παρασκευή 29 Μαΐου.

Το Πρόγραμμα στηρίζει και βοηθάει μη κερδοσκοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους του δήμου για να εφαρμόσουν προγράμματα και δραστηριότητες.

Η Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Helen Whiteside είπε ότι ο Δήμος έχει δεσμευθεί στην κοινοτική επένδυση.

«Το πρόγραμμα επιτρέπει στο Δήμο να στηρίζει έργα και υπηρεσίες που καλύπτουν τοπικά ζητήματα», είπε η κ. Whiteside.

Το 2008-09, πάνω από 323.000 δολ. διανεμήθηκαν σε 129 μη κερδοσκοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους.

Τα κονδύλια δόθηκαν σε πολλούς και διάφορους συλλόγους και ομάδες όπως σύλλογοι δημοτών, ομάδες παιχνιδιού παιδιών, οργανισμοί τεχνών και πολιτισμού καθώς επίσης και σε αθλητικούς συλλόγους.

Το ενημερωτικό δελτίο *Glen Eira News* μίλησε με τον Σύλλογο Ροταριανών Caulfield για να δει πώς χρησιμοποίησαν τα χρήματά τους.

**Ετήσιο γεύμα εορταστικής περιόδου**

Για πάνω από 20 χρόνια, ο Σύλλογος Ροταριανών Caulfield φιλοξενεί το ετήσιο γεύμα εορταστικής περιόδου.

Κάτοικοι του Δήμου Glen Eira που χρησιμοποιούν την υπηρεσία Διανομής Γευμάτων προσκλήθηκαν να παρευρεθούν στο γεύμα, που διοργανώθηκε τον Δεκέμβριο στο Κέντρο Ηλικιωμένων Caulfield, Caulfield South.

Η κ. Heather Welsh από τον Σύλλογο Ροταριανών Caulfield είπε ότι ο Δήμος συνέβαλλε για να επιτευχθεί αυτό το γεύμα μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων.

«Ο Σύλλογος χρησιμοποίησε τα χρήματα για να καλύψει τα έξοδα ενοικίασης της αίθουσας και άλλα σχετικά έξοδα», είπε η Heather.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το Πρόγραμμα Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2009-2010 επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών του Δήμου στο 9524 3333 ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**Sovvenzioni comunitarie: aperti i termini di presentazione delle domande**

Oltre 300.000 dollari saranno assegnati a gruppi comunitari locali grazie al Programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie 2009-2010 del Comune di Glen Eira.

I termini di presentazione delle domande per il Programma si sono aperti il mese scorso e si chiuderanno alle 17:00 di venerdì 29 maggio.

Il Programma sostiene e assiste i gruppi senza scopo di lucro con base comunitaria presenti nel territorio comunale nella realizzazione di progetti e attività.

Il sindaco di Glen Eira Cons. Helen Whiteside ha detto che il Comune s’impegna ad investire nella comunità.

“Questo programma consente al Comune di sostenere progetti e servizi che affrontano questioni locali” ha continuato la Cons. Whiteside.

Nel 2008-9 sono stati distribuiti più di 323.000 dollari a 129 gruppi comunitari senza scopo di lucro.

Le sovvenzioni sono state concesse ad un’ampia gamma di gruppi, tra cui quelli civici, i gruppi di gioco, organizzazioni artistiche e culturali e anche gruppi sportivi e ricreativi.

Il *Glen Eira News* ha contattato il Rotary Club di Caulfield per vedere in che modo questo Club ha utilizzato la sovvenzione che ha ricevuto.

**Pranzo annuale per le festività natalizie**

Da più di 20 anni il Rotary Club di Caulfield organizza un pranzo annuale in occasione delle festività natalizie.

I residenti di Glen Eira che utilizzano il servizio di consegna pasti a domicilio (Meals on Wheels) sono invitati a partecipare al pranzo, che si tiene in dicembre presso il Centro per anziani di Caulfield, a Caulfield South.

Heather Welsh del Rotary Club di Caulfield ha dichiarato che il Comune ha giocato un ruolo importante nel rendere possibile il pranzo tramite il Programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie.

“Il Club ha utilizzato la sovvenzione per coprire i costi dell’affitto del locale e altri costi collegati”, ha detto Heather.

Per ulteriori informazioni sul Programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie 2009-2010 si può contattare il Centro Servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333 oppure visitare il sito web [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**Субсидии для общественных групп**

В рамках Программы субсидий для общественных групп муниципалитета Glen Eira на 2009 – 2010г. местным группам будет выделено более \$300 000.

Прием заявлений на получение субсидий начался в прошлом месяце и продлится до 17.00, пятница, 29 мая.

Программа субсидий создана для поддержки и помощи некоммерческим общественным группам в муниципалитете для осуществления их проектов и мероприятий.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-жа Helen Whiteside отметила, что муниципалитет и дальше будет продолжать общественные инвестиции.

“Эта программа позволяет нам поддерживать проекты и услуги, ориентированные на местные нужды”, сказала г-жа Whiteside.

В 2008 – 2009г. 129 некоммерческих общественных групп получили более \$323 000.

Среди них - группы общественных инициатив, игровые группы, культурные, художественные, спортивные и развлекательные объединения.

Корреспондент газеты *Glen Eira News* встретился с членами Rotary Club в районе Caulfield чтобы узнать, как они использовали свои субсидии.

**Ежегодный торжественный обед**

Уже более 20 лет Rotary Club в районе Caulfield проводит в начале летнего сезона торжественный обед.

Он проходит в декабре, в Центре для пожилых людей в районе Caulfield South. На обед приглашаются те, кто пользуется услугами службы доставки готовой еды на дом (Meals on Wheels).

Представитель Rotary Club (Caulfield) г-жа Heather Welsh отметила, что организация этого мероприятия отчасти возможна благодаря муниципальной программе субсидий.

“Мы использовали субсидию для аренды помещения и других расходов”, сказала г-жа Heather Welsh.

Более подробную информацию о муниципальной программе субсидий для общественных групп на 2009 – 2010г. можно узнать по тел. 9524 3333 или в интернете: [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**Four-year-old kindergarten 2011 enrolment reminder**

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

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

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2006 and 30 April 2007 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2011.

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

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

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



**Community consultation**

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

**Upcoming and current consultation opportunities**

Subject	Type	Date and Time	Where
Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy	Meeting Camden Ward	30 April 10am to 12pm	Glen Eira Town Hall Caulfield Cup Room Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy	Meeting Rosstown Ward	5 May 10am to 12pm	Carnegie Library Boyd Room 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy	Meeting Tucker Ward	8 May 10am to 12pm	Bentleigh Senior Citizens Centre 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh
Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy	Meeting local service providers	20 May 9.30am to 12.30pm	Glen Eira Town Hall Caulfield Cup Room Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

For further information about any of the above consultation opportunities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## Foundation for Youth Excellence

Glen Eira City Council's *Foundation for Youth Excellence* is a program which recognises young people who are high achievers in the fields of creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport.

Grants are awarded to young people who have managed to attain a degree of excellence in their chosen field and continue to strive towards further achievements in their endeavours.

Young people aged 10 to 25, who live in the City of Glen Eira and are competing at a state, national or international level in the aforementioned areas are eligible to apply.

Applicants are required to complete an application form which is available from Youth Services or from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

In addition to the application form, letters of selection and references from coaches or teachers should also be submitted.

Past applicants have reported that the grant has enabled them to attend high level training and events, aided in improving their skills and

motivated them to continue to strive for excellence in their chosen endeavour.

Grants are awarded to young people who have managed to attain a degree of excellence in their chosen field and continue to strive towards further achievements in their endeavours.

Applications for the program are collated and assessed on a quarterly basis. The closing dates are:

1st quarter — 31 January

2nd quarter — 30 April

3rd quarter — 31 July

4th quarter — 31 October

For further information, contact 9579 7963 or email [youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Youth Week art expo

As part of *National Youth Week* celebrations, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services, in conjunction with the Glen Eira Youth Consultative Group, will host an art expo.

The expo will be held on Thursday 2 April at D.C Bricker Pavilion, Princes Park, Beech Street, Caulfield South (Mel Ref: 68 A5) from 6pm to 9pm.

The expo will showcase the talents of local artists aged 12 to 25. Artwork will include photography, drawings, paintings and sculptures. All entries will be in the running to win Glen Eira's *Youth Week* art competition, with the winner to be announced on the night.

Come along to this free event and support the young artists of Glen Eira. For further information, contact Glen Eira Youth Services on 9579 7963.

## Books needed

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

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

For further information, contact CIGE on 9571 7644.

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# Staying safe in cyberspace

The internet is now firmly entrenched in all families as a valuable information and communication tool. Given the pervasive nature of the internet, the rate of which it is growing and endless supply of information it contains, it's critical that young people know how to keep safe online. Moreover, it's important that parents remain aware of the dangers and remain vigilant in protecting their children's vulnerabilities. Below are some valuable tips on how to help your children stay safe when surfing the World Wide Web:

- don't let your child divulge any personal information such as name, age, school or home address;
- consider investing in key logger software to record information that your child sends and receives over the internet. This software can be used to monitor conversations your children have online;
- encourage your children to discuss any online activity they may have found uncomfortable;
- monitor your children's internet activity to ensure they are not being bullied or bullying other children online;
- develop an online contract stipulating the access times and durations for internet access. It's easy for internet usage to spiral out of control, dominating your child's time;

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- before your children download any new material or programs, make sure you have given consent;
- place the computer in a public area so you can easily monitor all internet activity;
- become computer literate and learn the internet language children use online such as POS (parent over shoulder); and
- use the internet together and educate your children about how it can be used in a responsible and useful manner. At the same time, make sure your children understand there are limits to how reliable information on the internet actually is. This also applies to being wary of strangers online.

For further information, visit [www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au) or [www.netalert.gov.au](http://www.netalert.gov.au)



**Place the computer in a public area so you can easily monitor all internet activity.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

# Town Hall rocks!

Glen Eira City Council presents a new and exciting music series for 2009. *Saturday Night Project* will bring the Theatrette at Glen Eira Town Hall to life with monthly music instalments from some of Melbourne's favourite contemporary artists. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 concession. A 20 per cent discount applies if a punter buys a ticket to all four concerts. Doors to all concerts open at 8pm and limited seating is available. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## 4 April

### Dave Graney, Clare Moore and the Lurid Yellow Mist supported by Jane Dust

Dave Graney has become renowned as one of Australia's best songwriters. He was awarded *Best Australian Male Artist* in the 1996 Australian Record Industry Association Awards ceremony. His original style and unique flair make him a truly enigmatic and genuinely talented rock showman.



Dave Graney.

## 2 May

### Abby Dobson supported by Georgia Fields

Abby Dobson started the band *Leonardo's Bride* with Dean Manning and went on to make some wonderful records, including the gold selling *Angel Blood*. *Even When I'm Sleeping* was a top five single from this album, which won the coveted APRA *Song of the Year Award* and later voted APRA *Top 20 Australian Song of all Time*.



Abby Dobson.

## 6 June

### Monique Brumby supported by Claire Hollingsworth

Monique Brumby's brand of rock/pop is punctuated with distinct melodies and strong as steel hooks and licks — a style which has always set her apart from the pack. Her powerful storytelling is musically emotive and lyrically insightful and when paired with her love of a catchy riff and lush vocals, Monique's music combines sophisticated and accessible pop with a rock edge.

## 4 July

### Nick Barker supported by Dan Cassey

A prolific live touring performer, Nick Barker often performs solo and acoustic (or else accompanied by only a keyboardist or harmonica player) and has an excellent reputation for a charismatic stage presence, crowd interaction and banter.

## Music to warm winter

The 2009 Glen Eira City Council *Winter Music Series* returns in June, jam packed with an exciting and diverse range of performers and musical styles.

Performers in the 2009 *Winter Music Series* include guitar virtuoso Slava Grigoryan, *Babaganoush* with their intoxicating eastern European music, the *Silo String Quartet*, the *Great Chefs of Europe* and their gypsy jazz fusion and local klezma favourites *Klezmania*.

In a very special highlight of the program is the Liyarn Ngarn concert that brings together indigenous songman Archie Roach and Shane Howard, former frontman of the 1980s band *Goanna*. They are joined by Ruby Hunter, Dave Arden and Amy Saunders formerly of *Tiddas*.

All performances will be held from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in either Theatrette or Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Doors open 2pm and various ticket prices apply. Brochures will be available from mid-April.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au). Further information will be outlined in the May edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

## My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2009

Creative writers have so much to look forward to in 2009. A strong program of conversations and workshops has been put together to accompany the 2009 Glen Eira City Council's *Literary Awards*. If you are interested in writing and good literature this is for you. The *My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2009* is sponsored by the Sunflower Bookshop, Eastend Booksellers, the Bahai Community of Glen Eira and Ilura Press. Further information can be found in the four page special in this edition of the *Glen Eira News*.

# 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

## Glen Eira Artists exhibition

Opening 6pm on Wednesday 1 April and continuing to Sunday 19 April

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery will present its annual *Glen Eira Artists* exhibition. A broad range of work by contemporary artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira will be on display. The exhibition will showcase a diversity of responses to contemporary art practice including painting, drawing, photography and sculpture, with a wide range of approaches to materials and concepts.

The exhibition includes Ian Bank-Smith, an abstract and expressionist painter; Mary Neighbour, who creates figurative images; and landscape painter Alison Gully. Also included are Rae Easton, whose art is concerned with human and community needs and Ben Gunzburg, a photography student whose photographs depict uneasy night scapes. Painter, Sam Martin combines imagery taken from found material and memory. Carl Scrase reconfigures everyday commercial objects into

sculpture and installations. Also featured is Masato Takasaka who explores abstraction and architecture whilst Kirsty Hulm's mixed media installations take private memories and place them in public spaces.

### Two Painters: David K Taylor and Maxwell Wilks

Opening 6pm on Tuesday 21 April and continuing to Sunday 3 May

Two of Australia's leading impressionist artists, acclaimed watercolourist David K Taylor and tonal realist Maxwell Wilks, will be exhibiting together at Council's Gallery.

Presented by Jenny Pihan Fine Art, the exhibition will not only showcase recent paintings by both artists, highlighting shared journeys and impressions, but also diverse responses to the landscape, waterways and cities they have visited in Australia and overseas.

The paintings of David K Taylor cover a wide range of subject matter, including scenes from the Yarra Valley, the city of Melbourne and the neighbouring harbours and seaside. Maxwell Wilks' collection of paintings



David K Taylor — *Filtering Light Assisi*, watercolour, 42 x 31 cm.

records his travels across Europe (notably Italy and England), through the Australian outback, the Eyre Peninsula and Flinders Ranges, plus some adventurous aerial views, executed in oil, pastel and acrylic.

# Sport and the drought

Melbourne's prolonged and severe drought conditions, coupled with the current hot and dry conditions and water restrictions are significantly impacting on Glen Eira's sportsgrounds.

Although current water restrictions allow for limited watering, sportsgrounds with cool season grasses are not responding well.

In the effort to maintain Glen Eira's 46 sportsgrounds in the best possible condition, Council has undertaken rolling programs over the last 10 years to reduce the risk of injury, sustain sports participation and respond to the drought conditions.

This has included the installation of automatic irrigation systems and soil

moisture sensors at all sportsgrounds; the installation of training lights at numerous sportsgrounds to meet new Australian standards; and the resurfacing of sportsgrounds with a low maintenance, low water usage, drought tolerant turf.

More recently, Council has installed a bore at Marlborough Reserve which has been connected to water tanks. The water harvested by the bore will be used to irrigate the soccer sportsground through a drip irrigation system.

Marlborough Reserve has also been resurfaced with drought tolerant, warm season grasses. A drip irrigation system and moisture sensors have also been

installed, ensuring the surface is only watered as required.

*The fight isn't over yet, but Council has made a significant impact into dealing with the drought and keeping sport alive across the municipality.*

It is anticipated this project will ensure there won't be a need to use mains water for irrigation while ensuring that there is a long-term sustainable solution to the conditions. Prior to the installation of the bore, the drip irrigation system

had reduced water usage at the ground by up to 50 per cent.

In an effort to reduce dependence on water and provide a safe playing surface for sports clubs, Council has also resurfaced Bentleigh Reserve, McKinnon Reserve outer, Mackie Reserve and Glen Huntly Reserve with drought tolerant, warm season grasses over the last 12 months.

The fight isn't over yet, but Council has made a significant impact in dealing with the drought and keeping sport alive across the municipality.

## Get involved this winter

Glen Eira is fortunate to have a variety of sports clubs for residents to participate in. Australian Rules football, football (soccer), netball, softball, tennis and bowls are just some of the sports on offer.

Playing in a team sport gives you the opportunity to meet new friends, as well as increase your fitness.

If playing sport is not your cup of tea, why not put your hand up for one of the many volunteer positions?

Many clubs welcome new members who can help out in the canteen, assist with first aid or even manage the team.

Warm up this winter by getting involved in your local sports club.

To find out where your nearest sports club is, contact Glen Eira City Council Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and follow the links to Parks and Recreation.



**Glen Eira is fortunate to have a variety of sports clubs for residents to participate in, including Australian Rules football.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



**Halley Park, Bentleigh, is just one of seven locations where residents can use fitness equipment.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Get fit at a park near you

Want to get a great workout without the added expense of joining a gym?

Why not make use of fitness equipment in a park near you.

There are no joining fees and the equipment is conveniently located next to walking tracks or in pods in parks.

The fitness equipment enables you to undertake the appropriate mix of cardiovascular, core stability and resistance training. There's even signage to help you get the most out of your training.

We are all encouraged to undertake at least 30 minutes of exercise a day and this equipment will assist residents undertake the wide variety of exercises.

The self-guided system has been professionally developed to ensure whether you're a beginner or elite sports person, you'll benefit from using the equipment.

Free fitness equipment is available at the following parks:

- Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh;
- Halley Park, Bentleigh;
- Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East;
- Centenary Park, Bentleigh East;
- Koornang Park, Carnegie;
- Caulfield Park, Caulfield North; and
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena.

# The War Within — Don Tate

**Wednesday 20 May**  
7pm to 8pm

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

Author and Vietnam veteran Don Tate will discuss his confronting and deeply moving memoir *The War Within*.



**Don Tate.**

At 19, Don Tate volunteered for duty in the Vietnam War, intent on proving his worth as a man and escaping his troubled family and grinding poverty on the semi-rural outskirts of Brisbane. Don's book *The War Within* tells his story from the path to manhood in the shadow of a violent father, to surviving horrific war injuries and his struggle to find a place in society.

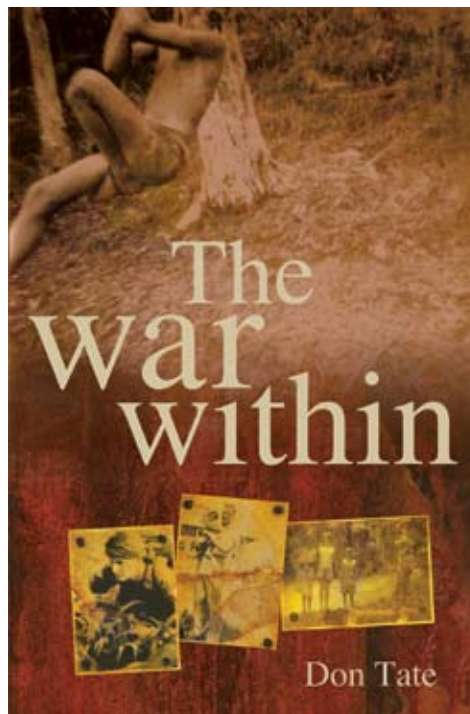
Wounded in action, Don fought for years to prove that his platoon existed, finally winning his campaign last year.

Don is also one of the few infantry veterans to have a film record of his entire period of active service.

*Don's book **The War Within** tells his story from the path to manhood in the shadow of a violent father, to surviving horrific war injuries and his struggle to find a place in society.*

*"... a moving and disturbingly honest memoir....a brutal insight into soldiers at war....this book will not be easily forgotten. It deserves a place alongside the classics..."The Herald Sun.*

Bookings are required for this free event. Contact 9524 3623, book at any library branch or online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



## The Crunchy Munchy Carrot Show

**Saturday 11 April**  
2pm

**Carnegie Library**  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Phone: 9563 0971

Join the Easter Bunny on a hilarious adventure to turn ordinary carrots into Easter eggs.

This free, family event is full of music and dance and suitable for children up to eight years. Places are limited. To book and collect your ticket, ask at any branch.

## Easter opening hours

Glen Eira City Council's Libraries will be closed on Friday 10 April, Sunday 12 April and Monday 13 April. On Saturday 11 April, Bentleigh and Carnegie Libraries will be open 10am to 4pm, Elsternwick Library from 10am to 1pm and Caulfield Library from 1pm to 4pm. All libraries will be closed on Saturday 25 April for Anzac Day

## Library online

Glen Eira City Council Library Service's newest online services are proving popular.

With convenient access via [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) library members can use the wide range of services at the library, at home or at work.

It's easy for library members to make the most of the great online services.

Have your membership card handy and follow the steps below to log in:

1. Enter your borrower ID — the barcode on your library card
2. Enter your PIN. If you do not have a PIN please ask at any library.

### Would you like a reminder?

A reminder service is now available via email. You can receive an email prompt three days before your library item is due to help you avoid overdue fees. To make use of this service you need to advise the library of your email address. Complete the email field on the page titled Personal Details under My Account or ask one of the library staff on your next visit.

### Share a good read

This exciting new feature allows you to submit your own reviews of items in the library collection. Find the title on the catalogue and click on Add Your Review. Write a comment and add your own star rating out of 10. You can also read other reviews by library members

under the Recent Reviews link on the left hand side of the screen.

### Keep up with the latest arrivals

You can receive regular email updates of new items added to the library catalogue. You can also choose how often you wish to receive email alerts. For the complete details on using this service look under the Using My Library link on the navigation bar.

Other of the online services include:

- forgotten PIN email service; and
- My Saved List — a personalised catalogue search for items of interest to you

For further information about the online service, speak to the staff at your local library.

## Holiday Mania

Tickets are still available for some school holiday events. For details, go to [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) Go to the Library section and click on the What's On link.

## New collection of DVDs

A collection of DVDs is now available at Caulfield Library for members to borrow and enjoy.

## Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2009



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

All four-year-old children receiving their immunisation will receive a free show bag. Face painting, balloons and magic tricks will keep the kids entertained.

**Saturday 2 May**  
9.30am–11.30am  
Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre  
7 Shepparson Avenue  
Carnegie



**Glen Eira City Council**

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Introduction to Photoshop Elements (Day or Evening)

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

### HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Tai Chi

Gentle exercise (chair based)

Stepping Out Program — Walking Group

### TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

Scrapbooking and card making

Handcraft circle

Scrabble or chess games

Digital photography and Photoshop

Camera connections

### BOOK CLUBS

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

### OCCASIONAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Monday to Friday mornings

### THREE YEAR OLD ACTIVITY GROUP

Monday and/or Thursday afternoons

Bookings and enquiries: 9596 8643