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Reduce waste to see savings

Tour of Enviromix™ green waste plant in Dingley: Enviromix™ Sales Manager John Graftdyk and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

In the effort to reduce waste sent to landfill and increase recycling, Glen Eira City Council has resolved to adjust its annual waste charges and change its standard waste service.

From 1 July 2010, Council's standard size for household waste bins will be 120 litre and cost \$120. The larger 240 litre bin will still be available, but will cost \$240. Households will be able to save \$120 by downsizing their bins before July 2010.

In late November, Council sent a letter and order form to all households which still have the larger sized bin, offering them the opportunity to downsize their bin before the new charges come into effect.

Residents will need to make their choice online or via mail by Friday 18 December to allow Council to plan for the delivery of the smaller bin, which will happen during July and August 2010.

Council's Environment Advisory Committee Chair Cr Steven Tang expects the change in waste charges

to encourage residents to downsize their garbage bin, recycle more and possibly take up a garden waste service.

"Smaller bins are easier to move, require less storage space and more importantly save you money," Cr Tang said.

"They also help the environment by encouraging households to better manage their waste."

Bin audits have indicated up to 27 per cent of the material currently placed in garbage bins across Glen Eira is either green waste — which could be diverted into the green waste bin — or paper and cardboard which should be placed into the recycling bin.

The latest *Sustainability Victoria Local Government Data Survey* also indicates that of the 30 metropolitan councils, Glen Eira is ranked:

- in the bottom 10 per cent in terms of the diversion of waste from landfill;
- in the bottom 25 per cent in terms of the weight of recyclables collected per property; and

- third highest in terms of the weight of garbage collected per property.

Cr Tang said although the results are disappointing, the new policy will help Glen Eira improve its ranking. He also commented that Council is committed to reducing the environmental footprint of the municipality, and this change in policy provides the chance for residents to have a significant impact on this goal.

"Almost all Melbourne councils have now reduced the size of the standard waste bin to 120 litre or 80 litre," Cr Tang said.

"Encouraging households to use a smaller waste bin and take up Council's optional green waste bins, if they have not already, is just one way in which Council can help the environment.

"Reducing waste will also place the municipality in a better position to cope with expected future increases in waste disposal costs."

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ECO-Buy achievement

ECO-Buy Limited is a not-for-profit company being a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Purchasing, established to encourage the purchasing of environmentally preferable (green) products and services.

Eco-Buy is funded by the State Government's Sustainability Fund, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Sustainability Victoria.

Eco-Buy works with Victorian councils to increase the purchase of recycled greenhouse and environmentally friendly products.

In 2008–09, Glen Eira City Council spent \$4,596,698 on environmentally friendly goods. This is a 46 per cent increase from the previous year (\$3,147,012).

Some of the goods Council has purchased include:

- copy paper;
- computer monitors;
- toner cartridges;
- organic fertilisers;



Recycled rubber has been used for speed cushions. Photo: Sally Brown

- garbage bins;
- drought-resistant plants;
- recycled tree pruning mulch;
- recycled concrete for road making;
- recycled rock for backfilling and road trenches; and
- recycled rubber for speed cushions.

The increase in Council's spending on environmentally friendly products has been a result of improved reporting and a purchasing policy that requires Council staff to consider environmental purchasing.

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the March 2010 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 February for delivery 2–3 March.

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,
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Mayor's column



Glen Eira City Council is consulting with the community regarding the Melbourne Racing Club's proposed amendment to the *Glen Eira Planning Scheme*.

The amendment proposes to rezone land between the Caulfield Racecourse and the railway line to permit a major commercial and residential redevelopment.

The amendment — if ultimately adopted by Council and approved by Minister for Planning Justin Madden — will facilitate a redevelopment that will include a residential precinct, a mixed-use precinct with retail, residential and commercial uses and the Smith Street precinct which will provide leisure, short stay accommodation and commercial/retail uses.

I encourage any person who has an interest in this proposal to make a submission to Council.

Written feedback and submissions close on 21 December.

Copies of the amendment are available from Council's Service Centre or can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

On 14 November I attended the re-enactment of Lieutenant Governor Latrobe's reading of the proclamation of separation. Held next to The Separation Tree in the Royal Botanic Gardens, the annual re-enactment celebrates the arrival of the news of Victoria's independence on 15 November 1851.

Glen Eira residents are invited to experience all the joys of the festive season at Council's annual *Carols by Candlelight* on 20 December at Princes Park. Details are on page nine.

As this will be my last column in this Mayoral term, I would particularly like to thank Council CEO Andrew Newton, Council Directors and all staff. I would also like to thank community members and groups for making my term as Mayor so productive and successful.

I would also like to thank my Councillor colleagues.

On behalf of Councillors and Council staff, I wish all residents a safe and happy festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

**Cr Helen Whiteside
Mayor**

Reminder: Mulch available to residents

Glen Eira residents are reminded that free garden mulch is available from the storage facility at Glen Huntly Park.

Access to the facility is available every day via the Glen Huntly Park car park, however Glen Eira City Council cannot guarantee continuous supply of mulch due to seasonal demands.

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

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

The benefits of mulching

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said placing mulch around trees and plants helps keep the roots cool and moist.

"Mulching also reduces evaporation from soil by as much as 70 per cent — particularly in the summer," Mr Unwin said.

A good layer of mulch at least 75 millimetres thick also:

- protects surface roots from the wind and sun;
- adds organic matter and nutrients;
- improves soil structure, water retention and penetration;

- increases biological activity within the soil;
- reduces weed growth by smothering and limiting germination of weed seeds; and
- reduces erosion.

Residents be aware

Mr Unwin said although every part of the garden can be mulched, there are some things that residents need to be aware of.

"Don't spread mulch against the trunk of trees or shrubs as this may cause fungal or collar rot problems," Mr Unwin said.

"Fresh leaves are best left to decompose for a period of time before use."

Mr Unwin said residents should avoid using straw and hay with seed heads, as these can germinate and take over garden beds.

"Lawn clippings should also be avoided as they may hold contaminants such as weed and pest chemicals or weed seeds," Mr Unwin said.

"Clippings from Couch or Kikuyu lawns can also regrow and invade garden beds."

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



Placing mulch around trees and plants helps keep the roots cool and moist.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

CERES receives \$50,000 grant

The Centre for Education and Research in Environment Strategies (CERES) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from The Pratt Foundation.

Established 25 years ago, CERES educates people about environmentally friendly ways of living.

Commencing in February 2010, CERES will conduct a series of sustainable living workshops for members of the Glen Eira community.

All workshops will be held at the Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room, Balaclava Road, Caulfield North, on the following dates:

Renewable energy

Date: Saturday 6 February
Time: 10.30am–12.30pm and 1.30pm–3.30pm (maximum of 30 participants for each session)
RSVP: Thursday 28 January to Briony Tronson on 9380 1556

Green purchasing

Date: Wednesday 17 February
Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm and 6pm–8pm (maximum of 50 participants for each session)
RSVP: Wednesday 10 February to Briony Tronson on 9380 1556

Sustainable housing

Date: Wednesday 3 March
Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm and 6pm–8pm (maximum of 50 participants for each session)
RSVP: Wednesday 24 February to Briony Tronson on 9380 1556

Worm farms and composting

Date: Wednesday 7 April
Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm and 6pm–8pm (maximum of 50 participants for each session)
RSVP: Wednesday 31 March to Briony Tronson on 9380 1556

Rethinking waste — rethink, reduce, reuse, recycle

Date: Wednesday 5 May
Time: 2.30pm–4.30pm and 6pm–8pm (maximum of 50 participants for each session)
RSVP: Wednesday 28 April to Briony Tronson on 9380 1556

Glen Eira Learning Sustainably (GELS) project

Under the Glen Eira Learning Sustainably (GELS) project, CERES will also offer Glen Eira primary schools the opportunity to become demonstration centres for sustainability.

This fully funded program will assist schools to deliver reportable

sustainability benefits by tracking indicative data for water, waste, energy (greenhouse gas emissions) and biodiversity.

For further information, contact David Seignior on 9380 1556 or email david@ceres.org.au

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Ways to reduce waste — and see the savings

1. Recycle all you can — order an extra recycling bin for \$33 per annum if you need extra space.
2. Get clippings, prunings, weeds and leaves out of garbage — order a green waste bin for \$46.50 per annum.
3. Reduce your waste by up to half — start a compost bin or worm farm for food scraps.
4. Do all of the above plus downsize your garbage bin — and save up to \$120 per year in 2010–11.

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

CEO's column



The performance of all Victorian councils will become much more visible under new reforms by the State Government.

In August 2009, the Government

asked the Essential Services Commission (ESC) to develop a performance monitoring framework for all councils. The ESC has undertaken similar roles in the past for water authorities, energy retailers and other public service providers.

The proposed performance monitoring framework comprises of a set of common set of core key performance indicators which focus on the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the delivery of key services.

This sort of scrutiny is highly desirable. Glen Eira City Council provides numerous services which affect the lives of residents. We manage a billion dollars of assets on behalf of ratepayers and spend \$100 million a year. If other councils have found ways to do things better or cheaper, we want to know. If we are performing well, ratepayers should know about this.

Further information about the proposed framework, including an issues paper, can be downloaded from www.esc.vic.gov.au

Comment on the issues paper was open until 30 November. A draft report will be published by 30 March with a final report to the Minister by 30 June 2010.

Council looks forward to taking part in the process over the next few months.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Glen Eira News Photos

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

Photos that are published in *Glen Eira News* are now available for sale by contacting Nynne Jespersen on 9524 3333.



Fast Track program receives commendation

Glen Eira City Council's Statutory Planning Department received a commendation for its No Request for Further Information (NORFI) Fast Track program at the 2009 Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Planning Excellence.

The commendation was awarded in the *Local Government — Local Application Process* category.

The NORFI program saves time for town planning permit applicants by eliminating the need for Council to request further information once the application is lodged.

This is achieved by ensuring all necessary information is in order prior to actual lodgement. This means the application can be advertised within 10 business days from lodgement.

NORFI has the potential to speed up all town planning decision making, but is primarily targeted at mums and dads and small business operator applicants who may not be familiar with the town planning process.

In effect, Council planners help steer applicants to get their applications compliant at the start of the decision making process.

Council's Director City Development Jeff Akehurst said NORFI is one of a number of fast track initiatives that Council has developed to improve efficiency.

"This commendation recognises the efforts of Glen Eira's planning team and the positive feedback received from regular planning consultants, developers

and residents who have used the new initiative since its launch in August 2009," Mr Akehurst said.

The Award's judges commended Council for its innovation and were impressed by the simplicity, ease of application and benefits for both councils and applicants alike.



Winners of the 2009 Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Planning Excellence. Photo: Planning Institute of Australia.

Keeping safe this summer

With summer now upon us, here are some simple safety tips to help you get through the warmer months.

Keep cool and hydrated

To keep cool and hydrated this summer, it is important to drink plenty of water and restrict the amount of tea and coffee you drink.

Keep windows and doors closed to keep the cool air inside and wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.

Stay indoors as much as possible and if you need to go outside, try to stay in shaded areas. It is also advised to limit outdoor activity to morning or evening hours.

To cool yourself down, take a cool shower or bath.

Safety when travelling in hot weather

If you know you are going to be travelling on a day of extreme heat, plan your journey for the cooler hours of the day.

Dress yourself and other occupants in lightweight clothing and make sure there are plenty of cool fluids for everyone.

If travelling long distances, be sure to stop every two hours so all occupants can get out of the car and stretch their legs.

Pet safety

Like humans, dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do, such as overheating, dehydration and even sunburn.

If pets are going to be outdoors on warm days, owners need to make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water.

To keep the water cool, try adding ice blocks and if you are home during the day, bring your pets inside and let them rest in a cool part of the house.

If the day is going to be hot, walk your dog early in the morning and take care not to let your dog stand on hot asphalt, as their sensitive paw pads can easily burn.

Swim safety

Pools and spas can pose a great danger to children. Statistical evidence shows that the most common cause of death for children under the age of five is drowning.

Swimming pools and spas can be fun, healthy and entertaining, but the safety of users in and around pools or spas should always be the priority.

Residents need to understand the potential risks around pools and spas and ensure that appropriate safety barriers, which comply with Australian

Standards are in place to prevent drowning or near drowning incidents.

Residents should also be aware that maintenance of the pool or spa safety barriers is just as important as adhering to regulations for installation in the first place.



Walk your dog early in the morning.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Highly commended for GEMS program

Glen Eira City Council's Glen Eira Mother's Support (GEMS) program received a *Highly Commended Award* at the 2009 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development *Early Years Awards*.

GEMS was formed in April 2008 and gives new mothers an opportunity to meet with others who are experiencing similar difficulties — such as anxiety or depression — in a relaxed environment. The eight week group covers a range of topics, including looking after yourself, interaction with your baby, relaxation and simple play strategies.

Following the completion of the group, participants are invited to attend

Yumi Supported Playgroups, which are facilitated by Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Ruth Hennell said the GEMS program received the *Highly Commended Award* in the *Partnerships with Families and Communities* category.

"It's very pleasing that a program which has been developed at a local government level can be validated at state level as an important contributor to the improvement of both infant and maternal health," Ms Hennell said.



Sue van Wyk from Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service, Rosalie Berkin from Alfred Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Sue Williams, Maria Lay and Jill Jolliffe from Glen Eira City Council. Photo: Sue van Wyk.

News in brief

Australia Day Breakfast

Glen Eira City Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* will acknowledge outstanding citizens and community groups that have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Friday 22 January from 7.30am to 9am, Council will honour and award the Citizen of the Year, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by Friday 15 January.

To make a booking or obtain further details on Council's *Australia Day Breakfast*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Footpath permit renewals

Footpath permit renewals for 2010 were sent out in November.

Please note: Placing items without a permit or not in accordance with Council's *Footpath Activities Guidelines* can incur fines of up to \$1,000, including on-the-spot fines of \$250.

For a copy of the *Guidelines*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Vehicle Safety Check Day

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

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

Areas to be assessed include:

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

No bookings are required.

Playgroup fun for everyone

In Glen Eira, approximately 525 families with more than 700 babies, toddlers and preschool aged children go to playgroup each week.

Playgroups are informal, low cost, run by parents and caregivers and are held in church halls, maternal and child health centres, school halls, community houses and community centres.

Parents stay with their children at playgroup, which gives them the chance to meet other parents going through similar experiences and also ease the isolation that can come with caring for young children.

Carnegie Playgroup operates from the multi-purpose room adjacent to Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Located on Shepparson Avenue, the purpose built facility allows children aged up to five to play and explore in an informal and safe environment.

There is an indoor and outdoor play area and sessions are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Jack and Alana enjoying the outdoor play area at Carnegie Playgroup.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Enrolments for Carnegie Playgroup are now open for 2010. For further information, contact Simone Waterman on 0466 543 533 stim@alphalink.com.au

For a list of other playgroups in Glen Eira, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2010



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

These immunisations should be given as soon as a child has their fourth birthday. Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children during 2010.

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 16 January
9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

Wednesday 3 February
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 6 March
9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

Improved pedestrian safety for Elsternwick shopping strip



To improve pedestrian safety, a painted median has been installed.

Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.

Glenhuntly Road in Elsternwick is over represented in pedestrian crashes, according to Glen Eira City Council's *Road Safety Strategy*.

To improve pedestrian safety, a painted median has previously been installed between the tram tracks on Glenhuntly Road between Gordon Street and Beavis Street.

Although this treatment has provided benefits, in the last five years there have been nine reported accidents involving pedestrians between Kooyong Road and Beavis Street and Ripon Grove and McCombie Street.

To further improve pedestrian safety at these locations, a new painted median was installed in September. The painted median breaks the crossing of Glenhuntly Road into a safer two stage process and also raises driver awareness of the presence of pedestrians in this area.

Council's Traffic Engineering Department has also submitted funding applications to VicRoads for 40km/ph speed zones along Glenhuntly Road in Elsternwick and Caulfield South, Centre Road in Bentleigh and Bentleigh East and North Road in Ormond.

out and about



Access Unlimited Appreciation Awards ceremony: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Andrea Coote MP. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Access Unlimited Appreciation Awards ceremony: Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Jamie Hyams. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Sports club cocktail reception: Samuel Gamsu from Ajax Maccabi Cricket Club, Cr Steven Tang and Kevin Milstein from North Caulfield Football Club. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Unveiling of plaque at Brighton Cemetery to honour war hero Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Henry White: Grandchildren of Lieutenant Colonel White Marjorie McPherson and Alex White, Bayside City Council Mayor Cr James Long and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Sports club cocktail reception: David Walstab from Moorabbin Cricket Club, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Cr Oscar Lobo.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Youth Services — a year in review

During the past year, it has been a busy and rewarding time for Glen Eira City Council Youth Services.

We have worked closely with young people, families, schools and other community members to support Glen Eira's youth and developed new programs such as *Moving Up* and the *Music Recording Program*.

In addition to these new initiatives, existing programs such as the Youth Consultative Group (YCG), Young Men's and Women's Program and one-on-one support remain popular.

Here's a snapshot of Youth Services in 2009.

Young Men's and Women's Program

The *Young Men's and Women's Program* remain popular with Glen Eira secondary schools. Over the past 12 months, Youth Services has worked with Glen Eira College and Bentleigh Secondary College to provide support and education to young men and women aged between 13 and 17. The *Program* covers areas such as self-esteem, communication, health and relationships. Whilst interest in this *Program* remains strong, we are firmly committed to ensuring its structure and content evolve with the changing needs of young people in our community.

Youth Consultative Group

The Youth Consultative Group, or YCG as it is commonly known, is a group of 12 young people from Glen Eira who work in conjunction with Youth Services to organise special events. These events allow young people to showcase their musical, artistic and leadership skills to their peers, families and fellow community members. To assist this group in running such events, Youth Services provides comprehensive leadership and event management training. In 2009 the YCG, in conjunction with Youth Services, organised the *Youth Art Expo* and *Battle of the Bands*. These events proved very successful with more than 300 young people, family and community members witnessing the talent of Glen Eira come alive. The YCG has done the community proud and will continue to positively influence the municipality in years to come.

Music Recording Program

Youth Services, with support and funding from The Office for Youth, embarked on a new program in 2009. The *Music Recording Program* is designed to teach sound recording, engineering and mixing skills to young people. In addition to learning recording principles, participants were able to record some up and coming Glen Eira bands. This *Program* has proved popular with those interested in the music industry and has attracted a diverse

range of artists from rock and metal to folk and hip hop. Youth Services looks forward to encouraging the talents of young people in 2010.

Moving Up

During Term Four, Youth Services worked with Grade Six students from seven local primary schools to help prepare them for the transition into secondary school. The *Moving Up Program* was run over

three separate sessions and covered topics such as friendship, bullying, self-esteem, body image and what to expect during high school.

In 2010, Youth Services will continue to work closely with secondary schools to support these students as they begin their secondary school education. A mentoring program, lunchtime activities and one-on-one support will be provided.

Youth Services would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the community in assisting us to provide comprehensive information, support and referral services.

Enjoy the holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2010.

For further information, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

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2009 Party in the Park at Allnutt Park, McKinnon. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Party in the Park 2010

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

The 2010 series will be bigger and better than ever and applications are open to Glen Eira based community groups (for community information, activity and display marquees), community performers (for participation in the on stage and ground entertainment), art and craft artists (for the art and craft marketplace at Allnutt Park only) and local businesses (to promote and sell their good and services).

Successful applicants who are artists or not-for-profit organisations are not charged a fee to participate. Local businesses are charged a participation fee of \$120.

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

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

Applications are also open to community performers who are interested in providing entertainment during the series.

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

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

The Enchanted Garden

Children and parents are invited to find out what's at the bottom of the garden.

The Enchanted Garden will be held on Saturday 16 January at Gardenvale Park, Gardenia Road, Gardenvale from 11am to 2pm.

Come dressed in whatever your imagination allows and join in an enchanted and fun day for the whole family.

Children will enjoy a special performance of *Tooth and Claw: A Classic Farce of Shakespearean Proportion*. Presented by the Polyglot Puppet Theatre, *Tooth and Claw* cannot find each other. The audience knows where they are, but they just can't seem to be in the same place at the same time. Giving the *Romeo and Juliet* story a prehistoric

bent, *A Classic Farce of Shakespearean Proportions* sees *Tooth and Claw* in a story of classic mistaken identity. Tragedy is turned on its head as the dinosaurs' tears of despair turn into fits of giggles for the audience.

The Enchanted Garden is not to be missed, with face painting, special appearances by fairies and wizards, story telling, bubble blowing and other exciting adventures to keep everyone entertained.

You can also take part in craft activities with Envirocraft and learn how to sculpt balloon creatures and decorate a cupcake to take home.

For further information, contact Glen Eira City Council on 9524 3333 or visit: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Tooth and Claw.

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

Interlude

Opens 6.30pm Tuesday 1 December and continues until 5pm Sunday 13 December

Jenny Pihan Fine Art will be presenting a major exhibition showcasing the work of five artists — Alvaro Castagnet, Joseph Zbukvic, Patrick Carroll, Herman Pekel and Nick Canosa.

Each artist paints from a refined vision of realism, drawing inspiration from the rural and urban cultural and social landscape, across all the mediums of oil, watercolour and acrylic. The exhibition will make a visual statement of just how the artist perceives the living world as an interface between nature and human activity.

A painting demonstration and day of talks with Herman Pekel, Alvaro Castagnet and Joseph Zbukvic will

be held on Tuesday 8 December in Glen Eira City Council's Theatrette. Each session is \$20 or \$55 for the three sessions. Bookings are essential. For further information and bookings, contact Jenny Pihan Fine Art Frankston on 9770 5354 or Hampton on 9598 9588, email art@jennypihanfineart.com.au or visit www.jennypihanfineart.com.au



Herman Pekel — *Bacchus Marsh* 2009. Oil on panel (diptych) 102 x 76cm (each panel).

International Day of People with a Disability

Opens 6pm Tuesday 15 December and continues until 5pm Sunday 20 December.

This exhibition has been organised in celebration of *International Day of People with a Disability*.

The exhibition will showcase artwork created by people with disabilities who live in the City of Glen Eira. Fifteen people with disabilities have been attending weekly art making workshops facilitated by visual artist Lindy Macauley at McKinnon Public Hall.

Their individual and group artworks will be shown together with the artworks of a select group of established local artists with disabilities.

This project is co-ordinated by Glen Eira City Council *MetroAccess*, in partnership with Arts Access Victoria.



Susan Meadows — *Untitled* 2009. Etching.



Carols by Candlelight

Glen Eira residents are invited to sing along with some of Australia's most talented performers at Glen Eira City Council's *Carols by Candlelight*.

To be held on Sunday 20 December at Princes Park, Bambra Road, Caulfield South from 6pm to 10pm, come and experience all the joy of the festive season and join in some of your favourite carols with host, Frankie J Holden.

There will be performances by Australian icon Rhonda Burchmore, Danielle Soccio, Lucy Najm, *Rubies in the Kitchen*, *Young Voices of Melbourne*, *Glen Eira City Choir*, *Glen Eira Band*, East Bentleigh Primary School and Glen Eira College. There will also be roving carol singing by the *Lady Bird Blues* and a special children's show by *The Kazoos*.

Santa will also take time off from his busy workshop at the North Pole to make a guest appearance.

Bring your rugs, pack a picnic and enjoy this magical event with family and friends. Gates open at 5pm.

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

Frankie J Holden

Frankie J Holden was born in 1952 — the same year the first FJ Holden was manufactured.

During the course of his diverse career he has become as much an icon as his automotive namesake.



Frankie began his show business career with the legendary rock group *OL'55* and has had leading roles in popular long-running television serials, including *Embassy*, *Police Rescue*, *Round the Twist* and *Something in the Air*.

Rhonda Burchmore

Throughout her career, Rhonda Burchmore has made a distinct impression on audiences with her dazzling performances and unique and stunning voice. Her stage credits include *Sugar Babies*, *Stop the World I Want to Get Off*, *Song and Dance*, *They're Playing our Song*,

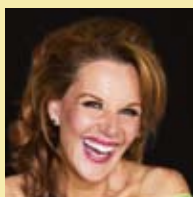


Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Lend me a Tenor, *An Evening with Sondheim* and the title role of Annie in *Annie get your Gun*.

Rhonda featured in David Atkins 1987 hit *Dancin' Man* who then went on to write a role specifically for her in his tap musical, *Hot Shoe Shuffle*. She has also starred in *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*, *Guys and Dolls*, Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* and the 2000 production by The Production Company, *Mame*.

Rhonda has also played lead roles in *Urinetown The Musical*, *Tomfoolery*, *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women* and the role of Tanya in *Mamma Mia*.

Rubies in the Kitchen

Rubies in the Kitchen is an 11 woman a cappella vocal group from Melbourne — a group of



everyday women speaking to the audience in song. *Rubies* perform their beautiful harmonies in a variety of musical genres, including originals, world music, folk, jazz, pop and gospel. *Rubies in the Kitchen* released the first CD of their own music, *Maybe it's me*, in 2009 and recorded Christmas carols for a children's book published by Five Mile Press, *Silent Night and Other Christmas Carols*.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Danielle Soccio

Danielle Soccio is one of Australia's most sought after young performers. Danielle was quick to make her public mark as a singer and actress, with leading roles in the Australian adaptation of *Snugglypot and Cuddlepie* and musicals *Godspell*, *Oklahoma* and *Bye Bye Birdie*.



Young Voices of Melbourne

Young Voices of Melbourne is well known for its vibrant performances of music in many



styles. The choir has toured around Australia and overseas and has performed at several festivals, including the *Port Fairy Folk Festival*, *National Folk Festival*, *Melbourne International Arts Festival*, *The Commonwealth Games Arts Festival* and the opening of the 2006 *Commonwealth Games* in Melbourne.

Glen Eira City Council's *Carols by Candlelight* is sponsored by Eveready.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council services: What residents want to know

Council's Service Centre opened in 1996 and is an integral part of Council, providing a one-stop-shop for residents with a helpful voice and friendly team.

On an average day, more than 1,000 phone calls are answered by the dedicated customer service team.

Queries which require action are logged on the Customer Request Tracking System. This system allows staff to track requests and evaluate

the number and types of requests received.

Glen Eira News went behind the scenes to find out what areas of Council residents are enquiring about and the most common questions asked of our customer service team.

Further information about the following areas and queries can be found at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and in the *2009 Residents' Handbook*.

Pet ownership



Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Pets make wonderful companions to people of all ages. Owning a pet can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health and wellbeing.

A four legged friend provides hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love.

However, along with these benefits come certain responsibilities to our pets and the community.

Council is authorised under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* to enforce the State Government regulations governing the ownership of cats and dogs.

The *Local Government Act* also enables Council to produce local laws covering the keeping of animals

Residents want to know ...

How do I register my pet?

All dogs and cats over the age of three months must be registered with Council. Registration must be renewed annually by 10 April. Owners will receive a new registration tag for their pet each year and this must be worn by the pet whenever it is outside the owner's property. If registering your dog or cat for the first time it must be microchipped in order to comply with legislation. Application forms are available from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or Council's Service Centre.

Planning and building

Without regulations and controls, building and development would be unplanned, unguided, and potentially structurally unsound and consequently unsafe.

There are important differences between a town planning permit and a building permit. For a start not all development requires a town planning permit. In general all development requires a building permit. (Certain exemptions apply for minor building works).

Another difference is who can issue permits. Only Council can consider and issue a town planning permit. For building permits these can be issued by Council or private building surveyors.

A simple distinction is that a town planning permit is assessing the suitability of a particular use on a given site whilst the building permit is aimed at ensuring the building in question is structurally sound.

Residents want to know ...

How long will my planning permit take?

Council now offers many opportunities to fast track your application. Council seeks to process planning permit applications as quickly as possible and is mindful of the time and financial

pressures that applicants are often under. There is a strict process for assessing planning permit applications which is set by the State Government.

The key to a quick town planning permit is for applicants to make sure they have submitted all the necessary information when they lodge their application. Your choice of a fast track application process may reduce the time you spend in the planning process. Speak to a Council town planner about the process path that may be right for you.

How do I apply for a building permit?

The first choice an applicant needs to make is whether the building surveyor chosen is to be Council or a private building surveyor.

A building permit is required for the alteration, construction, demolition or removal of any building in Glen Eira. There are exemptions. To determine whether a building permit is required for a specific project, contact either a PBS or Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Application forms are available from Council or can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Once a building permit has been granted, the owner or builder must arrange for either the PBS or Council to undertake the required inspections during the course of construction. A final inspection of the completed work is also required before the building may be occupied.



Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Environment and waste



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Living a healthy life not only involves making decisions about the things that effect us on an immediate level — it is also about ensuring the ongoing health of the wider environment in which we live.

Council takes this responsibility seriously and provides information and support to the community with regard to a number of environmental issues. Council endorses the concept of reducing, reusing and recycling and provides waste management services which work towards a clean and healthy environment for everyone.

Residents want to know ...

When is my recycling bin emptied?

Recycling is collected fortnightly on the same day as household garbage. A calendar is included in the *2009 Residents' Handbook* or visit the Environment and waste section of Council's website.

How do I book a hard rubbish collection?

Hard rubbish is collected on call. Residents have three free collections in any 12 month period. Residents must make a booking by contacting Council's

Service Centre on 9524 3333. Place the material for collection on the nature strip on the day you make the booking. It will be collected within four working days.

How do I report dumped rubbish?

If residents see illegal dumping taking place, please take note of the vehicle registration number, the exact location, time and date, and then report the incident to Council on 9524 3333.

If rubbish has remained on a nature strip for more than four days, there has probably not been a hard rubbish collection booking made and this should also be reported.

Community care

A range of services are provided by Council to support frail older people and people with disabilities, and their carers, to live independently in the community. Services are provided when frailty, disability or illness prevent a person from undertaking the tasks of daily living for themselves. The range of services available includes home care, personal care, respite care, delivered meals, property maintenance, social support, community transport and senior citizens centres.

Residents want to know ...

Property maintenance — how do I arrange this service?

To access this service, please contact 9524 3333. You will then be asked a series of questions to determine your eligibility for the service. If eligible, Council's property maintenance co-ordinator will contact you to arrange a suitable time to visit your home and provide the service.



Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Venues for hire

Council has many facilities for hire suitable for all your needs, whether you are planning a special event or looking for an economical meeting room.

Residents want to know ...

What venues does Council have for hire?

Glen Eira Town Hall has six versatile rooms which can accommodate 12 to 500 people and are affordably priced to suit any occasion. Recently refurbished, they combine 1920s elegance with modern furnishings and style in the heart of one of Melbourne's most beautiful heritage areas.

The Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie, has a number of rooms available in this newly constructed building. The Centre has flexible meeting rooms that can accommodate seven to 80 people

Both centres have on-site and street parking, are close to public transport

and are accessible for people of all-abilities.

Council has many public halls and recreation facilities available for hire for a specific event or regular meetings for community groups.

The venues range in size and are clean, comfortable and conveniently located

throughout the municipality. Facilities range from public halls, social rooms, picturesque parks and rotundas.

For further information or to arrange a booking to view one of the meeting rooms with our facilities hire officer, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Photo: Mike Long.

Rates

Rates and charges are levied on all rateable assessments in Glen Eira, to enable Council to continue to provide the services that are expected of it by the community.

Rates and charges income allows Glen Eira City Council to provide the comprehensive range of services and facilities, the repair and renewal of existing infrastructure and the development and provision of new resources and services for the people of Glen Eira.

Residents want to know ...

When are my rates due?

Rates are payable in four instalments during the year. Reminder notices for the second, third and fourth instalments will be issued prior to their due dates. Remaining instalment dates for 2009–10 are 1 March 2010 and 31 May 2010.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

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

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group meets every Monday (except public holidays) in Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium. New Vogue and Old Time dancing from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Contact Audrey: 9822 2064.

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

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

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

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

Brighton Philatelic Society meets on the first Saturday of each month from 1pm, the second and fourth Tuesday at 8pm and the third Tuesday

at 10.30am at 80 Gardenvale Road, Gardenvale. Activities include stamp displays and stamp trading. New members welcome. Contact Brad: 0403 009 583.

Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra meets regularly to enjoy friendship and fun whilst taking action to advance the status of women locally and internationally. Contact Lucy: 0412 501 198.

The Bentleigh East Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9551 5425.

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

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

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

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

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

Makor Library hosts free movie mornings on the third Monday of each month in the Beth Weizmann Auditorium, 306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. Israeli and Jewish themed movies with English subtitles are shown. Transport is available to and from the library. RSVP essential. Contact: 9272 5611 or visit: www.makorlibrary.com

EVENTS

Murrumbeena Craft and Produce Market will be held on 5 December from 9am–12.30pm at the Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road. There will be more than 50 stalls of home-grown and handmade items by local artists, craftspeople and growers. Contact Glynis: 0407 506 662 or email: craftmarket2009@bigpond.com

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

Music Lovers Society Concert will be held on 12 December at 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Jacquie Chia (piano) Kristian Gregory (baritone) and Daniel Moldrich (piano) will perform. Admission: \$20, seniors \$16, pensioners \$12, students \$8 and family \$45. Members free. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents *Dick Whittington and His Cat* on 12 and 13 December at 2pm and 19 and 20 December at 2pm and 4.15pm. To be held at National Trust Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North, tickets are \$8 children and \$10 adults. Bookings essential. Contact: 9690 1593 or 9578 0952.

COMMUNITY

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

Caulfield South Community House has vacancies for their occasional care and three-year-old activity group in 2010. Occasional care is run every

morning during the school term. The three-year-old group is held on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Contact: 9596 8643.

2010 Community Diary deadlines

FEBRUARY

Deadline Wednesday 6 January
Distribution 2–3 February

MARCH

Deadline Wednesday 3 February
Distribution 2–3 March

APRIL

Deadline Wednesday 3 March
Distribution 30–31 March

MAY

Deadline Wednesday 7 April
Distribution 4–5 May

JUNE

Deadline Wednesday 5 May
Distribution 1–2 June

JULY

Deadline Wednesday 2 June
Distribution 29–30 June

AUGUST

Deadline Wednesday 7 July
Distribution 3–4 August

SEPTEMBER

Deadline Wednesday 4 August
Distribution 31 August–1 September

OCTOBER

Deadline Wednesday 1 September
Distribution 28–29 September

NOVEMBER

Deadline Wednesday 6 October
Distribution 2–3 November

DECEMBER

Deadline Wednesday
3 November
Distribution 30 November–
1 December

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 7 December 10am–11am

Monday 4 January 9.30am–11am

Monday 1 February 9.30am–11am

Monday 1 March 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 1 December 6pm–7pm and

Tuesday 8 December 9.30am–10.30am

Tuesday 5 January, Tuesday 2 February and Tuesday 2 March 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 12 January, Tuesday 9 February and Tuesday 9 March 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 2 December, Wednesday 20 January, Wednesday 17 February and Wednesday 17 March 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 14 December 10am–11am

Monday 18 January, Monday 15

February and Monday 15 March

9.30am–11am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 12 December, Saturday 30 January, Saturday 20 February and Saturday 20 March 9am–11am

Wednesday 9 December 5.45pm–7.15pm

Thursday 17 December 6pm–8pm

Wednesday 13 January, Thursday 28 January, Wednesday 10 February, Thursday 25 February, Wednesday 10 March and Thursday 25 March 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 16 December, Wednesday 27 January, Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 24 March 9.30am–11am

減少垃圾還省錢

為了減少送往垃圾填築場的垃圾並增加廢品回收量，Glen Eira 市政府決定調整年度垃圾收費和標準垃圾桶。

從 2010 年 7 月 1 日起，市政府的標準家用垃圾桶將是 120 公升，收費 \$120。240 立升的大垃圾桶仍將提供，但收費是 \$240。在 2010 年 7 月之前換用小垃圾桶的住戶可節省 \$120。

市政府將在 11 月底把信和訂購表寄到仍在使 用大桶的住戶，提供機會讓他們在新標準生效前改用小桶。

居民需要在 12 月 18 日星期五之前在網上或 通過郵寄表格作出選擇，以讓市政府做好提 供小桶的計劃，小桶將在 2010 年 7 月或 8 月 送到各家。

市政府環保顧問委員會主任 Steven Tang 市 議員預計垃圾服務收費將有所變動，以鼓勵住 戶改用小桶，回收更多的廢品，並可能使用花 園垃圾收倒服務項目。

市議員說：“小桶移動方便，僅佔較小空間， 更重要的是為您省錢。”

“小桶還有助於環保，鼓勵住戶更好地管理 垃圾。”

墨爾本幾乎所有的市政府現在都已將標準垃 圾桶從 120 立升減至 80 立升。

欲知詳情，請聯繫市政府服務中心，電話 9524 3333。

Μειώστε τα σκουπίδια και θα εξοικονομήσετε χρήματα

Σε μια προσπάθεια μείωσης των σκουπιδιών που αποστέλλονται στις χωματερές και αύξησης της ανακύκλωσης, ο Δήμος Glen Eira αποφάσισε να προσαρμόσει τις ετήσιες χρεώσεις σκουπιδιών και να αλλάξει τον κανονικό κάδο σκουπιδιών.

Από την 1η Ιουλίου 2010, ο κανονικός κάδος οικιακών σκουπιδιών του Δήμου θα είναι 120 λίτρα και το κόστος θα είναι \$120. Θα διατίθεται ακόμη ο μεγαλύτερος κάδος των 240 λίτρων, αλλά το κόστος θα είναι \$240. Τα νοικοκυριά θα μπορούν να εξοικονομήσουν \$120 διαλέγοντας τον μικρότερο κάδο πριν τον Ιούλιο 2010.

Στα τέλη Νοεμβρίου, ο Δήμος έστειλε μια επιστολή και έντυπο παραγγελίας σε όλα τα σπίτια που έχουν ακόμη μεγάλο κάδο, προσφέροντας την ευκαιρία να παραγγείλουν μικρότερο κάδο πριν αρχίσουν να ισχύουν οι νέες χρεώσεις.

Οι κάτοικοι πρέπει να κάνουν την επιλογή τους στο διαδίκτυο ή ταχυδρομικώς μέχρι τις 18 Δεκεμβρίου για να μπορέσει ο Δήμος να προγραμματίσει την παράδοση του μικρότερου κάδου, που θα γίνει τον Ιούλιο και Αύγουστο 2010.

Ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοτικής Συμβουλευτικής Επιτροπής Περιβάλλοντος Cr Steven Tang αναμένει ότι η αλλαγή στις χρεώσεις των σκουπιδιών θα παροτρύνει τους κατοίκους να διαλέξουν μικρότερο κάδο σκουπιδιών, να ανακυκλώνουν περισσότερο και πιθανόν να αποφασίσουν να λάβουν την υπηρεσία αποκομδής φυτικών απορριμμάτων.

«Οι μικρότεροι κάδοι μεταφέρονται ευκολότερα, χρειάζονται λιγότερο χώρο και το σημαντικότερο εξοικονομείτε χρήματα,» είπε ο κ. Tang.

«Βοηθούν επίσης το περιβάλλον παροτρύνοντας τα νοικοκυριά να διαχειρίζονται καλύτερα τα σκουπίδια τους.»

Σχεδόν όλοι οι δήμοι της Μελβούρνης έχουν μειώσει τώρα το μέγεθος του κανονικού κάδου σκουπιδιών στα 120 ή 80 λίτρα.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με τη Δημοτική Υπηρεσία Εξυπηρέτησης στο 9524 3333.

Ridurre i rifiuti e andare incontro al risparmio

Col proposito di ridurre la massa di rifiuti che viene destinata al sotterramento ed incrementare il riciclaggio, il Comune di Glen Eira ha deliberato il riadattamento degli addebiti annuali per il ritiro rifiuti e la variazione del servizio standard di raccolta immondizie.

Dal 1 luglio 2010 la misura standard del bidone domestico per i rifiuti fornito dal Comune sarà di 120 litri al costo di \$120. Sarà ancora disponibile il bidone più grande da 240 litri, ma al costo di \$240. Verrà offerta in tal modo alle famiglie l'opportunità di risparmiare \$120 facendo richiesta del bidone standard prima del luglio 2010.

Alla fine di novembre, il Comune ha inviato una lettera con modulo di richiesta a tutte le famiglie che ancora adoperano il bidone di misura grande offrendo loro l'opportunità di richiedere il bidone di misura standard prima dell'entrata in vigore dei nuovi addebiti.

I residenti dovranno effettuare la propria scelta tramite Internet oppure per posta entro venerdì 18 dicembre per permettere al Comune di organizzare la consegna del bidone di misura standard, cosa che avverrà nei mesi di luglio e agosto 2010.

Il Presidente del Comitato Consultivo Comunale per l'Ambiente, Cons. Steven Tang, ritiene che la variazione degli addebiti per la raccolta rifiuti incoraggerà i residenti ad utilizzare il bidone più piccolo, riciclare di più e possibilmente ricorrere all'uso dei servizi di raccolta rifiuti da giardino.

“I bidoni più piccoli si spostano con maggiore facilità, occupano meno spazio e soprattutto costituiscono un risparmio per l'utente” ha affermato il Cons. Tang.

“Sono anche di aiuto all'ambiente in quanto incoraggiano le famiglie a gestire i rifiuti in maniera più efficiente.”

Quasi tutti i comuni della città di Melbourne hanno già ridotto la misura del bidone standard a 120 oppure 80 litri.

Per ulteriori informazioni si prega di rivolgersi al Centro Servizi del Comune chiamando il numero 9524 3333.

Меньше отходов – меньше расходов

Муниципалитет Glen Eira стремится уменьшить количество отходов, отправляемых на захоронение. С этой целью было принято решение изменить размер годовой платы за мусорные баки и реорганизовать службу вывоза мусора и отходов.

С 1 июля 2010г. стандартный размер мусорного бака для бытовых отходов будет 120 литров, и плата за него будет составлять \$120 в год. При желании, жители муниципалитета смогут пользоваться большими, 240-литровыми баками, но они будут стоить \$240. Если вы меняете свой большой бак на маленький до июля 2010, вы сможете таким образом сэкономить \$120.

В конце ноября муниципалитет разослал всем жителям, которые пользуются большими баками, письмо с предложением поменять их на меньшие до вступления в силу новых правил оплаты. К письму была приложена специальная форма.

Согласие на замену бака должно быть получено по почте или через Интернет до пятницы, 18 декабря, с тем чтобы муниципалитет успел организовать доставку меньших баков в июле-августе 2010г.

Председатель консультационного комитета муниципалитета по вопросам экологии г-н Steven Tang отметил, что новые правила будут способствовать переходу на меньшие баки, рециркуляции отходов и использованию отходов для садовых удобрений.

«Меньшие баки легче двигать, они занимают меньше места и – что особенно важно – позволяют вам сэкономить деньги», отметил г-н Tang.

«Они также поощряют более рациональное обращение с бытовыми отходами и, тем самым, способствуют охране окружающей среды».

Практически все муниципалитеты Мельбурна уже уменьшили у себя размеры стандартного мусорного бака до 120 или 80 литров.

Дополнительную информацию можно получить в Центре обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333.

Advertising in Glen Eira News

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

Glen Eira News reaches more than 129,000 residents each month through more than 56,000 households and businesses.

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

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

For further information, a schedule of rates and bookings, contact Nynne Jespersen on 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Community consultation

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Closing Date	Where
Melbourne Racing Club's proposed amendment to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme	Comments and submissions	Monday 21 December	Glen Eira Planning Scheme submission Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Bicycle Strategy	Workshop	Thursday 19 November
Bicycle Strategy	Workshop	Wednesday 25 November

Council is developing a new *Community Consultation E-newsletter* to keep members of the community better informed about Council community consultations. To subscribe, go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Subscribers can also sign up for email alerts to ensure that they are kept informed of any consultations that are planned between newsletter editions.

For further information about any of the above consultation opportunities, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Access Unlimited Appreciation Awards ceremony

More than 100 people recently attended the *Access Unlimited Appreciation Awards* ceremony at the Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room.

Hosted by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside and Stonnington Mayor Cr Claude Ullin, clubs and individual participants were recognised for their achievements in the development and/or participation of inclusive recreation opportunities.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to 32 local sports clubs, sporting associations and community organisations from the Cities of Glen Eira and Stonnington.

Guest speaker from Leisure Networks in Geelong, Zane McKenzie spoke to the audience about what an inclusive club is and what it means to support a person with a disability within the confines of their facility.

He encouraged clubs to not rest on their achievements, but to continue to look forward for new initiatives and ways to include people.

"What I really like about the concept of the *Access Unlimited Awards* is that they're about genuine people, genuine organisations and clubs and individuals at a grass roots level," Mr McKenzie said.

"These groups and individuals have put their hand up and said we want to make a difference to the way that our community looks at and involves people with a disability."

Trevor Vincent from the Glenhuntly Athletic Club said Mr McKenzie's speech was inspiring.

"He encouraged us all to continue to look for new ways to include people with a disability within our local clubs," Mr Vincent said.

Access Unlimited began in 2007 as a joint initiative of Glen Eira and Stonnington Councils' after receiving State Government funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Since its inception, *Access Unlimited* has aimed



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to local sports clubs, sporting associations and community organisations. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

to support and develop inclusive recreation opportunities for people with disabilities.

This has been achieved through working with local sports clubs, sporting associations and community groups to provide accessible environments, as well as supporting existing activities and helping to establish new and innovative opportunities.

Access Unlimited recently received a further three years' funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria, which has provided certainty for the development of this important community service.

For further information about how *Access Unlimited* can help deliver more sport and recreation opportunities for you and your clubs, contact Recreation Access Officer Paul Holtschke on 8290 1185 or email pholtsch@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Use of recycled water at Carnegie Swim Centre

Glen Eira City Council recently engaged South East Water to transport water from Bentleigh East Swim Centre pools — which have been decommissioned — to be reused at Carnegie Swim Centre for the summer swim season.

It took two trucks four days to transport 1.5 million litres of water to assist in refilling the dive pool.

An Ormond resident also donated 50,000 litres of water to Council from their backyard pool for use at Carnegie Swim Centre.

Carnegie Swim Centre is now open for the summer season and will remain open until Wednesday 31 March 2010.

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

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

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



Recycled water was used to refill the dive pool.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Improving Glen Eira's parks

During the summer months, residents will see a lot of work happening in parks across the City, including:

Elster Creek Trail — Bentleigh

The existing narrow pathway will be replaced with a new 2.5 metre wide all-weather, shared pedestrian/bike path. To assist with the completion of this project, Council has received \$140,000 from the Federal Government's *Jobs Fund Projects*.

Centenary Park pathway lighting Stage one — Bentleigh East

As part of this project, all cabling for the pathway will be installed, as well as the first stage of light poles. When completed, this project will assist park users to make full use of this popular walking circuit.

EE Gunn Reserve oval reconstruction

The sportsground at EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond will be resurfaced. Some oval re-shaping will be completed, as well as drip irrigation works. These works will provide a long-term, environmentally sustainable solution for the clubs and community.

Victory Park and Centenary Park oval resurfacing

The sportsground surfaces at Victory Park in Bentleigh and Centenary Park in Bentleigh East will be resurfaced with Kikuyu — a drought-tolerant grass. Prior to these works, both sportsgrounds suffered from major surface damage as the previous grass species (mixed winter grasses) was not drought-tolerant. The new grass surfaces will reduce the need to water the grounds by up to 50 per cent and will also reduce the number of times they need to be mowed.

Sportsground lighting

New lighting is currently being installed at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, in Murrumbeena, East Caulfield Reserve and Moorleigh Community Village Reserve in Bentleigh East. The lighting will assist sports clubs in maintaining safe sportsground surfaces during the current drought. The lighting will also assist them in maximising their usage of these sportsgrounds and the numerous other parks where lighting has already been installed.

Holiday opening hours

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Monday 21 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–6pm	•
Tuesday 22 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Wednesday 23 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday 24 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	•
Friday Christmas Day	•	•	•	•
Saturday 26 December	•	•	•	•
Sunday 27 December	•	•	•	•
Monday 28 December	•	•	•	•
Tuesday 29 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Wednesday 30 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday 31 January	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	•
Friday 1 January	•	•	•	•

Closed • Normal hours resume Saturday 2 January. Borrowed items can be returned using the after-hours return chutes when the libraries are closed.

Reading Rocks!

Get ready to read over summer and join Eira the bookworm for the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Reading Rocks! blasts off at all Glen Eira libraries on 7 December.

Collect your *Reading Rocks!* bookmark from any Council library, borrow, read and record the titles of 10 books over summer.

When you have read your tenth book, have your bookmark stamped and collect your *Reading Rocks!* wristband — there are four designs to collect.

You are then eligible to enter the draw to win the following prizes:

- four years and under — Tag Junior Book Pal (major prize) and the award-winning *Rock 'N Learn* DVD pack (for two runners-up); or
- five to 15 years — Nintendo DSi console bundle (major prize) and the new iPod 2GB Shuffle (for two runners-up).

Enter as many times as you like — the more books you read, the more times you can enter and the more chances you have to win. If you are not a member of your local library ask your parent or guardian to help you to join today. Membership is free.

Reading Rocks! closes Sunday 7 February 2010, so get reading.

School crossing supervisors

Glen Eira City Council currently has permanent part-time school crossing supervisor positions available.

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

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

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

Prospective school crossing supervisors will need to pass a medical examination, undergo a police check and have a current Working with Children Check.

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

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



Festive stories

Between Monday 7 December and Friday 11 December all *Storytime* sessions will be full of Christmas stories and songs. Every child will receive a craft activity to complete at home. Visit Council's website for a full list of *Storytime* sessions.

Saturday Shakers on 12 December at 2pm will also join in the celebrations with *Ho Ho it's Christmas*. You will also have the chance to win one of four copies of the beautifully illustrated book *If you love a Christmas Tale*.



On Wednesday 16 December at 11am join Elsternwick's weekly *Storytime* session to celebrate Hanukkah with a collection of special stories. *Storytime* sessions at Caulfield and Carnegie libraries during Hanukkah will also include some stories to celebrate this important festival.

No bookings are required for any of the *Storytime* sessions.

Environmental display at Carnegie Library

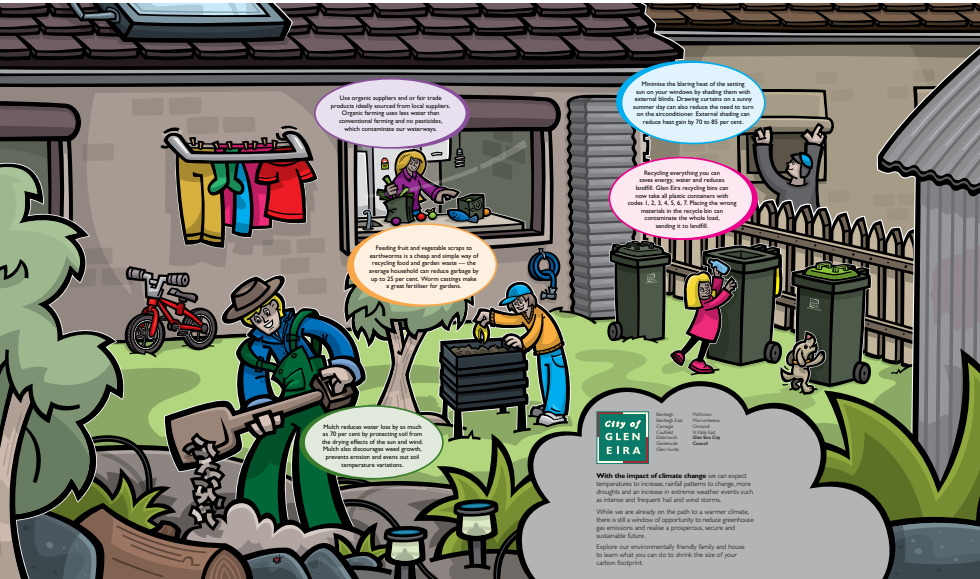
A life-size display about environmental sustainability is now on show at Carnegie Library until the end of January.

The display covers issues such as:

- climate change;
- water conservation;
- energy conservation;
- waste reduction; and
- biodiversity.

Each topic will offer handy tips for adults and children about how they can make their home more sustainable as well as provide information on how Glen Eira City Council is leading the way in environmental management.

Information flyers about these topics are also available.



Expressions of interest sought for 2010 BusEd Program

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

To date, the *Program* has delivered 163 practical projects to benefit local business.

Students, with the support of their lecturers, work with businesses and are assessed on the success of the project in meeting the business's expectations. Although there is no cost to participate in the *Program*, businesses must be prepared to invest into their joint projects to allow for the best possible outcome.

Expressions of interest are now being sought from local businesses who would like to become involved in the following projects with Monash University and Holmesglen in 2010.

Information technology and business systems

Projects include the following:

- website design;
- multimedia;
- database;
- network solutions — design, security, risk management and database administration; and
- software applications — database design, systems analysis, applications and web-based programming, project management; and SQL and risk management.

Market research

This is a valuable service for all businesses.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the *BusEd* program has proven to return some great results for Glen Eira businesses.

"The *Program* unites the resources and knowledge of student teams and the mentoring and experience of local business owners to achieve positive outcomes," Ms Bredin said.

"Following a selection process, businesses are then matched with a team of students studying in a relevant discipline such as marketing, information technology, business and commerce.

"Small businesses with limited resources should consider participating."



Dorothy participates in the Carnegie Mainstreet Survey with Holmesglen post-graduate marketing student Soontaree.
Photo: Denise Cox.

Testimonial — Monash University web project

"... What a pleasure it was to get to work with such bright, intelligent, dedicated, helpful young people, who were committed to what they had to do and were so organised. They were always most patient, explaining their ideas to us and making sure that they fitted with the ideas that we had. They worked consistently well to help us make our dream of a fabulous website come to fruition. We are indebted to the Glen Eira City Council *BusEd Program* and to Monash University's Caulfield School of Information Technology program for this wonderful opportunity ..." — JCR Intercultural Exchange Programs.

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

Students studying their third year Bachelor of Business and Commerce are available to assist local companies with specific projects or tasks relating to their majors. Student placements are being sourced for the 20 day *Business Internship Program* (one month) or the 40 day *Work Placement Program* (two months) commencing in early 2010.

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

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

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

Students are covered by the University's insurance.

Testimonials

"... Tara has progressed very well during her internship, so much that we have offered her a casual position for the next 12 months. Her inquisitive nature, involvement and diligent efforts have secured the casual position that was available..." — Paul Garrett — Kemp & Partners Accountants.

"... Stephanie quickly became a member of the wider marketing team and related very well to others cross functionally. Stephanie was able to work independently with limited guidance and showed initiative in problem solving. From an assessment view Stephanie has moved significantly along the scale in areas such as interpersonal skills, negotiating and critical thinking. Cultural fit and enthusiasm were there from day one and was maintained throughout ..." — Andrew Jamieson — PZ Cussons.

To register your interest for Council's *BusEd Program*, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

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