

glen eira news

New Mayor leads Australia Day celebrations



Lydia Minty from Community Information Glen Eira, Citizen of the Year Jack Barnes, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Young Citizen of the Year Marika McKinlay.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

New Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang led Australia Day celebrations at a special breakfast at Town Hall last month.

Cr Tang, who was elected Mayor for a second time late last year, presented Glen Eira City Council's annual *Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year Awards*.

Guest speaker at the breakfast was Executive Chairman Roy Morgan Research Gary Morgan.

Twenty two individuals and community groups were nominated for the Awards, which recognise significant contributions to the Glen Eira community.

Citizen of the Year

Described as a shining light and a fantastic role model and mentor, *Citizen of the Year* winner Jack Barnes has given a lifetime of service and commitment, particularly to the Glen Eira community. Since retiring, Jack has spent hundreds of hours helping others — and at 90 is still an active volunteer. For more than 12 years, Jack has been a regular visitor

at the Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home. He was also a volunteer at the Association for the Blind in Brighton for more than 20 years. The generosity and spirit with which Jack has devoted himself to his community has made Glen Eira a better place (continued on page four).

Young Citizen of the Year

McKinnon Secondary School student and *Young Citizen of the Year* winner Marika McKinlay was a member of Council Youth Services Youth Consultative Group (YCG) during 2008–09. Whilst a member of the YCG, Marika helped organise and run a number of successful events, including *Battle of the Bands 2009* and the first ever *Youth Art Expo*. Marika is well regarded by her peers at school and has been elected form captain and senior and junior school council member on numerous occasions. Marika also spends her spare time mentoring students in the *Tournament of Minds*, a problem solving program for teams of primary and secondary students.

Community Group of the Year

Community Group of the Year winner Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) was formed in 1969. CIGE is a free and confidential community information and referral service for local residents. The group also provides emergency relief in the form of food vouchers and material aid to vulnerable residents. Local residents that would like to volunteer in the community can also visit the centre to obtain information about volunteering opportunities available in Glen Eira. Operating Monday to Friday, CIGE is staffed by a team of well trained, local volunteers who have a wealth of knowledge and experience. CIGE is well regarded by clients, local organisations and the Glen Eira community.

Council also paid tribute to the following high calibre nominees:

- National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic); and
- Country Women's Association — Murrumbeena Branch.

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New Mayor for Glen Eira

Cr Steven Tang was elected unopposed as the 14th Mayor of Glen Eira for 2009–10 at a Council Meeting in December last year.

Cr Tang takes over as Mayor from Cr Helen Whiteside, who was elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor

In his first speech as Mayor, Cr Tang said he will represent Council's position with neither fear nor favour.

"I hope to represent views that I disagree with as strongly as those which I have supported," Cr Tang said.

"My commitment, as always, will be to an open chamber that supports free and informed debate, where each Councillor has a right to equal contribution.

"The debates we have — often robust in nature — inform my decision making and I look forward to the exchange of ideas that comes with such a diverse group of Councillors.

"I will facilitate an environment of co-operation where we can work together to deliver services, infrastructure and facilities of value for this generation and those to come."

Cr Tang's priorities over the coming 12 months include sustainability, keeping rates lower than our peer group of councils, getting started on turning the old Booran Road reservoir into new public open space, commencing the new Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion and making sure that the new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre remains on track.

About Cr Tang

It is Cr Tang's second term as Councillor. He was first elected to Council in December 2005 and was elected Mayor of Glen Eira in December 2007 — the youngest Mayor in Council's history.

Following re-election to Council in December 2008 he was elected Deputy Mayor.

Cr Tang was raised and educated in Glen Eira and has been an active member of local sporting and community groups.

Cr Tang sees Glen Eira as a vibrant, thriving and diverse community. Having grown up as part of that community and with a view to raising a family in the area, Cr Tang wants to contribute positively to its future.

Community grants workshops

Applications for Glen Eira City Council's 2010–2011 Community Grants Program open on Monday 1 March.

Grants of up to \$7,500 will be available for projects which address Council priorities and meet with funding guidelines and conditions.

Application forms and guidelines will be mailed to all organisations on Council's database.

Applications close on Friday 28 May at 5pm.

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will be hosting information workshops on Thursday 11 March.

The workshops will be held at Caulfield Cup Room.

Bookings are essential. If you wish to attend, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Mayor's column



As the Mayor of the City of Glen Eira, I welcome you all to the start of a new decade and the first edition of *Glen Eira News* for 2010. I hope your holiday season was safe and enjoyable.

With a month of summer still left, I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to keep cool and hydrated and look out for your family, friends and neighbours — and four-legged friends too. Council's website has some great tips on how to beat the heat. Click on Public health and then Heatwave safety.

Council's first Citizenship Ceremony for the year was held on Australia Day. I had the pleasure in welcoming some of Glen Eira's newest residents who now call Australia home.

A few days earlier, Council held its annual *Australia Day Breakfast* at which our *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* were recognised for their achievements. Congratulations again to our recipients, who have all been recognised on page one.

Later this month *Party in the Park 2010* commences on Sunday 28 February at Allnutt Park, Bentleigh from 12pm to 4pm. There will be something for the whole family, including *Trick Circus*, multicultural band *Da Chos* and an art and craft market. This will be followed by events at Packer Park, Carnegie and Princes Park, Caulfield South during March.

Finally, I would like to remind residents about the new *Community Consultation E-newsletter* which Council is developing. The newsletter will keep you informed about Council community consultations. To subscribe visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Residents can also sign up for email alerts to ensure you are kept informed of any consultations that are planned between newsletter editions.

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Mayor

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the April 2010 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 March for delivery 30–31 March.

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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Graffiti clean up program underway

Glen Eira City Council is making good headway removing graffiti from private property across Glen Eira.

As part of the Council funded *Graffiti Clean-Up Program*, more than 3,068 square metres of graffiti have been removed by Urban Maintenance Systems, the graffiti removal contractor.

Council's Manager Buildings and Properties Fergus Chisholm said the implementation of the *Program* was in response to community concern.

"The *Program*, which commenced in November 2009, has been well received by residents," Mr Chisholm said.

"Between 70 and 90 incidents of graffiti vandalism have been removed each week.

"Priority was given to those zones with the highest incidents, commencing in Bentleigh and then to McKinnon, Carnegie and Caulfield."

Comments received by Council from residents include:

... "The contractor was terrific and did a wonderful job. All the neighbours were out looking and were impressed with the efficiency. Thank you very much for a speedy response to this stressful situation ..." — Bentleigh resident.

Mr Chisholm said in addition to the *Program*, more than 200 incidents of graffiti have been reported on non-Council infrastructure such as power poles, post boxes and substations.

"Council does not remove graffiti from property owned by utilities and authorities as this is the responsibility of these organisations," Mr Chisholm said.

"However, we will continue to monitor and report any further incidents of graffiti to the relevant organisation."

Department of Justice Graffiti Removal Program

To complement Council's program to tackle graffiti, Council has partnered with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to implement the State Government's



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Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Service.

Graffiti Removal Program (GRP) in Glen Eira.

Managed by Community Correctional Services, the GRP puts offenders on court-imposed orders to work to clean-up graffiti from public and council assets.

The GRP commenced in Caulfield North in November 2009 and is targeting graffiti along laneways and carpark areas.

In the first six weeks of clean-up, more than 2,180 square metres of graffiti has been removed from 19 locations.

The GRP operates two days per week and removes more than 360 square metres of graffiti each week.

The GRP is currently funded to June 2011 under the State Government's *Graffiti Prevention and Removal Strategy* — justice.vic.gov.au/graffiti

Since it commenced in November 2005, the GRP has removed nearly 575,000 square metres of graffiti from

Victorian neighbourhoods — equal in size to 28 MCG playing fields — and enabled offenders to make reparation for their crimes through 207,000 hours of community work.

Council secures DOJ funding

Council has been successful in securing up to \$20,000 funding under DOJ's 2009–10 *Graffiti Clean-up Community Grants*.

The grant will be used to purchase graffiti removal kits for residents.

The kits will soon be available from Council's Service Centre.

Please note: There will be a limit of one kit per household.

The grant will also be used to purchase clean up kits for shopping centres.

The kits, which contain a portable removal system, will soon be trialed in shopping centres across the municipality.

Positive response to bin downsizing

Glen Eira residents are responding positively to Council's decision to downsize household waste bins from 240 litre to 120 litre.

During November 2009, 38,000 questionnaires were posted to households encouraging them to select an option to downsize their garbage bin and take up additional recycling services.

As of 19 January, 18,000 households have indicated they want to downsize their bin, while 1,050 households have taken up an additional recycling bin.

Council has also received an overwhelming response in regards to its green waste service, with 5,000 households joining.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said by downsizing and taking up additional recycling services these residents have saved a net total of \$1.7 million compared to what they would have paid for a 240 litre bin.

"They will also prevent thousands of tonnes of recyclable material from going to landfill in the future," Cr Tang said.

Cr Tang said residents who are yet to respond to the questionnaire still have the opportunity to downsize their bin.

"A reminder letter will be sent out in February to those properties which have not yet responded," Cr Tang said.

"The letter will advise residents on how to access the bin choice website and order a smaller bin or additional recycling bin and how to access the green waste service.

"Residents can also contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333."

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2010



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.

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

Wednesday 7 April
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



Glen Eira City Council

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

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 Sarah Finlay on 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA
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CEO's column



The Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) will be built as one project, thanks to a further \$2 million from the State Government.

The additional funding takes the total State and Federal Government support to \$14.5 million, which we believe is the most ever contributed to any municipal project of this kind.

The grants Glen Eira City Council has received from both levels of government illustrate their confidence in the management of the project, which will produce a multi-purpose health and recreation centre for all members of the community.

Council has used Australia's foremost aquatic experts, SGL PSA, which managed the construction of the Northern Stand at the MCG, has overseen the project, while the financing has been modelled by the Treasury Corporation Victoria.

The environmentally sensitive design (ESD) features, as recommended by ESD specialists, include:

- rainwater harvesting (300,000 litres of water storage);
- sun shades that move with the sun; and
- a heat exchange strategy for the aquatic and health and fitness components of the facility, which improve heating efficiency for both water and air.

To assist with the management of the project and the preparation of tender documents, I chaired weekly meetings of construction, recreation, finance and legal specialists. This work was overseen by the Pools Steering Committee of Councillors.

Sport and Recreation Victoria used GESAC as its model of best practice for other councils looking to manage large projects of this kind. This model will help produce the best result for the community at the lowest cost and lowest risk.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this project. We all look forward to seeing GESAC develop over the next 18 months.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Have your say on street tree species

Glen Eira City Council is inviting community views on its draft *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette*.

Following a preliminary review of Council's street tree planting schemes, Council's Park Services Department has analysed all species on Council's database. Where species meet particular criteria, it has been proposed that Council retain this for planting.

If, however, a particular species is considered undesirable, an alternate species has been suggested for future planting.

From this review, Park Services has developed the *Species Palette*, which contains a range of native and exotic tree species to suit the diversity of streetscapes in the City.

The *Palette* also includes detailed information and photographs of the most popular species planted and the preferred species listing for every street within Glen Eira.

Copies of the *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette* are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four library branches and website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

All submissions should be posted to:

Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
Caulfield South Vic 3162



Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Submissions close on Thursday 4 March.

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

Lifetime of service and commitment



Citizen of the Year winner Jack Barnes and his wife Eunice.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Citizen of the Year winner Jack Barnes said receiving the annual award was unexpected.

Since 1956, Jack and his wife Eunice have lived in Glen Huntly. They have three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Jack, who turned 90 last month, was nominated for the thousands of hours of service and commitment he has given to the local community.

For 20 years he volunteered at the Association for the Blind in Brighton,

while Eunice was a volunteer for 25 years.

"Our daughter worked at the association and asked if we wanted to come along and volunteer," Jack said.

"Every Friday we would run a ten pin bowling session. We got so much out of it and the spirit of the people we met was wonderful."

Jack also took bus loads of people on outings when they were short of volunteers.

Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home

Jack first heard about the Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home through members of his local church.

"I was speaking with two ladies from the church who said they were on their way to volunteer at the nursing home," Jack said.

"I was appalled that they had to take a taxi so we ended up driving them."

Every Friday Jack has one-on-one visits with patients at the nursing home.

"Eunice and I are part of the *Volunteers in Partnership Program*," Jack said.

"As a VIP volunteer, we also participate in training sessions and meetings which helps us with our volunteer work."

Although Jack and Eunice don't volunteer as much as they used to, they assist the hospital in other ways.

"We have a grapefruit tree in our backyard and last season we made more than 70 jars of marmalade for the hospital kiosk — I was sick of the sight of marmalade by the end!" Jack said.

"We also help to make rugs for the residents at the nursing home."

State Government announces funding for indoor courts at GESAC

The State Government will contribute a further \$2 million towards the construction of indoor courts at the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC), Bentleigh East.

The funding was announced in December 2009 by Victorian Premier John Brumby and Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MP at a ceremony at McKinnon Secondary College.

The State Government has already contributed \$2.5 million under the *Better Pools Program*, while the Commonwealth Government has provided \$10 million.

On 15 December 2009, Glen Eira City Council exercised an option under the current contract to include the construction of the indoor courts for the sum of \$5,188,574.00 (GST exclusive).

The total construction cost will now be \$41.2 million and, after allowing for the grants, the construction cost to Council would be \$27 million.

In thanking the Premier, then Glen Eira Mayor Cr Helen Whiteside said the

local community will get one of the best community facilities in Australia for around two-thirds of what it would normally have cost.

"The project will generate 132 jobs during the construction phase and dozens of permanent jobs here in Glen Eira for decades to come," Cr Whiteside said.

"It will provide recreation and health facilities for hundreds of thousands of residents.

"The involvement of the State and Federal Governments also indicates their confidence in Council's management of this project."

Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd has already commenced the first stage of GESAC, which includes a 50 metre outdoor pool, indoor 25 metre pool, learn-to-swim pool, warm water program pool, two water slides, large gym, wellness facilities, crèche, traffic lights on East Boundary Road and parking.

GESAC is expected to open in 2011.



Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson MP, Cr Helen Whiteside and Victorian Premier John Brumby.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Motorists are reminded to comply with speed limits and parking and stopping laws in the vicinity of schools or risk facing a hefty fine. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Zero tolerance for offending motorists

Safety is of paramount importance to Glen Eira City Council, especially where children are concerned.

With the 2010 school year underway, motorists are reminded to comply with speed limits and parking and stopping laws in the vicinity of schools or risk facing a hefty fine.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said a zero tolerance approach will be adopted, particularly where safety is compromised.

"Council's traffic safety officers, in conjunction with Victoria Police, will be monitoring all school crossings and streets near schools and will not hesitate to issue a fine if a motorist is doing the wrong thing," Mr Russo said.

"With an increased amount of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic expected,

it is vital for all motorists to ensure they are not putting children's safety at risk."

Mr Russo said it is unlawful to double park, stop in a No Stopping area, stop within 20 metres of a school crossing or stop within 10 metres of an intersection.

"Parents are also reminded that the timed zones near schools are for everybody's benefit, particularly when it comes to dropping off and picking up children," Mr Russo said.

"If you need to walk your child into school and you may be longer than the time allowed on the sign, parents are advised to park elsewhere to avoid receiving an infringement notice."

The 40km/ph speed limit applies from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days.

Food Safety Program attracts local and interstate interest

Glen Eira City Council's *Five-Star Food Safety Program* has attracted interest from councils, not just in Victoria, but interstate.

The *Program* has been used as a model for similar programs at Monash City Council, Hobsons Bay City Council and Knox City Council.

More recently, senior environmental health officers from Salisbury City Council in South Australia visited Glen Eira to obtain information about the *Program* with a view to adopt something similar.

Council's *Five-Star Food Safety Program* was developed in 1996 and was the first food safety incentive scheme developed by local government in Victoria.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the *Program* was an integral part of how Council promotes and enforces food safety throughout Glen Eira.

"The *Program* is unique because it provides both financial and promotional incentives for local businesses that demonstrate compliance with state and federal food safety standards when assessed by Council's environmental health officers," Mr Saunders said.

"This allows Council to reward local food businesses that prepare safe

food and apply sanctions to poor performing premises."

In 2009, Council awarded 237 premises with a five-star food safety rating.

To achieve a five-star food safety rating businesses must:

- operate in accordance with a food safety program;
- appoint a qualified food safety supervisor;
- achieve a food hygiene score of 90 per cent;
- pass Council's food hygiene questionnaire;
- pass all food sampling testing (no food seizures within the previous 12 months);
- have no serious food safety risks identified; and
- have no justified complaints in relation to cleanliness, food handling, food adulteration or food poisoning.

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

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

Council introduces Asset Protection Permits



This green Commodore was buried up to its axles in mud. Photo: GlenWorks.

To ensure public assets and infrastructure are not damaged as a result of building works being carried out — including demolition work —

Glen Eira City Council has introduced Asset Protection Permits.

Clause 329 of Council's *Local Law 2009* — which was adopted by Council on

24 November — places responsibility on the person in charge of a building site within the Glen Eira municipality to obtain an Asset Protection Permit prior to the commencement of building works.

The permit also protects the applicant against paying for damage that may have existed prior to starting their building work.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon recommended obtaining the permit at least 10 working days before works are scheduled to commence as this will allow scheduling pre-works commencement inspections.

"If building works commence without an Asset Protection Permit, infringement notices may be issued to the property owner/or builder for failing to comply with Council's *Local Law 2009*," Mr Bordignon said.

"In this situation, Council will assume that there was no existing damage to public assets prior to the commencement of building works."

Spare a thought

Mr Bordignon said an incident in Murrumbena at the end of last year showed why it was important for developers to have Asset Protection Permits.

"Due to a developer in Murrumbena failing to follow his permit conditions for a road opening, this green Commodore (pictured) was buried up to its axles in mud," Mr Bordignon said.

"The developer will be fined by Council's Civic Compliance Unit and will probably have to pay for the tow truck needed to remove the car."

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

Get to know your neighbours this summer

Glen Eira City Council is encouraging residents to get to know their neighbours this summer.

More than 370 Victorians are believed to have died in the last summer's heatwave — 10 times more than initially feared.

Having contact with others is critical during heatwaves.

The people usually most affected by a heatwave are the elderly and people living alone, particularly if they are isolated or lack social support.

If they have difficulty in the heat, they may not be able to access medical help, or be able to get help from others.

People who know each other in their community are more likely to turn to each other for help and cope better in an emergency.

So this summer, remember to:

1. Look out for each other.

2. Get to know your neighbours, particularly those older and more vulnerable.
3. Keep in touch with family and friends and see how they are coping in the heat. It is also a good way to let them know that you are okay too.
4. Keep a telephone list of friends, family and neighbours next to the phone in case of an emergency.
5. If you are worried about yourself or others don't be afraid to get help. Get a family member to come and pick you up from home and go someplace cool or call emergency services on triple zero.

Neighbour Day

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door or across the street.

To be held on Sunday 28 March, *Neighbour Day* is the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour or saying hello for the first time.

For further information about *Neighbour Day* visit www.neighbourday.org

News in brief

Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room open day

To celebrate the success of the recently developed Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room, Glen Eira City Council is holding a community open day.

The new facility on Balaclava Road, Caulfield (Mel Ref: 59 C12) will be open to all residents and community groups on Sunday 21 February from 12pm–4pm.

2010 Council meeting dates

- Tuesday 2 February
- Tuesday 23 February
- Tuesday 16 March
- Wednesday 7 April
- Tuesday 27 April
- Monday 17 May
- Tuesday 8 June
- Tuesday 29 June
- Tuesday 20 July
- Tuesday 10 August
- Tuesday 31 August
- Tuesday 21 September
- Tuesday 12 October

Wednesday 3 November

Tuesday 23 November

Tuesday 14 December

Sustainable living workshops

The Centre for Education and Research in Environment Strategies (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:

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



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Delivered Meals Service

Glen Eira City Council's Delivered Meals Service is a service like no other.

Where else could you receive a healthy and nourishing meal, accompanied with a friendly smile and a chat from the person delivering the meal?

Council has a dedicated group of staff and volunteers who deliver more than 350 meals every day to older residents and residents with a disability who need support to live at home independently.

Meals are delivered each morning between 9am and 1pm and are available chilled for those who wish to warm the meal up later in the day or hot for those clients who wish to eat the meal immediately.

An important aspect of the service is the monitoring role that the service performs. This is particularly important for residents who live on their own.

Because it's a requirement of the service that the resident be at home to receive the meal, delivered meals staff are able to check on the resident's welfare.

If they have any concerns about a resident's health or wellbeing, it's

reported back to the office for follow up.

Many clients of the Delivered Meals Service have benefited from the much needed assistance which is provided, following a fall or a bout of illness.

Choosing meals

The service offers a wide range of meal choices which cater for all dietary requirements.

Clients can select a daily meal from a choice of six mains and two desserts. Soup and fruit juice is also included and the menu is updated twice a year, to reflect seasonal changes.

The menu includes favourites such as roast beef, grilled fish and spaghetti bolognese as well as some new dishes including, chicken schnitzel and gravy, spinach and cheese cannelloni with napoli sauce, steak and mushroom casserole, beef and black bean and lamb and coriander meatballs in red wine sauce.

Meals can be provided hot for immediate consumption or chilled for refrigeration and later consumption.



The service offers a wide range of meal choices which cater for all dietary requirements. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Meals are delivered in a biodegradable meals container which has a clear film lid so that the meal can be seen. Meals can be heated in these containers or put on a plate and heated.

How to access the service

All it takes is a quick phone call to access this excellent service. Delivered Meals staff will ask a few questions to

determine your eligibility for the service and any dietary or delivery requirements. The service can commence as early as the next working day.

For further information about delivered meals and accessing the service, contact the Delivered Meals Service on 9576 9748.

out and about



Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion funding announcement: Cr Oscar Lobo, Cr Helen Whiteside, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth James Merlino MP, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Jim Magee. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Funding announcement for indoor courts at the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre: Council CEO Andrew Newton, Victorian Premier John Brumby and Cr Helen Whiteside.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



2009 Carols by Candlelight: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Cr Helen Whiteside, Cr Oscar Lobo, Cr Jim Magee, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Neil Pilling.

Photo: Angus McDonald.

Council implements Early Years Learning Framework

Glen Eira City Council's four children's centres at Carnegie, Caulfield, Elsternwick and Murrumbeena have implemented the Council of Australian Government's (COAG) *Early Years Learning Framework — Belonging, Being and Becoming*.

Early childcare professionals who work with children from birth to five years will use the *Framework* to develop play-based learning programs responsive to children's ideas, interests, strengths and abilities.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said the four children's centres will look at what each child enjoys and use the *Framework* as a guide to extend the experience through indoor and outdoor learning experiences.

"For example, if one child enjoys building towers out of blocks, the centre will take this to the next level and incorporate a similar experience, such as building a plane, and then discuss places children might visit," Ms Jolliffe said.

Ms Jolliffe said Council's early childhood professionals will work together with the parents to gather information about their child.

"Speaking to the parent will assist them in gathering information about the child's interests, which will allow them to further develop their individual learning and development," Ms Jolliffe said.

Carnegie Children's Centre Early Childcare Professional Cheryl Orr said the new *Framework* provides practical tools to help build on a child's skills.

"The *Framework* provides a more holistic approach to childcare and will assist us with program planning," Cheryl said.



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Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Cheryl said she will also be able to use her existing portfolio system to help with her planning.

"Each child has their own portfolio which contains photos and recordings of the child's conversations, activities and what they have learnt," Cheryl said.

"Using this portfolio, in conjunction with the *Framework*, will assist me in determining what each child enjoys and how this experience can be expanded.

"It will also keep the parents in touch with their child's progress."

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions



Council will conduct 12 special four-year-old immunisation sessions this year.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council will be conducting 12 special four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2010.

The *National Immunisation Program's* current schedule for four-year-olds includes vaccination boosters for:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (whooping cough)/ Polio; and
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella.

These vaccinations should be given as soon as your child has turned four.

Council's Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon said once your child has received the scheduled four-year-old vaccine, your immunisation provider will report the vaccinations to the *Australian Childhood Immunisation Register*.

"The *Register* will automatically generate an immunisation statement and it will be mailed to the current address you have listed with Medicare Australia," Ms Gannon said.

"This statement can then be used as your child's school entry certificate."

Council's free immunisation sessions feature children's entertainment including face painting and magic tricks. All children who are immunised at the special sessions also receive a free show bag and helium balloon.

Ms Gannon said Council introduced four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2007 due to the decreasing number of children receiving their required vaccinations at the correct age.

"We now have on average between 60 and 70 children receiving their required vaccinations at each session," Ms Gannon said.

"Some surrounding councils have also adopted our idea and have adapted it to suit their needs."

Parents please note: The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register recommends that all childhood vaccinations are completed by four years and one month of age. Any child over this recommended age that has not completed their required vaccinations will be considered overdue on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

Council immunisation sessions

Council conducts 10 free community immunisation sessions at various venues throughout the municipality each month.

There are four morning sessions, one afternoon session, four evening sessions and one Saturday morning session.

Council's 2010 immunisation schedule is available from Council's Services Centre and www.gleneira.vic.gov.au All Council immunisation sessions are also advertised in *Glen Eira News*.

Parent education sessions

More than 900 people attended Glen Eira City Council's parent education sessions in 2009.

Eighteen sessions were held throughout the year, six of which were sponsored by the Bendigo Bank (Murrumbeena Branch). The sessions covered a variety of topics, including:

- behaviour guidance;
- resilience;
- fathering in the fast lane; and
- the social and emotional needs of young children.

All sessions were well received, with Council receiving the following comments:

... "Excellent. Good to hear some common sense thinking/approaches to behaviour management ..." — Behaviour guidance session.

... "Excellent as always. Great presenter, great delivery and great depth of knowledge ..." — Resilience session.

... "Very well presented and entertaining. Useful notes provided ..." — Fathering in the fast lane session.

... "Enjoyable and informative. Knowledgeable presenter ..." — The social and emotional needs of young children session.

In 2010, 21 parent education sessions are planned, six of which will again be sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.

Some of the topics to be covered include:

- anaphylaxis and allergies;
- paediatric resuscitation;
- school preparation and transition;
- toilet training; and
- playing at home with your children.

There will also be sessions aimed at early years professionals.

Council's 2010 Education Calendar is expected to be available in February.



A session about playing at home with your children will be held in 2010. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Increase in key ages and stages assessments

Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service completed 15,872 key ages and stages assessments during 2008–09 — surpassing its target by 1,872 assessments.

The increase in attendance can be attributed to a number of initiatives implemented by the service, including the appointment of an Outreach Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

Jan Roughley, who has been in the position since February 2009, visits families who, in some circumstances, can't come to one of Council's eight Maternal Child Health Centres.

"Many families have busy lifestyles, particularly if both parents work, and this can make it difficult for them to access the service during business hours," Ms Roughley said.

"It can also be difficult for families to attend if, for example, they have mobility issues, lots of children or have just had a multiple birth.

"Arrangements are then made to see children either in their home, local childcare centre, early learning centre or kindergarten."

Key ages and stages assessment

The first key ages and stages assessment is conducted at the child's home following their discharge from hospital.

Subsequent assessments are then carried out at their local Maternal and Child Health Centre at two weeks, four weeks, eight weeks, four months, eight months, 12 months, 18 months, two years and three and a half year years.

The nurse assesses the health and development of the child, which includes:

- a general health assessment — this may include heart, lungs, hip stability, vision and hearing;
- growth, including head circumference, length and weight;
- fine motor skills;
- gross motor skills, including crawling and walking;
- speech and language development; and
- advice about breastfeeding and sleep and settling issues.



Council's Maternal and Child Health Service completed 15,872 key ages and stages assessments during 2008–09. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

For further information, or to make an appointment, contact Council's Maternal Child and Health Service on 9524 3333.

Playgrounds in Glen Eira

Glen Eira residents are fortunate to have some of the best playgrounds in Melbourne in their local parks.

Many of Glen Eira's playgrounds are the centre pieces of parks and offer hours of free fun for children.

There is an amazing array of play opportunities in our parks. The creative designs offer children new challenges in the way of physical, social and educational development.

They are bright and colourful, instantly appealing to children, and in many cases, are individually designed.

The parks, which are great places to catch up with friends, also provide additional park infrastructure to make your visit even more enjoyable such as shade, barbecues, rotundas, drinking fountains and public toilets.

How to find an all-abilities playground

The following parks offer state-of-the-art playground equipment and landscaping designed for children of all ages and abilities. Ramps, coloured concrete and rubber-surfaced paths provide easy access for people using prams, wheelchairs and walking frames.

- Allnut Park (Mel Ref: 68 C11);
- Carnegie Library playspace (Mel Ref: 68 J4);
- Caulfield Park, Inkerman Road (Mel Ref: 59 C12);



Packer Park, Carnegie.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- Caulfield Park, Park Crescent (Mel Ref: 59 C12);
- Halley Park (Mel Ref: 77 E3);
- Harleston Park (Mel Ref: 67 H2);
- Hopetoun Gardens Mel Ref: 67 H4);
- Koornang Park (Mel Ref: 68 H6);
- Joyce Park (Mel Ref: 68 F9);
- Packer Park (Mel Ref: 68 J8); and
- Princes Park (Mel Ref: 68 A6).

For further information about where to find your nearest playground, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on the Parks and recreation link.

GEMS Group

Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service offers a new mother's group for those who may be experiencing emotional difficulties since the birth of their baby.

Glen Eira Mother's Support group (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.

For 2010 GEMS Group sessions, contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3333.

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

St Peter's Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at St Peter's Parish, 844 Centre Road, Bentleigh East. 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 the 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 Tina: 0433 793 726.

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

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

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month (February to November) from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission by donation. Contact: 9578 9131.

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

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

Caulfield Combined Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am in the Gladys Machin Senior Citizens Club Hall, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Ann: 9532 9892 or Chye: 9525 7232.

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.

The Bentleigh East Probus Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Ian: 8558 1606.

Cuppa Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-4pm, downstairs from the Golden Opportunity Shop, 512 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Disabled access available from the rear carpark. Play table tennis or pool, have a chat or just enjoy a cuppa. Everyone is welcome. No charge. Contact: 9557 9567.

EVENTS

Bentleigh East Soccer Club registration day will be held on 6 and 14 February from 10am-11.30am at Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. All welcome. Contact: www.eastbentleighsc.com

Nirkoda Israeli Dancing: Beginners course starts 11 February. Circles/lines and partners. This fun program will enable you to quickly add many dances to your repertoire. Classes are held in Ormond and Caulfield and cost for the eight week course is \$40. Contact Judi: 0407 517 865, Denise: 0450 926 303 or go to www.nirkoda.org

The Elsternwick Club is conducting free 60 minute introductory lawn bowl lessons for potential new bowlers every Friday evening during March. Enjoy yourself, get fit, live longer, make new friends or bring old ones. Contact John Boorn: 9578 3692, email bowls@elsternwickclub.com.au or go to www.elsternwickclub.com.au

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle is offering free Scottish country dancing classes every Friday during March from 8pm-10pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. Contact George: 9808 6805 or Bev: 9579 5532.

COMMUNITY

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.

12th Caulfield Scout Group has vacancies for boys and girls, particularly in the Cub section (age seven to 10). Cubs meet on Tuesdays from 7pm-8.30pm in Elsternwick. New adults also welcome to become leaders. Contact Jenny: 9528 5431 or www.12thcaulfield.asn.au

The History of Glen Huntly Primary School No. 3703 1914-2009 has been written and printed to celebrate the school's 95th birthday. Ex-students, teachers and parents have submitted memories and photographs for inclusion in the book, which was written by Shirley Mirams. There are also photographs and stories relating to present students. The book can be purchased through the school office.

Contact Glen Huntly Primary School: 9571 2933 or Shirley Mirams: 9563 7787 or kmirams@bigpond.com

Figurative art is held every Tuesday from 10am-3pm at the Glen Eira Artists' Society, Birch Street, Caulfield South. Long pose, untutored life drawing and life painting. Contact: 9568 7190.

Nominations for volunteer scheme

Nominations for the 2010 Glen Eira City Council Volunteer Recognition Scheme will close on Friday 19 March.

Not-for-profit community based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have provided 10 or more years of continuous service.

Winners will be announced during National Volunteers Week in May at an awards recognition ceremony.

Further information and nomination forms are available from the Council's Service Centre or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
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 2 February and Tuesday 2 March 6pm-7pm
Tuesday 9 February and Tuesday 9 March 9.30am-11am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 20 February and Saturday 20 March 9am-11am

Wednesday 10 February, Thursday 25 February, Wednesday 10 March and Thursday 25 March 5.30pm-7.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 15 February and Monday 15 March 9.30am-11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 17 February and Wednesday 17 March 1.30pm-2.30pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 24 March 9.30am-11am



澳洲國慶節慶祝活動

上個月，Glen Eira 在市長Steven Tang 的帶領下，於市政廳舉行了國慶節特別早餐會慶祝活動。

Tang 市長頒發了市政府年度 “最佳公民和青年公民獎” 和 “最佳社區團體獎”。

二十二個個人和社區團體獲得了這些獎項的提名，這是對Glen Eira 社區重大貢獻的表彰。

“最佳公民獎” 獲獎者Jack Barnes畢生奉獻與服務於Glen Eira社區。他退休後付出了數百小時的時間幫助他人 – 九十歲的他仍然是一位積極的義工。二十多年來，Jack 經常訪問Caulfield醫院養老護理院。二十多年以來，他還一直在位於Brighton的盲人協會做義工。

“最佳青年公民獎” 獲獎者Marika McKinlay是2008-09年度市政府青年顧問組 (YCG) 的成員。在作為YCG成員期間，Marika協助組織和舉辦了2009年樂組大賽和首屆青年藝術博覽會。

“最佳社區團體獎” 獲獎機構是Glen Eira社區信息，這是一個向當地居民免費和保密提供社區信息與轉介的服務機構。該機構還提供緊急救援，向遇到困難的居民發放食品券和物品。

市政府還表彰了下列卓越的被提名者：

- 澳洲全國猶太族婦女理事會 (維州)；以及
- 鄉村婦女協會 — Murrumbeena 分會

Εορτασμοί για την Ημέρα Αυστραλίας

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Steven Tang ξεκίνησε τους εορτασμούς για την Ημέρα Αυστραλίας σε ένα ειδικό πρόγευμα στο Δημαρχείο τον περασμένο μήνα.

Ο κ. Tang απένειμε τα ετήσια Βραβεία Δημότη και Νέου Δημότη της Χρονιάς και Κοινωνικής Ομάδας της Χρονιάς του Δήμου.

Είκοσι δύο άτομα και κοινωνικές ομάδες είχαν προταθεί για τα Βραβεία, τα οποία αναγνωρίζουν τις σημαντικές συνεισφορές στην κοινότητα Glen Eira.

Ο νικητής για το βραβείο Δημότης της Χρονιάς Jack Barnes έχει προσφέρει μια ολόκληρη ζωή υπηρεσίες και βοήθεια στην κοινότητα Glen Eira. Από τότε που βγήκε στη σύνταξη, ο Jack αφιέρωσε εκατοντάδες ώρες βοηθώντας άλλους - και στα 90 του είναι ακόμα ενεργός εθελοντής. Για περισσότερα από 12 χρόνια, ο Jack είναι τακτικός επισκέπτης στο Γηροκομείο του Νοσοκομείου Caulfield. Ήταν επίσης εθελοντής στην Ένωση Τυφλών στο Brighton για περισσότερα από 20 χρόνια.

Η νικήτρια για το βραβείο Νέος Δημότης της Χρονιάς Marika McKinlay ήταν μέλος της Συμβουλευτικής Ομάδας Νέων του Δήμου (YCG) το 2008-09. Ενώ ήταν μέλος της ομάδας YCG, η Marika βοήθησε στην οργάνωση και διεξαγωγή του μουσικού διαγωνισμού *Battle of the Bands 2009* και διοργάνωσε την πρώτη ποτέ Έκθεση Τέχνης Νέων.

Η Ομάδα Κοινωνικών Πληροφοριών Glen Eira, νικήτρια του βραβείου Κοινωνικού Συλλόγου της Χρονιάς είναι μια δωρεάν και εμπιστευτική κοινωνική υπηρεσία πληροφοριών και παραπομπών για ντόπιους κατοίκους. Η ομάδα παρέχει επίσης βοήθεια έκτακτης ανάγκης υπό τη μορφή κουπονιών τροφίμων και υλική ενίσχυση σε ευπαθείς κατοίκους.

Ο Δήμος εξείρε επίσης τους παρακάτω υποψήφιους μεγάλης ολκής:

- Εθνικό Συμβούλιο Εβραίων Γυναίκων Αυστραλίας (Βικτώρια), και
- Επαρχιακός Σύνδεσμος Γυναίκων— Παράρτημα Murrumbeena.

Festeggiamenti per l’Australia Day

Il mese scorso il Cons. Steven Tang, Sindaco di Glen Eira, ha condotto i festeggiamenti per l’ Australia Day durante una speciale prima colazione tenutasi presso la Sala Comunale.

In tale occasione il Cons.Tang ha consegnato i premi annuali offerti dal Comune: *Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year* e *Community Group of the Year Awards*.

Sono state ricevute ventidue candidature, riferentesi ad individui e a gruppi comunitari, per l’assegnazione dei relativi *Awards* che riconoscono e premiano contributi significativi alla comunità di Glen Eira.

Jack Barnes, vincitore del premio *Citizen of the Year*, ha donato alla comunità di Glen Eira un’intera vita di servizi e impegno personale. Dopo il pensionamento, Jack ha dedicato centinaia di ore all’assistenza comunitaria e a 90 anni si dedica ancora attivamente al volontariato. Per più di 12 anni Jack ha regolarmente frequentato la Casa di cura per anziani presso l’ospedale di Caulfield ed ha prestato per più di 20 anni servizio volontario presso l’Associazione per i non vedenti di Brighton.

Marika McKinlay vincitrice del premio *Young Citizen of the Year* è stata membro del gruppo di consulenza giovanile del Comune, il Council’s Youth Consultative Group (YCG), per il 2008-09. Durante la sua partecipazione al YCG, Marika ha cooperato alla preparazione nonché condotto la manifestazione *Battle of the Bands 2009*, oltre alla prima esposizione artistica in assoluto, la *Youth Arts Expo*.

Community Information Glen Eira, il gruppo vincitore del premio *Community Group of the Year*, è un servizio di informazione e riferimento gratuito e confidenziale rivolto ai residenti locali. Il gruppo fornisce anche sollievo di emergenza sotto forma di buoni pasto ed aiuto materiale ai residenti più vulnerabili.

Il Comune ha anche reso omaggio ai seguenti candidati di qualità:

- Il National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic); e
- La Country Women’s Association — Murrumbeena Branch.

Празднование Дня Австралии

В прошлом месяце в здании Town Hall состоялся торжественный завтрак в честь Дня Австралии с участием мэра муниципалитета Glen Eira г-на Steven Tang.

Г-н Tang вручил ежегодные награды муниципалитета в категориях *Гражданин Года*, *Молодой Гражданин Года* и *Общественная Группа Года*.

В этом году 22 кандидата (отдельные лица и организации) были номинированы на эти награды, которые отмечают особые заслуги перед общественностью муниципалитета.

Награду *Гражданин Года* получил г-н Jack Barnes, который много лет занимается общественной работой в Glen Eira. После выхода на пенсию Jack посвятил сотни часов своего времени помощи другим, и в свои 90 лет он по-прежнему активный волонтер. Более 12 лет Jack регулярно посещает Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home. Он также более 20 лет работал волонтером для Общества слепых (Association for the Blind) в районе Brighton.

Победитель в категории *Молодой Гражданин Года* Marika McKinlay была членом молодежной консультативной группы муниципалитета в 2008-9гг. В этот период она помогла организовать музыкальный конкурс *Battle of the Bands 2009* и выставку молодых художников.

Победителем в категории *Общественная Группа Года* стала организация Community Information Glen Eira – бесплатная и конфиденциальная служба информации для местных жителей. Эта служба также оказывает чрезвычайную помощь нуждающимся в виде вещей и ваучеров на продукты питания.

Муниципалитет также отметил заслуги двух других номинированных организаций:

- National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic);
- Country Women’s Association — отделение Murrumbeena.

Community consultation

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

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Universal access to kindergarten	Public forum	24 February from 7.30pm–9pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Universal access to kindergarten	Public forum	25 February from 7.30pm–9pm	McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
<i>Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy</i>	Meeting	25 February at 7pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
<i>Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette</i>	Comments and submissions	Comments and submissions close 4 March	PO Box 42 Caulfield South Vic 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Family and Children’s Services	Parent survey for Children’s Centre families and Family Day Care families	4 December
Family and Children’s Services	Parent survey for Maternal and Child Health families	16 December
Family and Children’s Services	Parent survey for Occasional Care families	17 December
Melbourne Racing Club’s proposed amendment to the <i>Glen Eira Planning Scheme</i>	Comments and submissions	21 December

Council has developed 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

\$500,000 grant for rebuilding of Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion

The State Government will contribute \$500,000 towards the rebuilding of the pavilion at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbidgee.

Announced in December 2009 by Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs James Merlino MP, the grant is part of the State Government's 2010–2011 Community Facility Funding Program — Major Facilities.

The funding will allow the current ageing pavilion to be rebuilt and made more accessible for all users and spectators.

The proposed Duncan Mackinnon Multi-Purpose Regional Sports Facility will provide the necessary facilities to ensure that sports participation can continue to grow in Glen Eira.

The facility will include a community social room — which can be

accessed via an internal lift — access for all-abilities, canteen facilities, equipment storage areas, multi-purpose change rooms and toilet facilities.

All clubs, including those which use the outer ovals for sports training or match play, will also have access to these facilities.

Development will be undertaken in conjunction with key user groups and potential user groups to ensure the facility meets the needs of the community. Local residents will also be able to make further comment throughout the planning process.

Council has already committed \$700,000 in the 2009–2010 Annual Budget to undertake the detailed design of the facility, which will be completed by June 2010.



Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker MP, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs James Merlino MP, Cr Helen Whiteside and members of Caulfield Little Athletics. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

McKinnon Super Star Cougars Program

Late 2009 was an exciting time for the McKinnon Basketball Association with the development of a new basketball program for people with a disability.

Under the watchful eye of McKinnon Basketball Association Director of Girls Coaching Kathryn Hay, the six week McKinnon Super Star Cougars Program attracted around 12 players.

The Program is a partnership between McKinnon Basketball Association, Basketball Victoria and Access Unlimited to provide inclusive basketball opportunities across the Glen Eira and Stonnington communities.

The aim of the Program is not only to develop basketball skills, but to provide a pathway for players to become part of a team that will represent McKinnon in competitions and regional carnivals.

Ms Hay said the Program had been one of the most rewarding she has conducted.

"I really enjoyed watching the development of the players over the six weeks and I can't wait to start the Program again in February," Ms Hay said.

The 2010 Program will commence on Saturday 13 February and will run until Saturday 20 March. Sessions will be held from 10am–11am at the McKinnon Secondary College Stadium, McKinnon Road, McKinnon.

Cost for the program is \$40 and new players are welcome.

To register your attendance, contact the McKinnon Basketball Association Office on 9557 6807 or email programs@mckinnonbasketball.org

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

Get active in Glen Eira

Glen Eira residents are very passionate about their sport and there is no difference between the young and those who are young at heart. Glen Eira has a lot to offer young people through the many sports clubs across the City.

Sport is recognised as having significant benefits in the development and wellbeing of young people. Glen Eira residents are fortunate to have so many sports clubs catering for the needs of young people.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Recreation and Youth Services Linda Smith said young people do not need any experience in the sport they wish to play.

"Many sports clubs provide coaching and offer introductory courses to the sport which enables the participants to see if they like the game," Ms Smith said.

A number of junior development programs are also run in Glen Eira, including:

Netball — *Net Set Go*;
Cricket — *Milo Have A Go*;
Little Athletics — *On Track*;
Football (soccer) — *Goal Kick*;
Australian Rules Football — *Auskick*;
and
Softball — *Blastball* and *Modball*
Cycling, baseball and lawn bowls also encourage junior participation.

Ms Smith said being an active member of a sports club has many benefits.

"Young people not only develop friendships, but team skills and

fitness regimes that for many will stay with them for life," Ms Smith said.

To find out where your nearest sports club is, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and follow the links to Parks and recreation.

Get into Bocce

Summer can be a great time to get out and about in Glen Eira's parks.

While enjoying the great outdoors, why not take time out to play a game of Bocce?

The game of Bocce originated in Italy and is becoming an increasingly popular recreational pursuit.

Bocce is a great game for all ages. All that is needed is a set of balls and a place to play.

Bocce is played between two players or teams of up to four players. It's similar to bowls in that the player aims to place their bowl as close as possible to the "jack" which may displace the opposition's bowl. The bowl can be bowled along the ground or thrown through the air.

Council has two courts in the municipality at Harleston Park (Mel Ref: 67 H2) and the Moorleigh Community Village (Mel Ref: 78 B5).

Both courts are available free to the public. Bookings aren't required.



People with a disability participated in the six week McKinnon Super Star Cougars Program in late 2009. Photo: Access Unlimited.

Bike Strategy rolling on

Cycling is gaining in popularity, with more and more people opting to leave the car at home and push some peddle power instead.

To assist in the planning of bike riding across the municipality, Glen Eira City Council is undertaking a review of its *Bicycle Strategy*.

Experienced bicycle planning specialists Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) is assisting Council to prepare the *Strategy*.

Two consultation sessions have been held already and significant research undertaken.

Residents are still able to contribute their thoughts on cycling in Glen Eira by contacting Jo Neal at SKM on 9248 3208 or email jneal@skm.com.au

A further consultation session to report on the key findings to date will be held on Thursday 25 February at 7pm at Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

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



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

library news

Homework Centre now twice as helpful

The popular Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library returns for the 2010 school year and will now be open two days a week.

With sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm during the school term, students now have extra opportunities to use the Centre.

The first session starts on Monday 8 February.

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library provides primary and secondary students with a quiet, distraction-free zone to complete homework and school assignments.

Students can work in a helpful, positive and friendly environment with access to books, computers, printers and free internet.

A librarian is on hand to help students understand and use information that will assist with homework tasks.



The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library will be open two days a week in 2010. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Students can visit the Centre as often as they wish and stay for the entire session if needed. This is a free service and no bookings are required.

Please note: Tutoring is not available at these sessions.

Saturday Shakers back for 2010

Fantastic adventures is the theme for the first *Saturday Shakers* session for 2010.

The session will be held at Carnegie Library on 13 February at 2pm.

Saturday Shakers — sharing stories is a fun and interactive storytime program suitable for children up to eight years, promoting the love of books and reading. The free 45 minute sessions are held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm. No bookings are required.

Bentleigh library refurbishment update

Refurbishment works at Bentleigh Library are progressing well.

The interior has been demolished and ceilings removed to make way for modern energy-efficient lighting and finishes, as well as the installation of a new heating and cooling system.

The front entrance facade is currently under construction. Internal walls between the library and the former public toilet area have been removed in order to create the new children's area.

Construction of the all-abilities toilet and baby change room is also underway.

Contracts for furniture and fittings, including shelving are prepared as part of the contemporary interior design and will be finalised shortly.

After the completion of construction works, the next stage of the project is the furnishing and fitout, followed by the transfer of resources and services from the adjacent temporary library.

The project is on target for re-opening in mid-2010.

Anaphylaxis and allergies

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

This session is essential for anyone who has contact with a child or adult who suffers from allergies and the serious consequences to some people.

The session will explore the various types of allergies and the medical implications of exposure to triggers as well as the emergency actions to take when a child or adult has an anaphylactic reaction.

Presenters: Michael Stanley and Jane Karpavicius

Thursday 18 February

7.30pm–9.30pm

(7.15pm registration)

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

\$5 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session.

To book online visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au
or contact Council's Service
Centre on 9524 3333



GLEN EIRA
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2009 Battle of the Bands a huge hit

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services annual *Battle of the Bands* competition was a huge hit.

More than 450 young people and their families rocked along to eight local bands which battled it out for gift vouchers from the World of Music.

The event, which was held late last year, was organised and facilitated by the Youth Consultative Group (YCG).

For the 2009 competition, the YCG introduced the *People's Choice Award*. Spectators voted for their favourite band, with the winner receiving a \$200 World of Music gift voucher.

The *People's Choice Award* winner for 2009 was *Dash//Hounds*.

Runner-up for the 2009 *Battle of the Bands* was *Urban Zoo*, which received a \$300 World of Music voucher.

Urban Zoo — made up of friends from Caulfield Grammar — was described by the judges as “confident and comfortable.” They have been playing together for the past two years and were a favourite amongst the crowd.

And the winner is ...

Admit One was the 2009 *Battle of the Bands* winner. The punk rock band received a \$500 World of Music gift voucher.

The competition is familiar territory for the band. They competed in the 2008 *Battle of the Bands* where they wowed the crowd and judges with their polished performance and guitar antics.

Admit One guitarist and vocalist Kier told

Youth Services the band has competed in many competitions over the past year.

“Something always goes wrong, but with this competition we went really well,” Kier said.

Here is what Glen Eira’s youth thought of the event:

“They’re (the bands) all amazing.” — Genevieve, 13 years.

“Better than last year.” — Cassie, 16 years.

“Urban Zoo was amazing.” — Andy, 17 years.

“The Dash//Hounds were totally slammin’.” — Kate, 16 years; Jess, 15 years; and Sanja, 17 years.

Thank you to all the talented bands which played at the event and to everyone who came along and made the night a success.

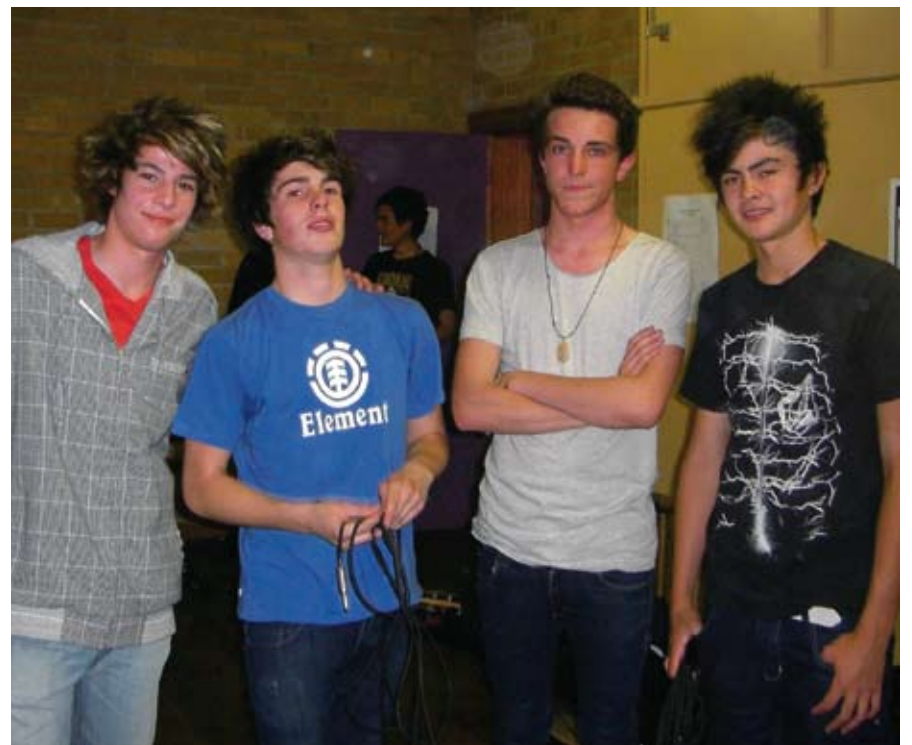
For further information on how to become involved in youth events in Glen Eira, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.



2009 Battle of the Bands winner Admit One. Photo: Deshlin Pillay.



2009 Battle of the Bands runner-up Urban Zoo. Photo: Deshlin Pillay.



2009 People's Choice Award winner Dash//Hounds. Photo: Deshlin Pillay.

Books needed

Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) is collecting good quality books for a forthcoming book fair.

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

For further information, contact CIGE on 9571 7644.

Volunteers needed

Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) is looking for volunteers to help run book fairs.

We are looking for people who:

- have knowledge, experience, or a keen interest in books;
- have some availability during business hours; and
- would enjoy working as part of a small team.

If you are interested, contact Jacquie at CIGE between 10am and 3pm on 9571 7644.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network



Julia Bickerstaff was guest speaker at the Glen Eira Women's Business finale 2009

The Glen Eira Women's Business Network is open to Glen Eira business women who wish to start, grow a business or develop a career in business.

It is a designated forum designed to provide support, knowledge, informal training and educations, to enhance and develop business skills that will assist in growing and maintaining a business in today's competitive and often isolated environment.

The business women's network is informal and friendly, with a balance of strong business related and self-development subjects designed to inform, build confidence and enhance existing skills.

The network currently has more than 560 registered members. Topics include business management, marketing, advertising, business plans, business law, finance and insurance, branding, time management, innovation, resilience and wellbeing, financial management, as well as insights on simply how to survive the journey.

2010 meeting dates

Meetings are held at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads in Caulfield, usually on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm.

The dates for the 2010 Women's Business Network meetings are:

- Thursday 18 February
- Thursday 18 March
- Thursday 15 April
- Meeting will be incorporated during the *May Business Month* calendar.
- Thursday 17 June
- Thursday 15 July
- Thursday 19 August
- Thursday 16 September
- Thursday 21 October
- Thursday 18 November

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

Glen Eira Women's Business Network presents... Social media: the new marketing tools

When: Thursday 18 February

Time: 7pm arrival (networking and light supper on arrival)

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

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Bookings are essential by Monday 15 February

Are you a twit for not tweeting?

Passing fad or vital business tool? Insidious time waster or secret weapon of your competitors?

In this presentation, marketing, promotions and event management expert Bambi Gordon will look at the social media tool Twitter, why use it, how to use it and the best Twitter applications to make using Twitter easy and accessible.

She will also share some real life case studies of what small business owners

have recently achieved on Twitter and analyse its downfalls. There will also be an online demonstration of tweeting.

Bambi is Director of The Brew B2B Events and Resources and Principal behind *The Woo* brand.

Before leaping head first into small business, Bambi worked for 20 years in mass media marketing including roles as National Marketing Manager for the Ten Network, National Marketing Director for the BRW Group of Publications, Marketing Manager at Fox FM, 3MP and promotion roles for the *Herald and Weekly Times*.

Her biggest event involvement was *Crowded House on the Steps of the Opera House*.

In the late 1990s, Bambi started her consulting, marketing and promotions business. She has worked on a diverse

range of projects, including marketing campaigns for the NRL and South Sydney Rabbitohs.

In 2001, Bambi joined forces with Greg Rowell to provide event project and marketing services through their company *The Brew*.

Bambi also creates marketing strategies for small businesses and provides hands on education about how to execute strategies through exciting and affordable marketing tactics through her brand *The Woo*.



Bambi Gordon.

Godfrey Street Community House Childcare

Did your child miss out on a 3 or 4 year old kindergarten placement for 2010?

If so, why not take advantage of Godfrey Street Community House's quality 3-4 year old Activity Program, conducted by qualified childcare professionals.

Monday & Tuesday: 2pm - 4.30pm

\$25.00 per session - bookings per term basis

Phone Tracey on 9557 9037 for further details



Party in the Park 2010



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council brings the community together in February and March with free outdoor events held in three of the City's best loved parks — Allnutt Park, Packer Park and Princes Park.

Top musical acts along with activities for the whole family will be the highlight of each event. Food and refreshments will also be available.

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

Allnutt Park

Sunday 28 February — 12pm–4pm
Corner Wheatley Road and Beech Street, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 68 B11)

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park is a day for the whole family.

There will be children's activities, workshops and demonstrations. A wide range of food will also be available.

On the main stage, there will be performances by Master of Ceremonies and local performer Collin Bogaars, the energetic hit of the 2009 season *Trick Circus* and headline act *Da Chos*, a multicultural band inspired and founded in Latino culture.

Groove band *Fire & Theft* will play Latin n' lounge versions of hits from the 40s to the noughties. There will also be

performances from community groups and local schools.

The Allnutt Park event will see the return of the art and craft marketplace which was a huge success in 2009.

Applications are still open for the market stalls. Forms are available from Council's Service Centre and from the Arts and culture section of Council's website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Packer Park

Sunday 14 March — 12pm–4pm
Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J8)

Party in the Park at Packer Park will be bigger and better than ever in 2010.

Entertainment on the main stage will include host for the afternoon Janet McLeod; Glen Eira Youth Services 2009 *Battle of the Bands* winner *Admit One*; contemporary songstress Ashleigh Mannix; a capella group *Ladybird Blues*, *Trick Circus* and *Blush*.

There will also be performances from community groups and local schools.

The Packer Park event will also include the *Glen Eira Pet Expo*, which is being held for the first time.

The *Glen Eira Pet Expo* is proudly sponsored by IAMS Eukanuba.



Princes Park

Sunday 28 March — 12pm–3pm
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South (Mel Ref: 67 H7)

Party in the Park at Princes Park will be a day of beautiful music for all ages.

This concert will be hosted by cabaret star Luke Gallagher with a feature performance by Australian music legend Debra Byrne.

With additional performances by songstress Sarah McKenzie, community groups and local schools, this free outdoor concert is not to be missed.

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Exhibitions

Glen Eira City Council Art Gallery Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333 Opening times: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. 1pm–5pm. Admission is free

Melbourne Watercolour Show

Opens 6pm Wednesday 10 February and continues until 5pm Sunday 21 February

Without Pier Gallery will host the *Melbourne Watercolour Show* at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery in February 2010. Dedicated to the art of watercolour painting, around 30 outstanding artists from Victoria and interstate will be invited to exhibit their works.

A series of artist's talks and demonstrations have been scheduled throughout the exhibition.

2010 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Opens 7pm Thursday 25 February and continues until 5pm Sunday 7 March

This exhibition will showcase a diverse and exciting range of artworks selected from the

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Visual Arts Course examination session, which was held in November last year.

The works exhibited will provide visitors with an understanding of the different approaches and the diverse work produced in this unique two

year study. Contemporary digital media, installations, sculpture, photography, painting, textiles and ceramics will be included.



Pia Spreadborough — Untitled. Digital photograph printed on paper, wool, ink and acrylic paint on canvas, 930mm x 470mm.