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Increase in green purchasing

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang shovels recycled rock at The Crossover, Carnegie. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

An independent analysis of Glen Eira City Council's green purchasing performance has been released.

The *Eco-Buy Green Purchasing Progress Report 2008–09* shows a 46.1 per cent increase in Council's overall green expenditure.

In 2008–09, Council invested a total of \$4,596,699 on environmentally preferable products — up from \$3,147,013 in 2007–08.

Glen Eira's green purchasing is double the average of other metropolitan councils' (refer to graph below).

By purchasing green products, Council is helping to:

- reduce operating costs by buying energy and water efficient products;
- create demand for environmentally preferable and recycled products;
- reduce its contribution to the impacts of climate change; and
- create a more sustainable future for the organisation and the local community.

Some of the goods Council has purchased include:

- recycled concrete for road making;
- recycled rock for backfilling and road trenches;
- recycled rubber for speed cushions;
- copy paper;
- computer monitors;
- toner cartridges;
- organic fertilisers;
- garbage bins;
- drought-resistant plants; and
- recycled tree pruning mulch.

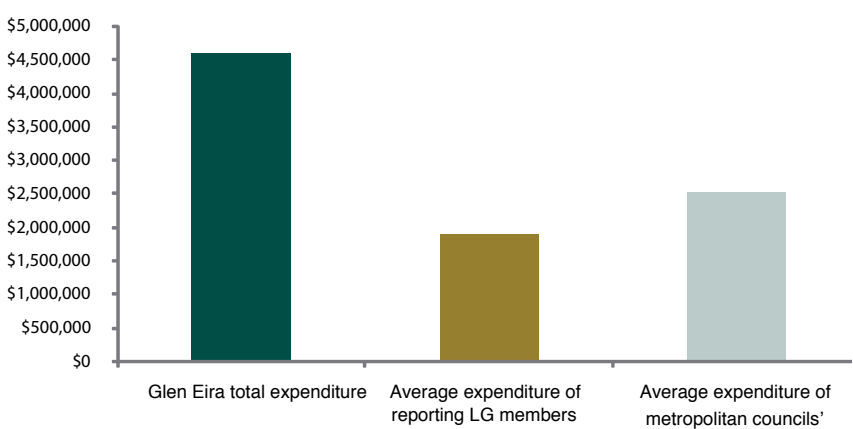
Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang was pleased with Council's performance. "The increase in Council's spend on

environmentally friendly products has been a result of improved reporting and a purchasing policy that requires Council to consider environmental purchasing," Cr Tang said.

The *Report* also indicates significant increases in purchasing of energy saving products (eg. gas and energy rated appliances and fuel efficient vehicles) water saving products (eg. drought-resistant plants and drip line irrigation improvements) and for the first time, reporting of Green Power.

Council has been a member of the *Eco-Buy Local Government Program* since 2002–03 and is one of 39 members. The *Program* is driven by Council's *Eco-Buy Committee*.

GLEN EIRA GREEN PURCHASING COMPARED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AVERAGE EXPENDITURE



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From 2013, four-year-old children will spend 15 hours per week at kindergarten. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Grant helps State Government achieve new kindergarten policy

Glen Eira City Council has received a \$50,000 grant to help the State Government meet its new kindergarten policy.

Through the Federal and Victorian Government initiative, *Universal Access*, from 2013, four-year-old children will spend 15 hours per week at kindergarten in the year prior to school.

The Federal Government has committed \$970 million over five years for this reform, including \$210.6 million for Victoria.

To assist Council in developing a plan to implement universal access in Glen Eira, Council held three community forums late last month.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said Council has engaged the Allen Consulting Group to assist with the planning, which involves two phases.

"Phase one is the development of a preliminary plan to identify any issues associated with implementing 15 hours of kindergarten," Ms Jolliffe said.

"Phase two is the development of a more detailed plan, which will identify kindergarten locations that will have challenges meeting the new 15 hours requirement and a proposed action plan, including innovative approaches to addressing any challenges, estimated costs and extra resources which may be required."

Council has until 17 April to submit its detailed plan to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

What does the new State Government policy mean for you and your child?

By 2013, your child will:

- Have access to a high quality preschool program in the 12 months prior to full-time schooling.
- Have access to the program in a range of settings, including public, private and community based kindergartens and childcare services.
- Be taught by a qualified early childhood teacher for 15 hours a week, 40 weeks a year.

Mayor's column



Community consultation is a vital part of Glen Eira City Council's decision making process.

Parents, families and early years service providers were consulted in late February regarding universal access to kindergartens. Residents and key stakeholders also contributed their thoughts on the *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy* and were updated on the key findings to date.

Over the past six weeks, residents have also had the opportunity to provide feedback on Council's draft *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette*.

Many residents have already taken the opportunity to stay informed through Council's *Community Consultation E-newsletter*. Whilst the first edition of the newsletter has been sent out, it's not too late for residents to subscribe. Simply visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

There are many other ways to get involved in Council's activities. Council's *Party in the Park* series continues on 14 March at Packer Park and 28 March at Princes Park.

The *Glen Eira Pet Expo* is a new attraction at this year's Packer Park event so make sure you bring along your four-legged friends to this fun-filled family day.

Following on from its success in 2009, the *Youth Week Art Expo* will be held on 15 April. If you are a budding artist aged 12 to 25, contact Youth Services for further information on how to enter.

Applications for Council's 2010-11 *Community Grants Program* are open until 28 May. If you are involved with a not-for-profit community group looking for financial assistance, then I encourage you to apply. Further information can be found on page three.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind people that nominations for Council's *Volunteer Recognition Scheme* close on 19 March. Council is proud to provide a program that recognises the significant contribution that volunteers make within the local community.

Cr Stephen Tang
Mayor

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (April) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 March for delivery 30-31 March.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May 2010 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 30 March for delivery 4-5 May.

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,
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Applications open for community grants program

More than \$300,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2010–2011 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the Program are now open and will close on Friday 28 May.

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

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said Council was committed to investing in the community.

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

In 2009–10, 131 not-for-profit community groups received a grant, including:

- Access Inc — received \$4,000 to assist with the delivery of their *Social Recreation Connect Program* for people with a disability aged 18–40.
- Bentleigh Cricket Club, Bentleigh Football Club and Bentleigh Junior Football Club — each club received \$5,000 to purchase and install an electronic scoreboard at Bentleigh Reserve.
- Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group — received \$5,000 to help cover the cost of hiring the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium for their weekly ballroom dancing sessions for seniors.
- Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre — received \$550 to assist with the costs of running a cultural day, which was attended by students from Japan, China, Russia, Ukraine, France, India, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Korea, Israel, Vietnam, Germany and Thailand.



Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre held a cultural day in December 2009. Photo: Ann Manning.

- Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club — received \$3,070 to put towards organising holiday celebrations, purchasing equipment, administration support for social events and transportation expenses.

Community grants workshops

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will be hosting information workshops on:

- Thursday 11 March — 10am–12pm;
- Thursday 11 March — 6.30pm–8.30pm; and
- Tuesday 16 March — 10am–12pm.

The workshops will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall.

Bookings are essential.

For further information about the 2010–2011 Community Grants Program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

A bus you can bank on



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang receives the keys from Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch Manager Sue Foley. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang received the keys to a new 13 seater commuter bus last month.

The Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank sponsored bus will form part of Glen Eira City Council's community bus fleet, which currently comprises of four buses — three 13 seater buses and one eight seater bus, which has wheelchair access. The Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank sponsored bus will be the fifth bus.

Cr Tang said Council is very appreciative of Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank's donation to the community.

"This commuter bus will provide a valuable resource to many clubs and groups in the Glen Eira

community, many of whom would find it difficult to run their programs if community transport was not available," Cr Tang said.

The community buses are available to local community groups, clubs and organisations to transport their members to a range of activities and venues.

In addition to being available to a range of clubs and groups, the Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank sponsored bus will also be used to assist older people and people with a disability to remain independent by providing them with transport to local shopping centres and community activities and venues.

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

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

Each year in Australia approximately 500 children die as a result of accidents and injuries. Many of these lives could have been saved if parents or other caregivers knew simple first aid and resuscitation skills.

This valuable session will look at:

- care of the unconscious child;
- child and infant resuscitation;
- choking;
- febrile convulsions; and
- when to call an ambulance.

Please note: This paediatric first aid course is for families and guardians and not the Level One training course required by Children's Services Regulations 2009 for early years professionals.

Presenter: Emergcare

Thursday 25 March

7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

\$45 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.



CEO's column



Glen Eira City Council is expecting to receive \$25 million in grants and subsidies from the State and Commonwealth Governments this financial year.

Council has been effective in obtaining grants in recent years — the average of our neighbouring councils' for 2009–10 is about one-third lower at \$17.5 million.

Some of the financial assistance is received every year, for example for aged care. Others are one-off grants for capital works.

The grants process tests the quality of our work. There are funding criteria which Council needs to meet. In addition to meeting the criteria, and especially for capital works funding, we also need to show that external organisations support our projects and have confidence in our project management. In many cases, other levels of government are represented on our tender evaluation panels. For example, in August 2009, Sport and Recreation Victoria used the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre as its model of best practice for other councils looking to manage large projects.

Attracting these grants is important as Council can then provide more services and facilities than the rates will cover.

It's also important that we get our fair share of the taxes that are paid. Fuel tax to the Commonwealth Government probably raises more in Glen Eira than Council rates — stamp duty and land tax to the State Government certainly does.

Local Government collects three per cent of all taxes raised in Australia. It's important that some of that tax comes back in the form of grants to support local projects and services.

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 Sarah Finlay on 9524 3333.



Reduced pet registration fees



Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Be a responsible pet owner. Register your pet and make sure it wears identification when outside your property.

Every dog and cat three months and over must be registered. Existing registrations must be renewed by 10 April each year.

Under a new scheme adopted by Glen Eira City Council, dogs and cats which have been microchipped — which is now required by law — and desexed will be eligible to have the annual registration fee for the second year of registration waived.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the scheme is designed to address the high number of stray cats and resultant high euthanasia rates.

"The desexing of cats reduces the overpopulation of homeless and unwanted cats, preventing feral animals and diseases," Mr Bordignon said.

"Desexed cats are also found to be less prone to fighting."

Mr Bordignon said pet registration also makes it easier for Council's Civic Compliance officers to identify and return lost pets.

"To date, 208 cats and 158 dogs have been impounded because they didn't have a registration tag or microchip," Mr Bordignon said.

"Alarming, only 35 cats were reclaimed by their owners, with the balance of the cats euthanised.

"One hundred and forty six dogs were collected, however 82 of the impounded dogs were not registered."

Reduced registration fees for obedience trained dogs

Mr Bordignon said that owners who have had their dog trained through an approved dog obedience training

organisation will also be eligible for reduced registration fees.

"This training initiative for reduced fees is in addition to the above initiative for owners who have their pets desexed," Mr Bordignon said.

"It seems logical and sensible that owners of obedience trained dogs receive some additional positive reward or incentive.

"The annual registration fee for the second year of registration will be waived for certified trained dogs.

"Owners will also receive a 50 per cent reduction off the standard reduced fee for subsequent years."

There are four organisations which are approved and whose qualified trainers are issuing certificates:

- Dogs Victoria;
- Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc;
- Australian Association of Gentle Modern Dog Training Instructors Inc; and
- The Delta Society.

The approved assessment program covers:

- heeling or walking with handler;
- sociability with other dogs;
- staying on command (known as a stay test);
- coming to handler on command (known as a recall test); and
- the absence of aggression towards humans or other animals.

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

Safety improvements for service roads

In the effort to reduce the speed of vehicles and improve safety for all road users, 13 speed cushions have been installed in some of the service roads along Dandenong Road, Caulfield North and North Road, Ormond.

Residents raised concerns that numerous motorists were exceeding the 50km/ph speed limit along the service roads, particularly during peak periods.

Council used a system to identify and prioritise local streets that may require traffic management works.

The system takes into consideration road hierarchy, vehicle speeds, traffic volumes, reported crashes and land uses.

Service roads ranked highly in the need for treatment.

The speed cushions, which are made of recycled rubber, also enable buses to straddle each side of the cushion, providing passengers with a comfortable journey.



New speed cushion: North Road service road, Ormond.

Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.

Bentleigh Plaza rotunda space to be redeveloped

The future of the Bentleigh Plaza rotunda space in Centre Road, Bentleigh has been decided, following extensive community consultation.

At a Council Meeting on 2 February, Councillors agreed to redevelop the site, allowing for a commercial caretaker presence at the rear — possibly a café — and open space at the front.

Other options considered were:

1. Redeveloping the site as open space only.
2. Selling the land, but retaining a public walkway between Centre Road and the rear carpark. The funds raised

from the sale of the site would be used to improve other open spaces in the City of Glen Eira.

3. Do nothing — maintain the space as is.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Buildings and Properties Fergus Chisholm said that of the options put forward more people preferred the combination of open space and a caretaker presence at the site.

“Council and the community agree that having a caretaker presence will not only enhance security at the site, but will help to reduce antisocial behaviour and graffiti vandalism,” Mr Chisholm said.

Extensive consultation process

The consultation process commenced in September last year and included:

- posting 1,050 questionnaires to all residential and commercial properties within a 400 metre radius of the rotunda site;
- publishing the questionnaire on Council's website, which received 615 hits;
- advertising the availability of the questionnaire in local newspapers; and
- erecting information signs at the rotunda site.

In addition, Council staff interacted with the community and distributed a further 150 questionnaires at an information booth at the rotunda site.

The next step

Mr Chisholm said Council will now obtain independent advice to test the commercial viability of the combined commercial caretaker/open space option.

“An artist's impression of what the redeveloped site may look like from Centre Road and Daley Street will then be prepared and exhibited for the public to provide further feedback,” Mr Chisholm said.

Abandoned and unregistered vehicles

Glen Eira City Council would like to remind drivers that it is illegal for a vehicle to remain on a road if the vehicle does not have a current registration label attached to the windscreen or registration plates affixed to it.

Between July 2008 and June 2009, 777 vehicles were reported to Council with 486 notices issued to the registered owners asking them to remove the vehicle.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said if anyone suspects a vehicle has been abandoned, they should contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Council will then arrange for an officer to inspect the vehicle and take appropriate action.

“If the vehicle is found to be unregistered or abandoned, a tow-away notice may be attached to the vehicle,” Mr Bordignon said.

“If the vehicle is not removed within the specified time, Council may arrange to have the vehicle impounded.

“Costs incurred by Council regarding the impoundment of any vehicle may be borne by the registered owner of the vehicle.”



Between July 2008 and June 2009, 777 vehicles were reported to Council.

Photo: GECC Civic Compliance Unit.

Education calendars available



Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Glen Eira City Council's Family and Children's Services 2010 calendars are now available.

The *Family and Children's Services Education Calendar 2010* was developed following the identification of the need for increased parenting and early childhood professional support opportunities.

There are 15 sessions for this year. Topics include:

- anaphylaxis and allergies;
- paediatric resuscitation; and
- playing with your children at home.

Council's *Bendigo Bank Parent Information Series Calendar* is also available, with six sessions to be held in 2010. Topics include:

- behaviour guidance;
- combating bullying — helping children to help themselves; and
- toilet training.

More than 900 people attended Council's education sessions in 2009.

For further information about the sessions and how to book or to download a copy of the 2010 calendars go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Click on Family and youth and then Education sessions and support services.

Seniors driving seminar

Glen Eira City Council is holding a free seniors driving seminar on Tuesday 23 March.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 10.30am to 12.30pm, the seminar will provide up-to-date advice on individual driving and mobility issues for older drivers.

The seminar will cover safe driving strategies, road rules, vehicle safety, health and mobility issues, driver assessments, using alternative transport, and planning for your future mobility needs.

The seminar will also discuss Council services and other helpful resources and attendees will have the opportunity to talk to an occupational therapist.

Bookings are essential by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Rosstown Ward forum

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Neil Pilling invite you to a Rosstown Ward forum to discuss local issues.

Forums will be held on:

- Wednesday 24 March from 12.30pm–2.30pm at the Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room, level one, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie; and
- Thursday 25 March from 7pm–9pm at Packer Park Hall, Leila Road, Carnegie.

For further information, contact the Ward Councillors whose details appear on page two.



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

News in brief

Pool season extended

Glen Eira City Council has decided to extend the 2009–10 pool season until Sunday 11 April.

The extension will coincide with the April school holidays.

The normal pool season runs from 1 November to 31 March each year.

Carnegie Swim Centre is open Monday–Friday, 6am–7pm, Saturdays from 7am–6pm, Sundays and public holidays from 8am–6pm.

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

Nominations for volunteer scheme close this month

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 Council's Service Centre or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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:

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

out and about



Handover of community bus: Dennis Tarrant, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Andrew Crommelin, Sue Foley, Anthony Lee and John Attwood.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Opening of Red Cross store in Elsternwick: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Executive Director of Red Cross Victoria Toni Aslett and Red Cross volunteers. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Australia Day Breakfast: Cr Margaret Esakoff, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Cr Frank Penhalluriack. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Australia Day Breakfast: Paul Caine, Rose Read, Cr Neil Pilling, Stefanie Bauer, Helen Millicer and Sue Pennicuik MP. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



Australia Day Breakfast: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Executive Chairman Roy Morgan Research Gary Morgan. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

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: 9583 7783

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.

The Kiwanis Internet Club of Bayside Inc. provides hands-on community service and hosts fundraising events locally and nationally. The club holds one hour long online chat room e-meetings twice monthly at 8pm. Contact Beni: benigna@alphalink.com.au

The Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month (February to November) from 1.30pm at the YWCA Hall, Bentleigh East. Contact Beryl: 9570 7045.

Ormond Badminton Club meets every Wednesday at 8.15pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. Contact Hazel: 9578 1947.

EVENTS

The Elsternwick Club is conducting free 60 minute introductory lawn bowl lessons for potential new bowlers every Friday evening during March. 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.

Open Day at Labassa will be held on 21 March from 10.30am–4.30pm at 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North. There will be a display and demonstrations by the China Painters Guild of Victoria, tours of the opulent interiors and tours of the ornate architectural features of the 19th century French Renaissance-style mansion. Entry: \$8, \$5.50 for children and concession card holders and \$20 for a family. Contact: 9527 6295.

Music Lovers' Society Concert will be held on 27 March from 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Vanessa Petrie (soprano), Sarah Denholm (piano), Paul Broussard (tenor) and David Ross-Smith (piano) will perform. Admission: \$20, \$16 seniors, \$12 pensioners, \$8 students and \$45 for a family. Members free. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

COMMUNITY

Glen Eira City Choir is seeking new members, particularly basses and tenors, for its forthcoming recital of *Vivaldi's Gloria and Dvorak's Mass in D*. Jane Elton Brown will be the conductor. No audition necessary. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7.30pm at the Caulfield Indonesian Uniting Church Hall, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield. Contact: 9578 1947.

Caulfield South Community House has vacancies for its 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.

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

Little Steps Playgroup is now open Monday to Friday from 9.30am. It's also open every afternoon for those who would like to utilise the space. Contact Stephen: 0412 267 437.

Spot Light Bargains is now open on Fridays 10am–4pm and Saturdays 11am–3pm. Located in the lower hall, 404 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South, donations can be dropped off during those times. Contact Tracey: 0410 718 380.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 1 March and Monday 12 April 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 2 March and Tuesday 6 April 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 9 March and Tuesday 13 April 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 17 March and Wednesday 21 April 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 March and Wednesday 28 April 9.30am–11am

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 15 March and Monday 19 April 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 20 March and Saturday 17 April 9am–11am

Wednesday 10 March, Thursday 25 March, Wednesday 14 April and Thursday 29 April 5.30pm–7.30pm



The importance of immunisation

Immunisation protects children and adults from harmful infections.

It is important because:

- it is the safest and most effective way of protecting against disease; and
- if enough people in the community are immunised, the number of infectious diseases will be reduced and may be eliminated.

How does immunisation work?

All forms of immunisation work in the same way. When someone is injected with, or swallows a vaccine, their body produces an immune response in the same way it would following exposure to a disease but without a person contracting the disease.

If the person comes into contact with that disease in the future, the body is able to make an immune response fast enough to prevent the person getting sick.

When should my child be immunised?

Under the *National Immunisation Program*, it is important for children to be vaccinated at the following ages:

- birth;
- two months;
- four months;
- six months;
- 12 months;
- 18 months; and
- four years.

In the effort to prevent infection and disease, Council encourages all children to be vaccinated on time.

Immunisation protects children and adults from harmful infections. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.



Council immunisation sessions



The infant health book is just one item you must bring to Council's immunisation sessions.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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

All vaccines recommended by the *National Immunisation Program*, as set by the National Health and Medical Research Council, are offered free of charge.

Council's Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon said the sessions have been designed to meet the needs of all families, from the stay at home parent to those who work full-time.

"We want to make our immunisation sessions accessible to everyone in the community," Ms Gannon said.

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

Gina from Caulfield South has always used Council's immunisation service.

"The service is fast and efficient," Gina said.

"I find the service accessible and we can attend morning, afternoon or evening sessions — as a busy mum this is very convenient."

What to bring to an immunisation session

When attending, you must bring the following:

- infant health record book;
- a valid Medicare card, which includes your child's name; and
- any other immunisation records, including records from overseas.

No bookings are required to attend these sessions.

Council's 2010 immunisation schedule is available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and www.gleneira.vic.gov.au All Council immunisation sessions are also advertised in *Glen Eira News*.



Immunisation schedule 2010

| TIME | DAY | LOCATION | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---------------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 9am-11am | SAT | Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East (Melway 77 K1) | 20 | 17 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 18 | 23 | 20 | 11 |
| 9.30am-11am | MON | McKinnon Public Hall 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon (Melway 68 D10) | 1 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| | TUE | Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (Melway 68 A2) | 9 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 21 | 12 | 16 | 14 |
| | MON | Packer Park Leila Road, Carnegie (Melway 68 J8) | 15 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 22 | 20 |
| | WED | Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly (Melway 68 F5) | 24 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 29 | 27 | 24 | 22 |
| 1.30pm-2.30pm | WED | Carnegie Library and Community Centre 7 Shepperson Avenue, Carnegie (Melway 68 J5) | 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| 5.30pm-7.30pm | WED | Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East (Melway 77 K1) | 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 3 | 8 |
| | WED | Carnegie Library and Community Centre 7 Shepperson Avenue, Carnegie (Melway 68 J5) | 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 15 |
| | THU | Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East (Melway 77 K1) | 25 | 29 | 27 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 30 | 28 | 25 | 16 |
| 6pm-7pm | TUE | Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (Melway 68 A2) | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 7 |

Monthly four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2010

Due to the popularity of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions, Glen Eira City Council will be conducting monthly sessions in 2010.

All children who are immunised at the free sessions will receive a show bag and helium balloon and will be entertained with magic tricks and face painting.

Since the introduction of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2007, between 60 and 70 children are immunised at each session.

Kath from Bentleigh attended a special four-year-old session last year.

"The session was great," Kath said.

"The service was very speedy and there was no waiting. I encouraged my mothers' group to bring their four-year-olds to the same session and they all had a great time and the free entertainment was fantastic."

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.

Council's Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon recommends these vaccinations be given as soon as the child has turned four.

"Any child who has not received their vaccinations by the time they are four years and one month will be considered overdue on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register," Ms Gannon said.

Ms Gannon says if a child is not quite four years of age at the time of a special four-year-old session they can still attend the session and receive their required vaccinations.



Face painting is very popular. Photo: Bernie Bickerton



Entertainment is provided at all special four-year-old immunisation sessions. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Immunisation payments

The Maternity Immunisation Allowance (MIA) is a non-income tested payment to encourage parents to immunise their children.

The MIA is paid as two separate amounts of \$122.75 each for children who have been fully immunised and are aged between 18 months and 24 months and between four and five.

Please note: Claims for MIA must be lodged on or before your child's fifth birthday.

For further information about the MIA, contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday or visit your local Medicare office to lodge your claim.



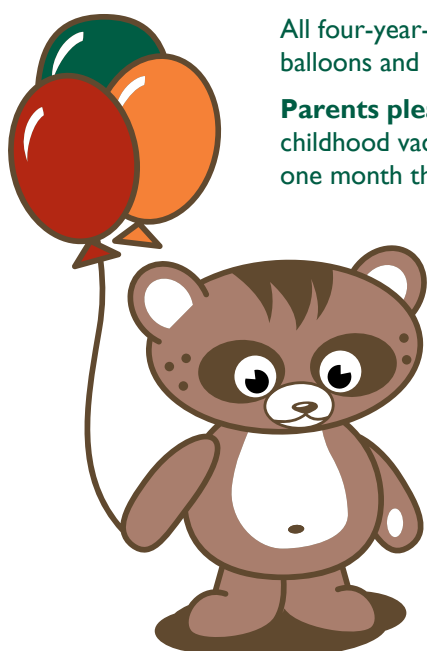
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2010

These immunisations can 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.

Parents please note: The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register recommends that all childhood vaccinations are completed by four years. If your child is not vaccinated by four years and one month they will be considered overdue and you will receive reminder letters from Council.



Glen Eira City Council

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

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

**Wednesday sessions
4pm-6pm**

**7 April, 2 June, 4 August,
6 October and
1 December**

**Bentleigh Bayside
Community Health Service
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East**

**Saturday sessions
9.30am-11.30am**

**6 March, 8 May, 10 July,
11 September and
6 November**

Children immunised overseas

Children who have been immunised overseas should have their vaccinations recorded on a purple immunisation history form.

The history form enables the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register and Medicare to keep track of immunisations children have received overseas.

The purple form can be completed by a doctor or by Glen Eira City Council.

Parents are encouraged to scan and email their child's overseas records to agannon@gleneira.vic.gov.au so that Council can complete the purple immunisation history form. Alternatively they can be faxed to the immunisation team on 9524 3332.

Parents must bring a record of the immunisations given overseas, as well as a valid Medicare card, which includes your child's name.

Supporting a healthy community: Recreational

The City of Glen Eira offers a wonderful range of recreational opportunities to make the most of your leisure time. With 67 open space areas, a velodrome, a premiere athletics facility, 45 popular playgrounds and much more, Glen Eira has recreation well covered.

Playgrounds

Finding a good playground is an important family activity. Playgrounds offer hours of fun and can be combined with a picnic or barbecue to make a great day out.

Many of Glen Eira's playgrounds, which are the centrepieces of parks, have been individually designed to work with the existing environment. Where possible, playgrounds have been designed around established trees, providing a green and shaded setting.

There are 45 playgrounds and each offers a diverse range of high quality play experiences for children of all ages and abilities.

Rotundas and open space areas

Glen Eira has a range of parks and gardens which provide recreation facilities for the public to use. For a small fee, rotundas and some open space areas in parks can be reserved for birthday parties, christenings and family get togethers.

For further information on what is available to hire or to place a booking, contact Council's recreation facilities booking officer on 9524 3333.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Packer Park Velodrome

Packer Park Velodrome (Melway 68 J8) is one of a few velodromes located in Melbourne. Located in Carnegie, it's available for both recreational and competitive cyclists and is renowned by past and present Olympians as a great Victorian training and racing venue.

Athletics facilities

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve (Melway 68 K9) is home to one of Victoria's premiere athletic tracks.

Located in Murrumbeena, the track, which has a synthetic surface, is surrounded by established trees and is located in an idyllic setting for all track enthusiasts.

Lights have been installed for evening training sessions and shade structures are in place to protect spectators from the harmful Australian sun.

Netball facilities

Eight netball courts are available for hire at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve (Melway 68 K9).



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

The courts have a plexipave surface. This cushioned surface has made a huge difference to the confidence of netballers, especially the younger players.

Caulfield Recreation Centre

Caulfield Recreation Centre (Melway 68 B6) offers a variety of fitness and social activities for adults including strength training, pilates, body pump and cardio boxing training. There are also activities for older adults, including Pryme Mover classes and tennis.

Carnegie Swim Centre

Carnegie Swim Centre (Melway 68 H6) provides Glen Eira residents with a great place to swim.

Open from the end of October through to the end of March, facilities at the Centre include four heated outdoor pools (including a toddler's pool and diving pool) kiosk, electric barbecues, learn-to-swim classes, beach volleyball court, shade and a disability lift.

A variety of events for the whole family are on offer during the swim season.

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

Please note: The 2009–10 pool season will be extended until Sunday 11 April. The extension will coincide with the April school holidays.

Walking paths

Walking is one of Victoria's most popular forms of exercise. It's inexpensive, keeps you fit and healthy and can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Walking is a great way to unwind, relax and help people cope with the stresses of everyday life.

Glen Eira has some great parks to walk in, including:

Caulfield Park, Caulfield North — 2,182 metres;

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena — 1,200 metres;

Centenary Park, Bentleigh East — 687 metres; and

Murrumbeena Park, Murrumbeena — 784 metres.

Please note: The above distances are approximate measurements only.

Council has produced a free *Walking Guide* to enable residents to make the most of getting around Glen Eira. The *Guide* includes nine self-guided walks, safe walking tips, what you need to get started and advice on warming up, cooling down and stretching.

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



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

activities around Glen Eira



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Bicycle paths

Glen Eira is a great place to ride bikes. The flat terrain and closely spaced grid of arterial roads provides a well connected on-road network for experienced cyclists.

Council has produced a *Cycling Guide* to enable residents to make the most of getting around their municipality. This *Guide* will enable everyone to dust off their bikes and enjoy all that Glen Eira has to offer.

For a copy of the *Cycling Guide*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Tennis courts

For those who enjoy a social game, Glen Eira has three public tennis courts available for hire on an hourly basis. The courts are plexipave and are available for hire, day and night, seven days a week.

The tennis courts are located at:

Brooklyn Avenue Tennis Courts

Brooklyn Avenue, Caulfield South

Facilities: Two courts with lights and shelter

Bookings: Caulfield Recreation Centre on 9519 7500.

Moiria Avenue Tennis Courts

Moria Avenue, Carnegie

Facilities: Two courts with lights

Bookings: Caulfield Recreation Centre on 9519 7500 (1 April to 31 October) Carnegie Swim Centre on 9571 8143 (1 November to 31 March).

East Caulfield Reserve Tennis Courts

Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield East

Facilities: Four courts with lights and shelter

Bookings: 9903 2358.

Birdie cages

Council has a number of birdie cages (golf practice facilities) available for the community to use. These free facilities allow golfers of all ages and levels to safely practise golf without endangering other park users.

The birdie cages are enclosed with a pad to hit off from and a net to hit into. These facilities are available to all residents and are open during daylight hours.

Fitness equipment

Fitness equipment has been installed in a number of parks throughout the municipality. The installation of this equipment is part of Council's ongoing commitment to encourage residents to become more active. This equipment is conveniently located close to walking tracks.

The fitness equipment is made largely from recycled plastic and enables park users to undertake simple exercises in the park. These free facilities are available to all residents and are a great way to keep active and meet fellow residents.

For further information regarding Glen Eira's recreation opportunities, including facility locations and facility hire details, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Photo: Bernie Bickerton

Disability awareness training

Access Unlimited invites all sporting clubs, community groups and interested people to attend a disability awareness training session.

The session will be held on Wednesday 24 March from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Caulfield Park Pavilion and Community Room, Balaclava Road, Caulfield.

RSVP: Friday 19 March

For further information and to book your place, contact Access Unlimited on 8290 1185 or email pholtsch@stonnington.vic.gov.au

Challenges of parenting



Glen Eira City Council and Bendigo Bank (Murrumbidgee Community Bank) will present this information session for parents/guardians.

Expert Parenting and Educational Consultant Kathy Walker recognises that being a parent is one of the most rewarding and challenging roles you will ever have.

In this workshop, Kathy will inform parents/guardians on how to create a calmer, more nurturing home environment for children.

She will provide strategies for managing challenging behaviour and will pass on insightful tips on handling everyday family situations, such as constant fighting between siblings and hassling for the latest gadgets/a new pet/more pocket money, as well as challenges related to school, friendships and separated or blended families.

Presenter: Parenting and Educational Consultant Kathy Walker

Tuesday 30 March

7.30pm–9.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room, level one, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

\$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.



社區撥款計劃開始接受申請

市政府將通過《2010 - 2011年社區撥款計劃》向社區機構撥款逾 \$300,000。

該撥款計劃現已開始接受申請，申請截止日期為5月28日星期五。

撥款計劃旨在支持和幫助本市政區中的非營利社區機構開展項目和活動。

在 2009 - 10年度中，131 個非營利社區機構獲得了撥款，其中包括：

- Access Inc — 獲得了 \$4,000，用於開展社交娛樂連接計劃。
- Bentleigh 板球俱樂部、Bentleigh 澳式足球俱樂部和 Bentleigh 少年澳式足球俱樂部 — 每個俱樂部都獲得了 \$5,000，用於購買安裝在 Bentleigh 球場內的電子計分牌。
- Caulfield 50 歲以上老年舞蹈組 — 獲得了 \$5,000，用於支付每週舉辦交誼舞租用 Glen Eira 市政廳大禮堂的費用。
- Glen Eira 成人學習中心 — 獲得了 \$550，用於舉辦一次文化日的費用。
- Glen Eira 華人老年公民俱樂部 — 獲得了 \$3,070，用於組織假日活動、購買設備、社交活動的行政支持以及交通費用。

社區撥款座談會

為了協助各機構團體理解撥款的指導方針和資格條件，市政府將舉辦信息座談會，具體日期如下：

- 3 月 11 日星期四 — 上午 10.00 - 中午 12.00 ；
- 3 月 11 日星期四 — 下午 6.30 - 8.30 ；及
- 3 月 16 日星期二 — 上午 10.00 - 中午 12.00 。

座談會的舉辦地點是 Glen Eira 市政廳的 Caulfield Cup Room 。

參加座談會須預訂。如需詳情，請與市政府服務中心聯繫，電話 9524 3333，或查閱網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au 。

Άρχισε η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το πρόγραμμα κοινοτικών κονδυλίων

Θα δοθούν πάνω από \$300.000 σε τοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2010-2011 του Δήμου.

Άρχισε τώρα η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα και θα κλείσει την Παρασκευή 28 Μαΐου.

Το Πρόγραμμα υποστηρίζει και βοηθά μη κερδοσκοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες με έδρα το δήμο για να εφαρμόσουν έργα και δραστηριότητες.

Το 2009-10, οι 131 μη κερδοσκοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες που έλαβαν κονδύλιο είναι:

- Access Inc — έλαβε \$4.000 για να βοηθήσει στη χορήγηση του προγράμματός τους με τίτλο Πρόγραμμα Κοινωνικής Ψυχαγωγικής Διασύνδεσης.
- Λέσχη Κρίκετ Bentleigh, Λέσχη Ποδοσφαίρου Bentleigh, Λέσχη Ποδοσφαίρου Νέων Bentleigh – η κάθε λέσχη έλαβε \$5.000 για να αγοράσει και να εγκαταστήσει ηλεκτρονικό πίνακα αποτελεσμάτων στο γήπεδο Bentleigh Reserve.
- Ομάδα Χορού άνω των 50 Caulfield – έλαβε \$5.000 για να βοηθήσει στην κάλυψη του κόστους ενοικίασης της Αίθουσας Εκδηλώσεων του Δημαρχείου Glen Eira για τις εβδομαδιαίες τους χορευτικές εκδηλώσεις.
- Κέντρο Μάθησης Ενηλίκων Glen Eira — έλαβε \$550 για να βοηθήσει στα έξοδα διοργάνωσης μιας πολιτιστικής ημέρας.
- Κινεζικός Σύλλογος Ηλικιωμένων Glen Eira — έλαβε \$3.070 για να τα διαθέσει στη διοργάνωση εορτασμών τις διακοπές, αγορά εξοπλισμού, διοικητική υποστήριξη για κοινωνικές εκδηλώσεις και έξοδα μεταφοράς.

Σεμινάρια κοινοτικών κονδυλίων

Για τη βοήθεια των οργανισμών να καταλάβουν τους κανονισμούς χρηματοδότησης και τα κριτήρια δικαιοδοσίας, ο Δήμος θα φιλοξενήσει ενημερωτικά σεμινάρια στις:

- Πέμπτη 11 Μαρτίου — 10.00–12.00,
- Πέμπτη 11 Μαρτίου — 18.30–20.30, και
- Τρίτη 16 Μαρτίου — 10.00–12.00

Τα σεμινάρια θα γίνουν στην αίθουσα Caulfield Cup Room στο Δημαρχείο Glen Eira.

Η κράτηση θέσης είναι απαραίτητη. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης του Δήμου στο 9524 3333 ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Aperto il termine di presentazione delle domande per il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie

Il Comune ha stanziato una cifra superiore a \$300,000 da assegnare a gruppi comunitari locali tramite il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie per l'anno in corso 2010–2011 *Community Grants Program*.

Il termine per la presentazione delle domande di partecipazione al *Programma* si chiuderà venerdì 28 maggio.

La finalità del *Programma* è sostenere ed assistere gruppi a base comunitaria, non a scopo di lucro, che agiscono all'interno della municipalità nell'implementazione di progetti e attività.

Nel 2009–10, 131 gruppi comunitari non a scopo di lucro hanno ottenuto sovvenzioni e tra di loro:

- L'*Access Inc* — ha ricevuto \$4,000 come assistenza nella realizzazione del programma di ricreazione sociale *Social Recreation Connect Program*.
- Il *Bentleigh Cricket Club*, il *Bentleigh Football Club* ed il *Bentleigh Junior Football Club* — hanno ricevuto \$5,000 ciascuno per l'acquisto e l'istallazione di un tabellone segnapunti elettronico presso lo stadio di Bentleigh Reserve.
- Il gruppo di ballo *Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group* — ha ricevuto \$5,000 come assistenza per coprire i costi di affitto dell' auditorio della sala comunale di Glen Eira per la gestione dei gruppi di ballo settimanali.
- Il centro di apprendimento per adulti *Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre* — ha ricevuto \$550 come assistenza per coprire i costi della giornata culturale.
- Il *Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club* — ha ricevuto \$3,070 come contributo per l'organizzazione di ricorrenze festive, per l'acquisto di equipaggiamenti, come contributo amministrativo per avvenimenti sociali e spese di trasporto.

Workshop Sovvenzioni Comunitarie

Allo scopo di assistere le organizzazioni interessate a comprendere le linee guida ed i criteri di eleggibilità relativi alle sovvenzioni, il Comune terrà sezioni informative nei seguenti giorni:

- Giovedì 11 marzo — 10:00 – 12:00;
- Giovedì 11 marzo — 18.30 – 20:30; e
- Martedì 16 marzo — 10:00 – 12:00.

I workshop si terranno presso la Caulfield Cup Room nella sala comunale di Glen Eira.

È necessario prenotare. Per ulteriori informazioni rivolgersi presso il Centro Servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333 oppure visitare il sito www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Начат прием заявлений от общественных организаций на получение муниципальных субсидий

В рамках программы субсидий муниципалитета на 2010-2011гг. местным общественным группам и организациям будет выделено более \$300 000.

Заявления на получение субсидий принимаются до пятницы, 28 мая.

Субсидии предназначены для помощи и поддержки различных проектов и мероприятий некоммерческих (общественных) групп в пределах муниципалитета.

В 2009-2010гг. субсидии были выделены 131 общественной группе, в том числе:

- Access Inc — \$4000 для осуществления программы отдыха и развлечений *Connect*.
- Спортивные клубы Bentleigh Cricket Club, Bentleigh Football Club и Bentleigh Junior Football Club — \$5000 каждому клубу на приобретение и установку электронного табло на спортивной площадке Bentleigh Reserve.
- Танцевальный клуб для тех, кому за 50 (Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group) — \$5000 на еженедельную аренду зала Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium для занятий бальными танцами.
- Учебный центр Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre — \$550 для организации культурного мероприятия.
- Китайский клуб для пожилых людей (Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club) — \$3070 на организацию праздничных вечеров, приобретение оборудования, организацию транспорта и административные расходы.

Семинары по программе субсидий для общественных групп и организаций

Муниципалитет будет проводить специальные семинары по разъяснению правил и критериев выделения субсидий:

- Четверг, 11 марта — 10.00 – 12.00
- Четверг, 11 марта — 18.30 – 20.30
- Вторник, 16 марта — 10.00 – 12.00

Семинары будут проходить в помещении Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall.

Для участия в семинаре необходимо зарегистрироваться: муниципальный центр обслуживания по тел. 9524 3333 или через интернет – www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Community consultation

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

Recent consultation opportunities

| Subject | Type | Date |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Universal access to kindergarten | Public forum | 24 and 25 February |
| Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy | Meeting | 25 February |
| Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette | Comments and submissions | Closes 4 March |

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

Party in the Park series continues

Glen Eira City Council brings the community together in March with free outdoor events held in two of the City's best loved parks — 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.

Packer Park

Sunday 14 March — 12pm–4pm
Leila Road, Carnegie (Melway 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 and teller of amazing tales Janet McLeod; Glen Eira Youth Services 2009 *Battle of the Bands* winner *Admit One*; contemporary songstress Ashleigh Mannix; a capella group *Ladybird Blues* and feature performers *Blush*.

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

Activities at the event will include a bungee trampoline, climbing wall, art and craft workshops, circus skills workshop by *Trick Circus* and much more.

The Packer Park event will also include the *Glen Eira Pet Expo*, which is being held for the first time. The *Expo* will feature a pet parade, obedience training demonstrations, information from local animal groups and service providers as well as tips from the onsite vet.

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



Princes Park

Sunday 28 March — 12pm–3pm
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South (Melway 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.

There will be plenty of shaded seating on the day.

Debra Byrne

Anyone who has heard Debra Byrne sing knows just how special this Australian performer is. With more than 30 years in the spotlight, Debra

has amassed credentials in music, television, film and on stage that few can match. Whether as the 16-year-old queen of pop belting out *He's a Rebel* or giving the heartbreaking thrill of Grizabella's *Memory* in *Cats*, her career has been full of memorable highlights.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

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

2010 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Continues until 5pm Sunday 7 March

This exhibition showcases 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 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.

An Exhibition within an Exhibition
Opens Thursday 11 March and continues until Sunday 28 March

A small selection of museum-quality Central Asian textiles and costumes will be featured as part of a large exhibition of rugs and textiles at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery.



Pomegranates. Pure wool soumak carpet designed by Alexandra Copeland for WEFT, hand woven in Afghanistan.

The Copelands have regularly visited Afghanistan since 1972. Genuine tribal carpets and collectible textiles will be for sale, along with beautiful floor rugs designed by Alexandra Copeland.

These new rugs are woven in Afghanistan as part of an aid project called *Weft/Warp*.

Alexandra Copeland will give a slide show and talk about her experiences in Afghanistan in Council's Theatre on 20 March from 2pm–5pm. There will be a small charge for this event, with all proceeds going to the carpet project.

For further information, contact 0439 110 111.

Glen Eira Artists Exhibition 2010

Opens 6pm Wednesday 31 March and continues until 5pm Sunday 18 April

This annual exhibition celebrates local artists and highlights the diverse artistic practice that exists throughout the City of Glen Eira. Works have been selected by application and include both contemporary and traditional media.



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

Parenting: The importance of looking after yourself

There is a lot of information and advice available to parents on how to manage difficult teenagers.

Much of this advice is practical and very effective, however what is often forgotten is the importance of parents learning to look after themselves.

Raising Children Network advises that parenting can be made easier and be more enjoyable if you learn to look after your physical and mental wellbeing.

The following tips will assist you in staying fit, healthy and energised, all of which will assist you in tackling the demands of parenthood.

Being a parent is much easier if you are feeling well. Remaining healthy physically can stop your emotions from escalating and an active lifestyle can contribute to a greater sense of happiness.

Key factors in achieving this are:

1. A balanced diet — your body needs vitamins and minerals to function. To ensure you have plenty of energy during the day, keep your body hydrated with plenty of water.

2. Exercise — regular exercise not only keeps you fit, but helps you to burn off excess adrenaline and tension built up during a busy day.

3. Taking some time out — time out to do something positive is important, there is nothing wrong with taking some 'me time.' You can only be a good parent if you have the energy to be a good parent.

Looking after your mental and emotional wellbeing is equally as important as physical fitness.

Raising Children Network suggests some key factors in maintaining a sense of mental wellbeing:

1. Acknowledging and managing stress — learn to recognise the signs of stress and learn how to relax.
2. Avoiding negative patterns of thought — remain positive and try to take creative approaches to solving problems.
3. Remembering to get support — ask for support from your partner, friends and family. It's also important that you allocate time and energy to preserving positive social relationships.

Being a parent is rewarding, however it's not easy and often not recognised in society.

It's easy to make suggestions on how one can look after their physical and mental health, but taking the time and making the effort is easier said than done.

If nothing else, remember the two most important pieces of advice:

1. It's okay to be selfish every now and again when it comes to looking after and feeling good about one's self.
2. It's okay to feel overwhelmed and ask for help.

For further information, contact Glen Eira Youth Services on 9576 5872 or log onto one of the following websites:

www.raisingchildren.net.au

www.parentline.vic.gov.au

www.beyondblue.org.au

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

National Youth Week 2010



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Live it Now is the theme for *National Youth Week 2009* (NYW).

To be held from 10 to 18 April, NYW is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. Thousands of people aged 12 to 25 from across Australia are involved in NYW celebrations every year.

NYW is a Commonwealth, State, Territory and Local Government initiative and provides the opportunity for the community to get together and recognise the talent, value and contribution of young people in their local areas.

Youth Week Art Expo

As part of *National Youth Week* celebrations, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services, in conjunction

with the Glen Eira Youth Consultative Group, will host an art exhibition.

The *Youth Week Art Expo* will be held on Thursday 15 April and will showcase the talents of local artists aged 12 to 25.

Come along to this free event and support the young artists of Glen Eira.

Information about how to enter the *Art Expo* is available from Youth Services on 9576 5872 or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. Details are also available from your local school and the next edition of *Glen Eira News* will contain further information.

For further information about *National Youth Week* visit www.youthweek.com

Four-year-old kindergarten 2012 enrolment reminder

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

Parents wanting their child to attend four-year-old kindergarten in 2012 are reminded that enrolments open on 1 May 2010.

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2007 and 30 April 2008 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2012.

Please ensure you submit your application early as applications are taken in date of receipt order from 1 May 2010.

If 1 May falls on a weekend, please submit your form on the following Monday.

Applications will not be accepted prior to 1 May 2010.

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

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

Please note: There are also funded kindergarten programs provided by 23 private providers, including early learning centres and some long day care centres. Families interested in securing places in those services can apply directly to them.

Applications open for 2010 Mentor Partners Program



Now is the time to plan to make the most out of your business endeavours in 2010.

Applications are now open for Glen Eira and Kingston City councils Mentor Partners Program.

The Program is a free, confidential service which relies on the efforts of volunteers for its success.

A business mentor is someone who takes special interest in helping another business to develop successfully through improved processes and practices.

Mentors do not act as formal advisors, consultants or coaches. They support a business owner to take considered action in their business and provide space to reflect, focus and achieve more effective outcomes.

Mentors meet with a business over a six month period to share their expertise and offer insight to help increase efficiency and profit.

"...My mentor has been a great help in assisting me to clarify where I want my business to go. He has been a very useful sounding board for ideas on the suitability of potential client groups to target in the future. My business plan has come a lot further over the last few months with the help of my mentor ..." — 2009 Mentor Partners Program participant.

Any business operating in the Glen Eira or Kingston municipality — which is not a franchise and has been trading at least 12 months — is eligible to apply for a mentor.

To be considered for the Program, businesses must complete an application form and submit to Program Co-ordinator Angela Stubbs.

For an application form, contact Glen Eira City Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333 or email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira Women's Business Network How to evaluate your marketing strategies

When: Thursday 18 March

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 March

Is marketing a cost or an investment? This question has been debated in every business at some point in time — and often without resolution.

During this presentation, Nick Bede from SustainedAbility will explore the key themes to successful marketing programs that he has observed during his business career.

At the end of the interactive presentation, 15 minutes has been set aside to discuss any specific marketing issues the audience may wish to raise.

About the presenter

Nick Bede is a passionate marketer and an enthusiastic advocate of marketing's contribution to sustainable business growth.

Nick leads the branding and marketing practice area of SustainedAbility, a consulting firm that helps businesses to increase their profitability by converting strategy into sustained business behaviour and action.

Nick has more than 25 years experience in brand strategy, marketing communications and advertising. He has worked on some of the world's leading brands, as well as many of Australia's most loved brands.

Prior to joining SustainedAbility, Nick was General Manager of Clemenger BBDO Melbourne, one of the country's leading communications companies.



Nick Bede.

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



Social support volunteers needed

Social support volunteers are needed to participate in a valuable local community service.

The Social Support and Monitoring Service, funded by the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program, provides one-to-one assistance for older people or people with disabilities living in Glen Eira.

Volunteer tasks include assisting with shopping, transport and friendly visiting.

A car is essential for this volunteer work.

If you have good communication skills, enjoy the company of older people and are available for a couple of hours a week or fortnight, contact Volunteer Co-ordinator Susan Rutherford on 9571 8622.

Holiday Mania returns to Council's libraries

The first school holidays of the year are fast approaching and Glen Eira City Council's libraries has developed a program of activities for all interests.

Ticket sales will commence for cash purchases on Sunday 14 March during library opening hours.

Tickets will sell fast so book early to avoid disappointment.

Events are age specific so please ensure you only book children of a suitable age.

Animation workshop

Monday 29 March

9am–12.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Come along and discover the exciting and imaginative world of animation at this half day workshop. Create model characters in the style of those from *Wallace and Gromit*, build simple sets and learn the skills to make slow and fast motions using digital cameras. Create your own piece of animation based on stories from favourite children's books. Each child will receive a DVD of their work. Refreshments will be provided.

Limited numbers apply. Children must be eight years and over to manage the techniques. Tickets cost \$20.

Books and paper sculpture with David Miller

Tuesday 30 March

11am–12pm

**Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room, level one
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie**

David Miller is a book illustrator with a difference. Instead of using traditional pen and paper, David creates three dimensional paper models. His work has appeared in books by Mem Fox, Helen Lunn and many others. David will talk about his work and introduce children to the art of making paper sculpture. Each child will have the opportunity to make a paper sculpture based on his books. This session is suitable for children aged six to 10. Tickets cost \$6.



David Miller.

Snakebusters

Thursday 8 April

3pm–4pm

Elsternwick Library, 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

Meet a host of Australian reptiles up close, including some of our most deadly (don't worry they are de-venomised!). Learn about these creatures and the important role they play in our environment.

This hands-on demonstration will offer children the opportunity to handle the reptiles under careful guidance. This session is suitable for children aged five to 10. Tickets cost \$6.



During the holidays *Storytimes* will captivate preschool children with stories about creatures that scurry, slither and croak. Check library branches for details.

For your chance to win a \$40 book voucher, don't forget to collect your *Slither and croak* colouring sheet during the school holidays.

Saturday shakers — sharing stories

Join our storyteller for a collection of Australian tales at Carnegie Library on Saturday 13 March 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 at Carnegie Library on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm. No bookings are required.

Bentleigh Library update

Works are continuing to progress at Bentleigh Library and are on schedule for a mid-year reopening. The renovated library will provide residents with a more modern and comfortable facility. Library services will continue from the temporary facility facing Robert Street while renovation works progress.

Gao Feng — Restaurant —

Chinese and Malaysian cuisine
Licensed and BYO (wine only)

Lunch: Mon–Fri 11.30am–2pm. Dinner: Sun–Thurs 5pm–10.30pm and Fri–Sat 5pm–11pm.

Home delivery available 5pm–10.30pm daily (within 3km radius). Free delivery for orders over \$38. \$3 delivery charge for orders under \$28.

150 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield Ph: 9523 9762

Strategies to promote learning excellence for VCE students and their parents

Tuesday 13 April

7pm–9pm

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

This seminar offers Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and senior students and their parents the opportunity to take a step back and think about helpful ways to support and empower learning excellence. It's true that completing VCE is stressful, however ignoring this fact or exaggerating it will not enhance academic performance.

VCE presents a challenge to parents and to students. As parents, the challenge is to provide enough space for growth and enough support

to foster a sense of safety and competence. Finding the balance between accepting support and being independent is the key developmental task for adolescents.

The emphasis of this seminar is on the things you can do to find the right balance. Various strategies will be offered which can assist you to manage the pressure and promote confident, positive and realistic attitudes so learning can flourish.

The seminar will be presented by psychologist Rochelle Umansky who works extensively with people experiencing anxiety and depression. Her special interest is in supporting people who are stressed, facing transitions or having identity or

relationship issues. Rochelle worked as a secondary school teacher in Australia and overseas before becoming a psychologist. For eight years she worked as a counsellor at Monash University providing personal counselling and training workshops to staff and students. Rochelle now works in private practice and is the creator of the *SMARTS Program* which teaches self-management skills to students who are aiming to achieve academic success.

The seminar is free, but bookings are essential. To book, contact your local library branch, call 9524 3623 or book online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on Library.

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