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# glen eira news

## Celebrating Bentleigh Library

**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

**B**entleigh Library reopened to local residents with a day of community celebration on Saturday 5 June.

*"Comfortable, magnificent, relaxing" "a great place to read and borrow" and "lovely open plan and user-friendly presentation"* were just some of the comments received from local residents.

More than 1,700 local residents visited on opening day to see how the refurbishment has given the library a new look with a strong contemporary flavour.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the refurbishment works are an important step in ensuring the library continues to function effectively into the future.

Cr Tang acknowledged the State Government contribution of \$300,000 towards the \$1.1 million refurbishment project and welcomed State Member for Bentleigh Rob Hudson to join him in officially opening the library.

"Bentleigh Library has always been one of Glen Eira's most popular libraries," Cr Tang said.

"Since opening in 1961, it is likely that the Jasper Road building has hosted more than nine million visits and recorded more than 19 million loans."

Cr Tang said sustainability has been an important element of the refurbishment.

"Green energy and a range of energy conservation measures have been used, which will result in substantial energy savings as well as increased comfort for library users," Cr Tang said.

Visitors on opening day were impressed with the new layout of the library and enthusiastic about the collections, which now number over 45,000 items.

Entertainment on opening day included roving performers, face painters, musical performances from *The Tall Poppies* and *Burgundy*

*Brown* and a special show in the vibrant new children's library by *Cha Cha Sam*.

Children also participated in lively *StoryTime* sessions with library staff.

Outside the library, visitors enjoyed refreshments from the coffee cart and the sausage sizzle run by the McKinnon Scout Group.

The day was a resounding success with the refurbished library promising to be more popular than ever.

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## Vale — Dr Geulah Solomon OAM (Caulfield Historian)

Dr Geulah Solomon OAM passed away on 24 May 2010.

Dr Solomon was the author of the four-volume series *Caulfield's Heritage*, which was published in 1989–90. The series records the progress of the community of Caulfield over its history.

Glen Eira City Council pays tribute to Dr Solomon's contribution and expresses its condolences to her family.

## Award for Environmental Excellence in Primary Schools 2010

Applications are now open for Glen Eira City Council's *Award for Environmental Excellence in Primary Schools 2010*.

Now in its third year, the *Award* acknowledges primary schools who have demonstrated initiative in developing and implementing an environmental project for the benefit of the school or Glen Eira community.

Bentleigh West Primary School won the *Award* in 2008 and were joint winners with Coatesville Primary School in 2009.

Applications close Thursday 22 July.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre or [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**Bentleigh West Primary School and  
Coatesville Primary School were  
joint winners in 2009.**

Photo: David Grant — John Brown  
Photography Services



## Mayor's column



Glen Eira City Council's *Graffiti Clean-Up Program* is coming to an end, with works commencing in the final zone — Elsternwick, Caulfield South and Gardenvale.

The proactive removal of graffiti commenced in October 2009 and has been well received by residents and traders.

So far, more than 10,375 metres of graffiti has been cleaned from 1,128 individual sites across the municipality.

Council has also collaborated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to have teams of supervised offenders on community orders clean-up graffiti using purpose-built trailers.

To date, more than 10,860 square metres of graffiti has been cleaned from private property abutting laneways in the Glen Eira municipality by the DOJ *Graffiti Removal Program*.

Following the completion of the proactive graffiti removal program, Council will continue to offer a reactive clean up service.

Residents can contact Council to have graffiti removed on request.

Removal is subject to Council's guidelines and prioritised according to urgency and available resources.

Council's popular *Winter Music Series* continues this month, with the following performers taking to the stage: Paul Capsis on 4 July, Vince Jones on 11 July and Alan Kogosowski and Jolanta Mielczarek on 25 July.

Finally, I would like to inform residents that the *Residents' Handbook 2010* will soon be delivered to all Glen Eira households.

The *Handbook* has been developed as a 'how to' guide that gives information on getting the most out of your City.

**Cr Stephen Tang  
Mayor**

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### Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (August) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 7 July for delivery 2–6 August.

#### Coming deadlines

The deadline for the September edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 27 July for delivery 30 August–2 September.

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,  
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# Council wins gold at Australasian Reporting Awards

Glen Eira City Council has won a *Gold Award* in the *2010 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA)*, in a year highlighted by very high standards of reporting.

Announced in Sydney on Thursday 10 June, ARA judges said Council's *2008–09 Annual Report* was an excellent example of reporting.

"This model for local government reporting is succinct, with good financial discussion, visual aids, graphs and tables.

"Performance reported against objectives and disappointments attest to its transparency and accountability.

"The performance summary and balanced scorecard set the tone."

The ARA is an independent organisation that promotes excellence in reporting and covers all corporations, government bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand.

Other organisations to win *Gold* included:

- Australia Post;
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation;
- BHP Billiton;
- Boral Limited;
- National Australia Bank;
- Rio Tinto Limited;
- Watercare Services Limited; and
- Wesfarmers Limited.

*Report of the Year* was awarded to Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited.

Council was also a finalist for the *Special Award for Communication*, which recognises excellence in communication with stakeholders.

## Chartered Accountants/MAV Annual Report Awards 2010

Glen Eira City Council has won two awards for its *2008–09 Annual Report*

at the *Chartered Accountants/MAV Local Government Annual Report Awards 2010*.

Announced on Friday 28 May, Council won the *Best Summary (High Resource) Award* and the *Best Reporting on Corporate Governance (High Resource) Award*.

Council also received an honourable mention in the *Best Reporting on Performance (High Resource)* category.

Copies of the *2008–09 Annual Report* are available from Council's Service Centre or at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

**2010 Australasian Reporting Awards:**  
**Council's Public Relations Officer**  
**Suzi Cvetkoski and Council's**  
**Manager Public Relations and**  
**Marketing Amarita Kinnoo.**

Photo: Bright Light Photography.



## \$100,000 grant for resurfacing Lord Reserve



**Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, Jennifer Huppert MP, Cr Helen Whiteside, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Jamie Hyams, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs James Merlino MP and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

The State Government will contribute \$100,000 towards the resurfacing of Lord Reserve in Carnegie.

Announced last month by Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs James Merlino MP and Member for Oakleigh Ann Barker, the grant is part of the Department of Planning and Community Development *Strengthening the World Game Program*.

The funding will assist Glen Eira City Council in converting the existing surface to a more drought-tolerant warm season grass surface.

The resurfacing works will also include installation of a new state-of-the-art drip irrigation system to maximise the efficiency of the water usage on the pitch.

Council will need to commit \$200,000 towards the project.

In thanking the Minister, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said converting the Lord Reserve surface will benefit all users.

"Resurfacing the reserve with drought-tolerant turf will provide a more sustainable surface for both active and passive recreation," Cr Tang said.

Cr Tang said in the effort to maintain Glen Eira's 45 sportsgrounds in the best possible condition, Council has undertaken rolling programs over the last 10 years to reduce the risk of injury, sustain sports participation and respond to the drought conditions.

"This has included the installation of automatic irrigation systems and soil moisture sensors at all sportsgrounds and the resurfacing of sportsgrounds with drought-tolerant turf," Cr Tang said.

## Bin downsizing to commence

Glen Eira City Council's bin downsizing program will commence on 1 July 2010, with the distribution of more than 22,000 120 litre bins across the municipality.

Distribution is expected to take six weeks to complete, with the changeover occurring the day after the garbage is collected.

Council's Manager Waste Management Doug Griffiths said letters will be sent out to participating households during July and August confirming their bin choice and advising the changeover date for their street.

"Households will receive the letter about seven days before the changeover," Mr Griffiths said.

"It is important that residents remember to leave their garbage bin on the nature strip after it is emptied and not to put any garbage in the bin before it is removed."

Residents have responded positively to Council's decision to downsize household bins from 240 litre to 120 litre, with 22,317 households choosing to downsize, while 1,166 have taken up an additional recycling bin.

Council has also received an overwhelming response in regards to its green waste service with 5,025 households joining.

Mr Griffiths said following the distribution of the new bins, which will have a red lid to comply with Australian Standards, more than two-thirds of houses and units in Glen Eira will be using a 120 litre bin.

"This means less waste to landfill, more items recycled and even better use of compost and green waste services — all of which reduce our environmental footprint," Mr Griffiths said.

## Rosstown Ward forum Railway level crossings and roads — advocating for better solutions

With ever increasing congestion on our roads, the issue of how to best improve traffic flows across the many railway level crossings in Rosstown Ward is an important issue for all residents, traders and commuters.

Is grade separation the only answer or are there other options?

Come and have your say!

Monday 12 July

7.30pm

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

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Neil Pilling will host the forum and representatives from key government agencies have been invited to be present.

Everyone welcome.



# Rates: what you pay and why

## How are rates set?

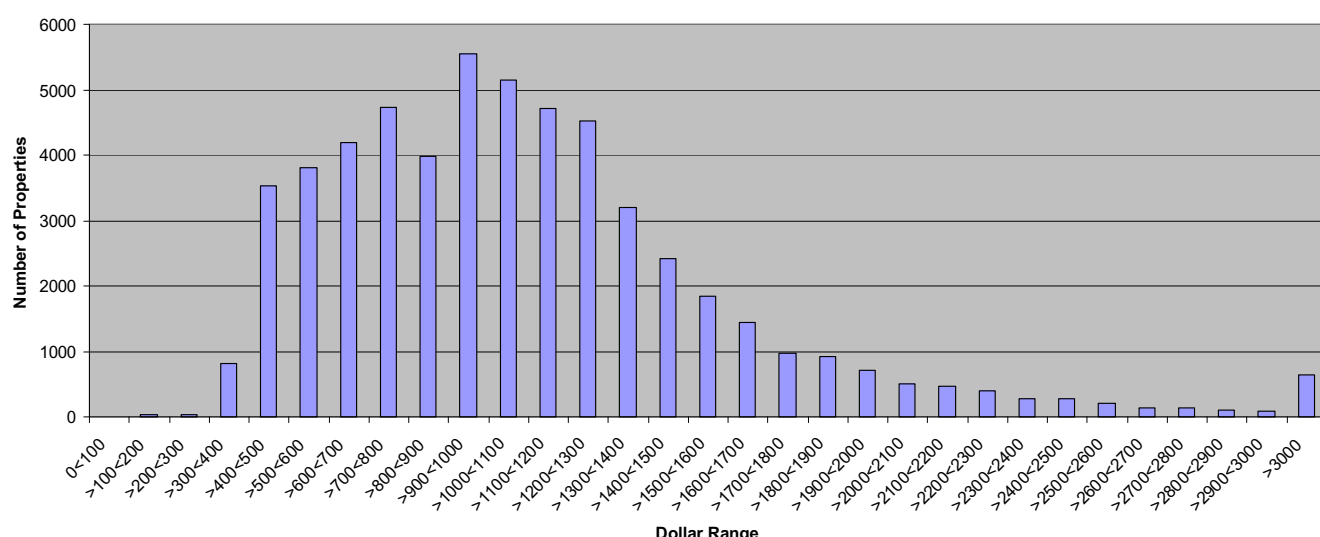
The rates system is set down in State Government legislation. One of the easiest ways to explain this system is that if you own one per cent of the value of property in a municipality, you pay one per cent of the total rates.

Rates are set according to how much your property is worth compared to the rest of the municipality. For example, a \$500,000 house in a wealthy municipality

may be below the average house value so the owner would pay below the average rates, while a \$500,000 house in a less affluent municipality might be well above the average house value so the owner would pay above average rates.

The distribution of rates on residential properties within Glen Eira is set out in the following graph:

**Distribution of residential rates and charges payable 2009–2010  
(After rebates and excluding greenwaste)**



## Revaluation of all properties

All properties in the City were revalued as at 1 January 2010. The revaluations are required by the State Government to levy land tax. Councils use to revalue properties every four years, but this has been reduced to every two years by the State Government.

The new level of value, as set by the Valuer General, has been assessed as at 1 January 2010 and used for rating purposes from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012. Owners may object to the valuations.

## The revaluation has no effect on Council's total rate income

Rising property values do not impact on Council's total revenue collection. They usually result in the adjustment, by Council, of a lower rate in the dollar to offset the overall increase in property values. For example, the rate in the dollar in 1987–88 (City of Caulfield) was 9.4985 of net annual value. The rate in the dollar in 2010–11 is 2.9468.

If Council had held the rate in the dollar constant at 1995–96 levels, then Council would have raised more than \$190 million extra in rate revenue since then.

The revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property. Rates are redistributed according to the shift in property values that have occurred in different parts of the municipality. Some ratepayers may experience a change in their rates depending on the type of property they own, where it is located and how its value has moved relative to the average.

In the 2010 revaluation:

- flats and units appreciated more than houses and vacant land; and
- commercial properties appreciated, but less than residential.

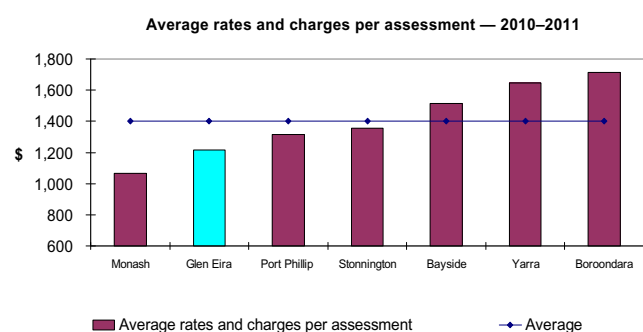
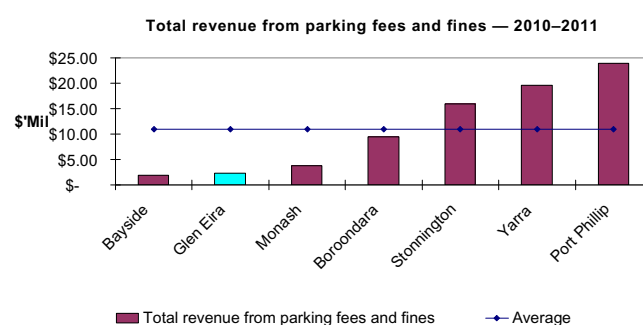
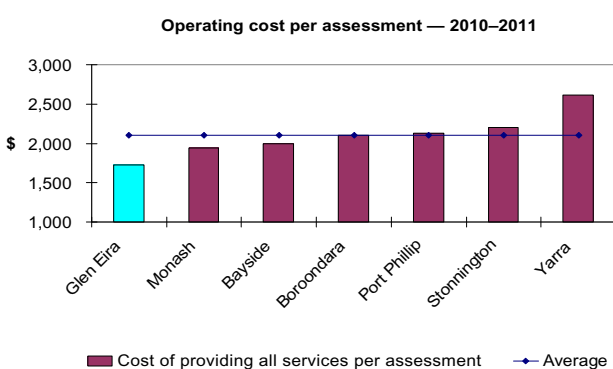
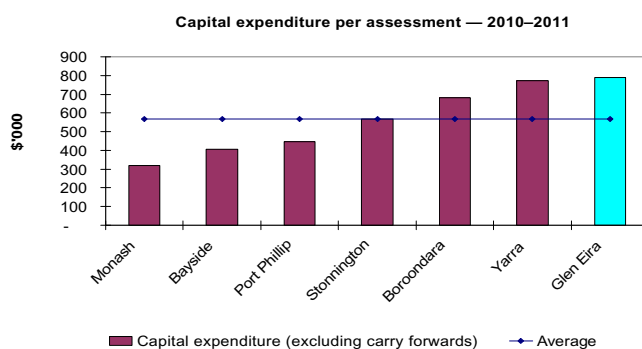
## How does the City of Glen Eira compare with other municipalities?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are at least \$11 million a year (13 per cent) below the average of our neighbours. This equates to an average of approximately \$180 per property.

This means that Council charges \$11 million less than neighbouring municipalities and has \$11 million less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.

## Neighbouring councils — how Glen Eira compares

Information sourced from draft 2010–11 council budgets (please note that City of Kingston's budget was unavailable).



## Vacancy on Glen Eira City Council's Environment Advisory Committee

Are you interested in assisting Glen Eira City Council's Environment Advisory Committee about environmental matters?

Council is seeking to appoint a community representative. This role would suit an active member of the Glen Eira community with an interest in environmental sustainability who understands the role and function of Council.

This is a voluntary position. The committee meets a minimum of four times a year. Where possible, meetings dates and times are set to suit the availability of committee members.

To apply for this position, please obtain an application form, position description and terms of reference either by contacting 9524 3333 or from Council's website: [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Applications close Wednesday 14 July at 5pm.







Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

## How does Local Government compare with other levels of government?

The whole community pays taxes and rates. Three per cent goes to local governments. Ninety-seven per cent goes to the state and federal governments.

The reason why property tax revenue to governments has risen so much faster than rate revenue to local government is that state and federal governments tend to hold their tax rates constant while local governments regularly reduce theirs.

Each year, Council sends residents a bill that tells them exactly what their rates are and directly consults with the community and accounts for how this money is spent.

No other level of government does this; it would be difficult for residents to tell how much GST they pay, how much stamp duty on insurances, how much tax on superannuation contributions or how much tax they pay on petrol.

## What are the pressures on rates?

Council's services can be maintained with rates at the current level in real terms. However, the renewal of ageing infrastructure and community facilities needs to be accelerated.

The majority of Council's buildings and facilities were built before or during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s and are reaching the stage of their life where they require major maintenance and renewal works.

In addition to this, a number of shopping strips need to be upgraded along with roads, footpaths and drainage systems.

Investments in local facilities can have a positive impact on property values. Properties in areas with good shopping strips, parks and playgrounds, children's services, libraries and recreation facilities can be more attractive and therefore more valuable.

Another pressure on rates is cost-shifting — situations whereby federal and state governments

shift their responsibility for delivering programs and service onto Local Government, with no or insufficient funding.

Over the years many joint government–council programs have been established on the basis of cost sharing. As the years unfold, governments do not maintain their share and ratepayers are left to pick up more of the costs.

The Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into cost-shifting several years ago revealed:

3.10 "The submissions make a strong case that there has been cost shifting from the States and the Commonwealth to local government:

- States (and to a lesser extent the Commonwealth) have legislated for local government to assume additional responsibilities, or changed regulatory frameworks in such a way as to impose additional costs on councils, without providing matching resources.
- States (and sometimes the Commonwealth) have reduced or withdrawn financial support for services leaving local government to deal with community expectations that those services will be maintained.

3.25 On the available evidence, the Committee has little doubt that local government faces some real difficulties in generating adequate revenues to meet its expanded responsibilities, and that significant financial problems may be in prospect. Shortfalls in infrastructure spending are of particular concern."

Of the total tax revenue collected by all levels of government, currently councils only collect three per cent. The other 97 per cent goes to federal and state governments. The more tax revenue that federal and state governments return to local projects, the less pressure there will be on rates.

# Remove it, lock it or lose it

With an increase in theft from motor vehicles across Glen Eira in recent months, Caulfield Police is reminding all residents to lock their cars and remove any valuables.

Inspector Paul Ross from Caulfield Police told *Glen Eira News* that theft from motor vehicles is an offence that can be prevented.

"Most thieves break into cars because they see something they want inside," Inspector Ross said.

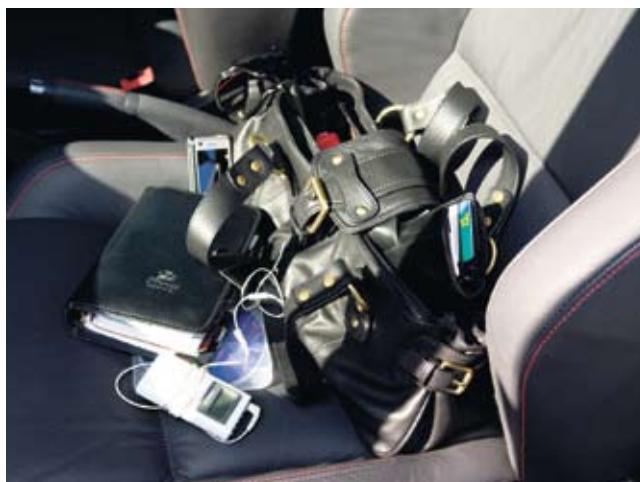
"Windows will be broken and locks damaged in a matter of seconds in order to steal your valuables or even just loose change from the console.

"By simply removing valuable items such as ipods, sunglasses, CDs, mobile phones, laptop computers and portable satellite navigation systems from display and locking your vehicle, you significantly reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime."

## Tips to help prevent theft from motor vehicles

- Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your car — even if the car is parked in your driveway or garage. The smallest gap can enable windows to be forced.
- Lock your car when paying for fuel or making a quick trip into the shops.
- Do not leave valuables within view. Lock them in the boot or take them with you.

- Portable satellite navigation systems are one of the most attractive items for thieves. If you are going to be leaving your car for a period of time, remove the system from sight. Be sure to wipe the round suction cap marks from the window with a moist, soft cloth.
- When leaving your valuables in a car do not hide them upon arrival. Thieves could be monitoring the car park.
- Never leave money, including loose change within view.



**Before leaving your car, make sure all valuables are removed.** Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Behaviour guidance

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Bendigo Bank (Murrumbeena Community Bank), will present an information session for parents/guardians.

Do you sometimes feel like you just don't know what to do next in your parenting?

This presentation will provide an overview of some of the reasons for children's behaviour and strategies for parents to guide that behaviour in appropriate ways.

Presenter: Parenting and Educational Consultant Kathy Walker

Thursday 15 July

7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

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

\$5 per person

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

No refunds or exchanges. To book online visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL



## CEO's column



Glen Eira City Council's financial strategy has been to have:

- high capital investment;
- low operating costs; and
- low rates.

Compared with other metropolitan councils for the financial year just ending, Glen Eira had the highest capital investment per property, the lowest operating cost per property and the third lowest average rates and charges. Glen Eira also gave one of the highest pensioner rebates.

Council's financial strategy has underpinned the renewal of many community facilities around the City, including the newly refurbished Bentleigh Library.

It also included:

- improvements to pathways for walkers and cyclists, playgrounds and traffic safety;
- upgrades to senior citizens' and children's services centres;
- converting sportsgrounds to warm season grasses; and
- planting more street trees.

An important component of the strategy has been the retro-fitting of numerous works to reduce consumption of water energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

On recent benchmarking, Glen Eira:

- has the lowest greenhouse emissions from Council operations of all benchmarked councils;
- undertakes the greatest amount of green purchasing; and
- has saved the most water.

In these ways, the financial strategy gives effect to Council's broader plans and priorities.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Street tree planting commences

Glen Eira City Council's annual residential street tree planting has begun.

More than 400 additional street trees will be planted along residential streets.

Each tree will be secured with timber stakes and granules will be added to the soil to help retain moisture. Mulch will then be added to keep the roots cool and moist.

Approximately 100 additional trees will also be planted in Council's shopping centres.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said while Council routinely waters new trees during the summer, meeting the necessary watering requirements was difficult.

"To ensure the newly planted trees receive a blossoming start to life, Council is calling on residents to assist with additional watering," Mr Unwin said.

"A *How to Care* pamphlet will be provided for each household which receives a tree.

"Council will also be providing a nine-litre plastic bucket which residents can use to collect water from a variety of sources around the home."

Mr Unwin said residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, twice a week (preferably in the morning), during dry or warm periods.

"Water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the young tree," Mr Unwin said.

"Clean water is best for young trees. You can use the water that is often wasted while waiting for it to warm up in baths and showers, water from leaking taps or water from the last rinse cycle of washing machines.

"Residents should always make sure any water collected for use on the trees meets requirements of current water restrictions."

Mr Unwin said Council is responsible for more than 46,000 street trees and more than 11,000 park trees.

"We conduct regular watering of more than 4,000 trees, including young street and park trees, mature heritage trees and other trees which are at particular risk from the prolonged drought conditions," Mr Unwin said.

"To help retain moisture, more than 5,000 cubic metres of mulch has been placed around trees and plants."

Mr Unwin said current water restrictions prohibit Council from using any potable water for tree watering.

"Council is generally reliant on bore and some Class A recycled water to establish and maintain our trees," Mr Unwin said.

Mr Unwin said the natural rainfall and cool conditions will help the new trees establish during the winter months, but if necessary, additional bore water will be utilised to ensure the young trees survive.

"Council can utilise bore water from four sites located within our parks to water trees across the City," Mr Unwin said.



**More than 400 additional street trees will be planted along residential streets.** Photo: Les O'Rourke

"In addition, Council has installed water tanks in Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East and Hopetoun Gardens and Harleston Park in Elsternwick to store Class A recycled water to assist with watering demands.

"The Class A recycled water is highly treated and safe for use on trees and gardens. Water tankers transport the water to the storage tanks.

"The bore and recycled water is utilised to water young trees along main roads, streets, shopping centres and parkland and larger trees that have been affected from the drought."

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

## Give our streets the green light



**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang at the launch of the Give Our Streets the Green Light campaign.** Photo: Municipal Association of Victoria.

In the continued effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Glen Eira City Council is calling on all residents to encourage the State and Federal Governments to assist local government with the high upfront costs of switching to energy-efficient street lights.

As part of the *Give Our Street the Green Light* campaign, Council has joined forces with more than 50 councils

to lobby the Victorian and Federal Governments for funding.

Efficient street lighting using the new fluorescent lights not only provides better quality lighting, but they also use nearly 70 per cent less energy than the current lights. This could save thousands of tonnes of greenhouse gas emission per year across Glen Eira.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said converting streets would build

on Council's work for a more sustainable City.

"Recent benchmarking against other Melbourne councils has identified that Glen Eira City Council generates the lowest gross emissions from Council operations per head of population," Cr Tang said.

"Glen Eira was about one-third below the average — this follows on from the awards we received in May 2010 for the most green purchasing and the greatest water saving."

Cr Tang said as a result of the *Live Green with LESS* light globe exchange program in 2008, Glen Eira homes have the green light.

"We now need to give our streets the green light too," Cr Tang said.

"By supporting the campaign and signing the online petition, you will be telling your local MP that you care about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and want to give your street the green light."

The online petition can be found at [www.greenlightourstreets.org.au](http://www.greenlightourstreets.org.au)



# News in brief

## Polio Day

Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Polio Network Victoria, will host *Polio Day* on Saturday 23 October.

*Polio Day* will be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 10am–3.30pm.

The event will promote awareness to general practitioners and health professionals about polio and post polio syndrome — a chronic and degenerative condition.

*Mobility* is the theme for the event and participants with polio and post polio syndrome will be asked to identify obstacles that restrict access to the community.

Guest speakers will address the issue of mobility from their differing perspectives, answer any questions and offer realistic solutions.

There will also be displays from a variety of trades and services who have an understanding of the needs of the polio community.

There are currently 1,500 people living with the later effects of polio and post polio syndrome registered with Polio Network Victoria.

Lunch will be provided. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Intergenerational music playgroup

A playgroup with a difference has begun in Glen Eira.

The intergenerational music playgroup gives Glen Eira residents and their children the opportunity to interact and share a musical experience with residents from the Montgomery Residential Aged Care Facility at Caulfield Hospital.

The weekly sessions are facilitated by a registered music therapist, with residents and children singing and playing instruments together.

The intergenerational music playgroup is held every Thursday from 10.30am at the Montgomery Residential Aged Care Facility — Caulfield Hospital, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield (parking is available on Kooyong Road).

For further information, contact 9076 6652.

## Home security starts with you

Caulfield Police would like to remind Glen Eira residents about the importance of home security.

The Victoria Police *Residential Information Kit* is a free resource which is available from Caulfield Police.

The *Kit* contains information about:

- fraud and identity crime;
- electronic crime;
- scams and door-to-door sales;
- burglary and theft;
- personal safety;
- neighbourhood disputes;
- garage and shed safety;
- property damage;
- the *Party Safe* initiative; and
- family violence.

The *Kit* also contains a range of stickers for residents to use, including identification stickers, letterbox and front door stickers and telephone stickers.

To obtain your free *Residential Information Kit*, visit Caulfield Police, 289 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

## out and about



**Sports club breakfast: Kevin Sharkie from the Murrumbeena Cricket Club and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Lord Reserve funding announcement: Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs James Merlino MP and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Bentleigh Library reopening: Cr Oscar Lobo and Kathleen from Council's Library and Information Service.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Sports club breakfast: Cr Jamie Hyams and Wayne Holdsworth from the Southern Football League.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



## Raising happy and healthy pets

Pets make wonderful companions to people of all ages. Owning a pet can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health. Pets provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love.

However, along with these benefits come certain responsibilities.

Caring for pets takes time, commitment and effort, so anyone wishing to own a pet should choose one which suits their lifestyle and surroundings.

This feature has been compiled to help pet owners in Glen Eira look after their dogs and cats responsibly and raise happy and healthy pets.



Photos: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



## Dispose of dog litter responsibly

Glen Eira City Council is urging all dog owners not only to clean up after their four-legged friends, but to dispose of their litter responsibly.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said it is one of the duties of being a responsible pet owner to dispose of dog litter the correct way — by placing it in the bin.

"A major problem associated with dog litter is the contamination of waterways, especially following heavy periods of rain," Mr Bordignon said.

"When it rains, any rubbish or waste left on roads, naturestrips or gutters is washed into the stormwater drainage system.

"Whether on the ground or in a bag that has not been correctly disposed of, the deadly combination of plastic bag and dog litter will end up in the same place as other rubbish — our waterways and Port Phillip Bay."

Mr Bordignon said Council has tried to make it as easy as possible for local pet owners to clean up after their pets.

"Plastic bag dispensers are available in many of Council parks and reserves and civic compliance officers also carry and distribute plastic bags," Mr Bordignon said.

### Why protect our water?

People value and use water and water environments in different ways, from drinking, swimming and fishing, to irrigating and producing food. Reducing pollution in our waterways also protects native flora and fauna.

All these uses depend on safe, clean water and we need to protect our water to protect ourselves, our way of living and the future.

### Bacteria in dog litter

Mr Bordignon said the bacteria contained in dog litter is a major source of E. coli and algae contamination in beaches and waterways.

"Dog litter is also harmful to people. Roundworm, which can be found in dog litter, can be passed on to people, with children and people with compromised immune systems at most risk of infection," Mr Bordignon said.



**Council is urging dog owners to dispose of dog litter responsibly.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Barking dogs

Barking is natural behaviour for dogs — it's one way that they communicate.

Dogs generally do not bark without a reason and excessive barking is often a sign that something is wrong.

Barking can occur when a dog is excited, stressed, bored, lonely, provoked, hungry, thirsty, sick or in discomfort. Excessive barking may also result from lack of exercise, inadequate shelter or yard space, moving house or a change to the family's structure.

A dog may also bark to give a warning, seek its owner's attention, protect its territory, announce the arrival of visitors or respond to a distant sound or signal.

Whatever the reason may be, dog owners must ensure their dogs do not annoy neighbours by barking excessively — it's one of the duties of being a responsible pet owner.

### Tips on controlling nuisance barking

Take the dog on more frequent walks and include it on family outings. Even if you have a large yard, dogs still need to socialise and experience the sounds and smells of walks outside.

Make the backyard environment more interesting. Provide the dog with toys and a large marrow bone to chew. You can also stuff hollow (indestructible) toys with food. Ensure the dog has fresh water, a balanced diet and adequate shelter from weather extremes. If possible give the dog access to the house through a dog door.

Take your dog to obedience classes. Practice what you learn regularly to provide mental stimulation for the dog.

If the dog is barking at passers-by, block its view of movement outside the property with solid fencing, shade cloth or hedging. Alternatively, if the source of provocation is human (e.g. children



**Make sure your dog has access to shelter and fresh water.**

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

teasing the dog) try to discuss the problem with them.

If you are unable to stop your dog from barking constantly, there are a number of organisations that specialise in barking problems and obedience training depending on the reason for excessive barking.

**Regular exercise keeps dogs happy and healthy.**

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.





# Keep your cat safe at night

With around 80 per cent of accidents happening at night, Glen Eira City Council is urging residents to keep their cats confined after dark.

Cats are highly valued pets however serious problems can occur if cats are allowed to roam outdoors between dusk and dawn.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said cats kept inside at night generally live at least three times longer than roaming cats.

"Confining your cat will help protect native wildlife, prevent cat fights and prevent territorial marking and spraying," Mr Bordignon said.

"It will also help reduce problems associated with stray cats."

## Where to confine your cat

Cats can be kept in your house, flat, garage or shed, however make sure their sleeping area is well ventilated, warm and dry and that he/she has access to food, water and a litter tray.

Another option is to purchase or build an outdoor cat enclosure. This can be a good way to allow cats adequate exercise, while ensuring the security of being on the owner's property at all times.

Cat enclosures can be separate or connected to a cat door into the house.

Cat doors are a great option as they can not only be adjusted to let cats come and go as required during the day, but they can also be adjusted to retain cats inside at night.

Cats can also be confined to their property by enclosing verandahs or cat proofing property fences with chicken wire or netting.



**Cat doors are a great option.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Make sure your cat has a warm sleeping area and access to food, water and a litter tray.**



## How to confine your cat at night

According to the Department of Primary Industries *Make sure your cat naps when you do* brochure, when training your cat to accept confinement, try skipping its morning feed and call it in at night to be fed. Only feed your cat once it's inside and then don't let him/her out until the next morning.

# Fences and gates protect your dog



**Dogs should be confined to the backyard.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Owning a pet is a basic right in our community, but it is also a serious responsibility.

If you intend to own a dog, you have to take responsibility for it and make sure it is secured properly in your property.

According to Glen Eira City Council's *Local Law 2009* (clause 427) the owner or occupier of the property is responsible for ensuring the property is adequately fenced so as to prevent the dog from escaping.

Under this new local law, which was introduced by Council in November last year, if the owner or occupier is found not to have adequate fencing they can risk being fined.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said fences and gates protect dogs from the dangers of roaming, stop them from causing a nuisance in the neighbourhood and ensure pets don't hurt other animals or people.

"While many people keep dogs to protect their properties, it's important that people passing by or visiting properties with dogs in them are protected," Mr Bordignon said.

"Under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, dogs should be confined to the backyard, allowing visitors to access your home safely.

"A straying dog can cause distress to visitors, neighbours and the community and dogs that are not kept safely behind a fence can risk being injured or causing injury to others."

Mr Bordignon said straying dogs can also become a traffic hazard for motorists.

"They can be a risk to the community by displaying territorial aggression or cause an annoyance," Mr Bordignon said.

Having an adequate fence protects both your dog and your neighbourhood.

As a responsible pet owner, it is important to ensure that your fence or dog enclosure is:

- high enough that your dog can't jump over;
- low enough that your dog can't dig under;
- strong enough that your dog can't push it over;
- holeproof so your dog can't escape through it; and
- designed so your dog cannot get to people through it.

For further information visit [www.pets.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.pets.dpi.vic.gov.au)

## Reminder: Report dog attacks immediately

If residents or their pets are bitten, attacked, rushed at or chased by a dog contact Glen Eira City Council immediately.

Witnesses of dog attacks should also report the matter as soon as possible.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said people should be prepared to give as much information about the incident as possible, including the time, location and a description of the dog and/or the owner.

"This information enables Council officers to follow up and take appropriate action to ensure the community is safe," Mr Bordignon said.

Should an attack happen outside of normal business hours or weekends, residents should contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

"You will be prompted to make a selection to reach a Council civic compliance officer," Mr Bordignon said.

"The officer will take down your details and attend the scene if necessary."

Mr Bordignon said tough new laws in relation to dog attacks have recently been introduced to State Parliament.

"The proposed changes to the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* will result in tougher penalties for dog attacks," Mr Bordignon said.

"To avoid being penalised, ensure your dog is on a leash when outside your property and if you're in an off-leash area, keep your dog under effective voice control at all times."



## MEETINGS AND CLUBS

**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–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 Rose: 0411 236 040.

**Ormond Angling Club** meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8pm at 462 North Road, Ormond. Males and females welcome to join. Junior memberships also available. There are no joining fees. Membership and competition fees are very reasonable. Contact Trevor: 9305 7125 or 0407 800 719.

**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** meets every second Thursday from 1pm at McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Our friendly and helpful group welcomes both beginners and experienced needleworkers. Contact Merrill: 9578 1117.

**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: 9572 3159.

**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** (combined) 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 car park. Everyone is welcome. No charge. Contact: 9557 9567.

**Carnegie-Murrumbeena Seniors Club** is now located above the Carnegie Library. New members welcome. Contact Dallas: 9568 2727.

**12th Caulfield Scout Group** in Elsternwick is a dynamic local group with an active and varied program. The group currently has vacancies for children and requires volunteer adults to lead all age groups. No previous experience necessary. All training provided. Contact Jenny: 9528 5431.

**The Bentleigh Garden Club** meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at St John's Church Hall, corner Tucker and Centre Roads, Bentleigh East. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Bill or Jayne: 9557 3488.

**Rotary Club Moorleigh Moorabbin** is looking for new members. The club meets every Monday from 6.30pm at the South Oakleigh Club, 1 Victor Road, Bentleigh East. Contact Helen: 0438 884 730.

**Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens** located at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie welcomes new members. Contact: 9568 2727.

**Melbourne Backgammon Club** meets every Monday from 7.30pm at the London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact David: 0414 637 999.

**Murrumbeena Bowls Club** organises social bowls on Saturdays at 11am and Thursdays at 12pm at 10 Blackwood Street, Carnegie. Cost is \$8. New members welcome. Contact Michael: 9569 4969.

**Australian Plants Society South East Melbourne Region** meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 8pm at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. Guest speaker and light supper included. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Helen: 9509 0043.

## EVENTS

**Glen Eira City Choir** is seeking singers for their forthcoming concert, *Showtime Spectacular in September*. No audition necessary. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7.30pm at 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield. Contact: 9578 1947.

**St Peter's Murrumbeena MU** 371 Neerim Road, Murrumbeena will host a community mobility program in the Parish Hall on 8 July at 1.30pm. The program, which has been developed by the Traffic Accident Commission, is a community based health promotion program for healthy, older road users. Cost of \$5 includes afternoon tea. Contact Jennifer: 9568 5527.

**Team of Pianists** presents *Romantic Masterpieces* on 18 July at 6.30pm at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Miwako Abe (violin), Rohan de Korte (cello), Jason Bunn (viola) and Darryl Coote (piano) will perform. Cost is \$38 or \$20 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851.

**Music Lovers' Society Concert** will be held on 24 July from 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Kay Chim (piano)

Jonathan Chim (cello) Kristian Gregory (baritone) and Gladys Chua (piano) will perform. Cost is \$20, \$16 seniors, \$12 pensioners, \$8 students and \$45 for a family. Members free. Contact: 9571 0850 or 9822 7292.

**St Aloysius Caulfield Market Fair** will be held on 4 December from 10am–4pm. Contact Majella to book a stall: 0409 173 056.

## COMMUNITY

**Glen Eira Police Community Register** (formerly known as *Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens' Register*) aims to promote more confident and secure living among the older or vulnerable residents of the City of Glen Eira. Register your details to receive a regular phone call to check your welfare and an identity card, which in the event of an emergency will assist emergency services in obtaining relevant information. Contact: 9564 7537.

**Relay For Life** is the world's largest fundraiser. Get together 10–20 family members, friends or colleagues to form a team at the numerous events held across Victoria. Cost is \$15 per person to enter with team members encouraged to fundraise \$150 towards their team's total. Register online at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or contact 1300 65 65 85. Contact Natalie: 9635 5288.

**Ormond Badminton Club** welcomes experienced and novice badminton players every Wednesday from 8.15pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. 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.

**Ignite Youth Lounge** is open on Fridays from 7.30pm–10.30pm at 512 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact Sean: 0412 394 518.

## Immunisation sessions

## McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 5 July and Monday 2 August  
9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads,  
Caulfield

Tuesday 6 July and Tuesday 3 August  
6pm–7pm

Tuesday 13 July and Tuesday 10  
August 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community  
Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 21 July and Wednesday  
18 August 1.30pm–2.30pm and  
5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child  
Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,  
Glen Huntly

Wednesday 28 July and Wednesday  
25 August 9.30am–11am

## Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 19 July and Monday 16 August  
9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community  
Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 24 July and Saturday 21 August  
9am–11am, Wednesday 14 July, Thursday  
29 July, Wednesday 11 August and  
Thursday 26 August 5.30pm–7.30pm





垃圾桶大換小的工作即將開始

Glen Eira 市政府將於2010年7月1日開始換小垃圾桶計劃，全市政區將分發22,000多個120 立升的垃圾桶。

分發工作預計將在六個星期內完成，每家的垃圾桶將在收倒垃圾日的第二天更換。

市政府垃圾管理經理Doug Griffiths說，市政府將在7月和8月寄信給將換垃圾桶的人家，確認他們所選擇的垃圾桶種類並通知其街道的換桶日期。

Griffiths先生說：“家家戶戶大約在換桶日的七天之前收到此信。”

“重要的是居民應當記住舊垃圾桶倒空後將它留在路邊草地上，而不要拿回家，千萬不要再放垃圾進去。”

居民對市政府把240 立升垃圾桶換成120立升的決定作出了積極的響應，共有22,317 戶選擇了小垃圾桶，另有1,166 戶訂了另外的廢品回收桶。

市政府還就花園垃圾服務收到了良好的反應，總共有5,025戶參加了這項服務。

Griffiths先生說，新桶的蓋子是紅色的，這符合澳洲標準；新桶分發後，Glen Eira 市政區中三分之二以上的獨立住宅和單元房將使用120 立升的垃圾桶。

“這意味著去垃圾填築場的垃圾減少，物品回收更多，滲肥使用更多，花園垃圾服務業更好，” Griffiths先生如是說。

Θα αρχίσει η διανομή μικρότερων κάδων σκουπιδιών

Το πρόγραμμα του Δήμου Glen Eira για μικρότερους κάδους σκουπιδιών θα αρχίσει την 1η Ιουλίου 2010, με τη διανομή πάνω από 22.000 κάδους 120 λίτρων σε όλο το δήμο.

Η διανομή αναμένεται να διαρκέσει έξι εβδομάδες για να ολοκληρωθεί και η αλλαγή θα γίνεται την επόμενη ημέρα της αποκομιδής των σκουπιδιών.

Ο Διευθυντής της Διαχείρισης Απορριμμάτων του Δήμου Doug Griffiths είπε ότι θα σταλούν επιστολές στα νοικοκυριά που συμμετέχουν κατά τον Ιούλιο και Αύγουστο επιβεβαιώνοντας την επιλογή του κάδου τους και ενημερώνοντας για την ημερομηνία της αλλαγής στο δρόμο τους.

«Τα νοικοκυριά θα λάβουν την επιστολή περίπου επτά ημέρες πριν την αλλαγή», είπε ο κ. Griffiths.

«Είναι σημαντικό για τους κατοίκους να θυμηθούν να αφήσουν τον παλιό κάδο σκουπιδιών τους στην πρασιά μετά την αποκομιδή και να μην βάλουν καθόλου σκουπίδια στον κάδο πριν τον πάρουν».

Οι κάτοικοι αντέδρασαν θετικά στην απόφαση του Δήμου για μικρότερους οικιακούς κάδους σκουπιδιών από 240 λίτρα στα 120 λίτρα και 22.317 νοικοκυριά διάλεξαν μικρότερο κάδο, ενώ 1.166 πήραν δεύτερο κάδο ανακύκλωσης.

Ο Δήμος έλαβε επίσης πολύ θετικές απαντήσεις σχετικά με την υπηρεσία για φυτικά απορρίμματα και 5.025 νοικοκυριά επέλεξαν τον πράσινο κάδο.

Ο κ. Griffiths είπε ότι μετά τη διανομή των νέων κάδων, που θα έχουν κόκκινο καπάκι για να συμμορφώνεται με τις Αυστραλιανές Προδιαγραφές, πάνω από δύο τρίτα των σπιτιών και διαμερισμάτων στο Glen Eira θα χρησιμοποιούν κάδο 120 λίτρων.

«Αυτό σημαίνει λιγότερα σκουπίδια στις χωματερές, περισσότερα αντικείμενα για ανακύκλωση και ακόμη καλύτερη χρήση της οργανικής αποσύνθεσης και υπηρεσιών φυτικών απορριμμάτων – τα οποία όλα μειώνουν τη ζημιά που προκαλούμε στο περιβάλλον μας», ανέφερε ο κ. Griffiths.

Si dà il via al ridimensionamento bidoni

Il programma di ridimensionamento dei bidoni per i rifiuti verrà messo in atto dal Comune di Glen Eira a cominciare dal 1 luglio 2010 con la distribuzione alla municipalità di oltre 22.000 bidoni da 120 litri.

La distribuzione verrà completata entro sei settimane ed il cambio di bidone sarà effettuato il giorno successivo a quello della raccolta dei rifiuti.

Doug Griffiths, Direttore della Sezione gestione rifiuti del Comune, ha assicurato che alle abitazioni interessate verranno inviate durante i mesi di luglio e agosto lettere di conferma riguardanti la misura di bidone scelta e la data in cui avverrà il cambio nella loro area.

“Le abitazioni riceveranno la lettera con un anticipo di circa sette giorni sul previsto cambio di bidone” ha affermato Mr Griffiths.

“È essenziale che i residenti si ricordino di lasciare il bidone dei rifiuti sul margine erboso dopo che è stato svuotato e di non porre rifiuti nel bidone prima della sua rimozione.”

I residenti hanno risposto positivamente alla decisione del Comune di ridimensionare i bidoni dalla precedente capienza di 240 litri a 120 litri; 22.317 abitazioni hanno scelto il bidone a capienza ridotta, mentre 1.166 hanno fatto richiesta di un bidone riciclaggio aggiuntivo.

Il Comune ha inoltre ricevuto una entusiasmante risposta al servizio di raccolta dei rifiuti da giardino con la partecipazione di ben 5.025 abitazioni.

Mr Griffiths ha aggiunto che a seguito della distribuzione dei nuovi bidoni, dotati di coperchio rosso in adeguamento allo Standard australiano, più di due terzi delle case e unità abitative di Glen Eira useranno bidoni da 120 litri.

“Ciò significa meno rifiuti nelle discariche, più articoli riciclati ed anche miglior utilizzo dei servizi di smaltimento dei rifiuti organici — tutti elementi che agiscono sulla riduzione del nostro impatto sull’ambiente” ha affermato Mr Griffiths.

Переход на мусорные контейнеры меньшего размера

С 1 июля 2010 в муниципалитете начинается переход на мусорные контейнеры меньшего размера. Более 22000 новых контейнеров емкостью 120 литров будет распределено в муниципалитете.

Доставка контейнеров будет закончена в течение 6 недель. Доставляться новые контейнеры будут на следующий день после сбора мусора из старого контейнера.

Менеджер муниципальной службы уборки мусора г-н Doug Griffiths сообщил, что в июле-августе соответствующим жителям муниципалитета будут рассылаться письма с указанием даты замены контейнеров на их улице и размера нового контейнера.

“Письма будут рассылаться примерно за 7 дней до дня замены контейнеров,” сказал г-н Griffiths.

“Нужно помнить, что после опорожнения старого контейнера последний раз перед заменой, его нужно будет оставить на улице и не класть в него никакого мусора, чтобы его могли увезти на следующий день.”

Жители муниципалитета с энтузиазмом отнеслись к предложению перейти на контейнеры меньшего размера (с 240 литров на 120 литров): 22317 адресов переходят на меньшие контейнеры, и 1166 берут дополнительный контейнер для утилизации отходов.

Многие жители также решили воспользоваться услугами службы утилизации садовых отходов (5025 адресов).

Г-н Griffiths отметил, что после доставки всех новых контейнеров (в соответствии с австралийским госстандартом они будут иметь крышку красного цвета) более 66% адресов в муниципалитете будут использовать 120-литровые контейнеры.

“Это значит, что меньше отходов будет поступать на захоронение, будет достигнута более обширная утилизация, а также более эффективно будет использоваться компост и садовые отходы. Все это уменьшает воздействие на окружающую среду,” отметил г-н Griffiths.

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. For further information, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Draft <i>Bicycle Strategy</i>	Comments and submissions	Closes 2 July	PO Box 42, Caulfield South Vic 3162
Draft <i>Municipal Early Years Plan 2010–2013</i>	Comments and submissions	Closes 19 July	PO Box 42, Caulfield South Vic 3162
Draft <i>Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy 2010–2015</i>	Comments and submissions	Closes 19 July	PO Box 42, Caulfield South Vic 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Council's draft <i>2010–2011 Annual Budget</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed 10 June
Draft <i>Public Toilet Strategy</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed 11 June
Draft <i>Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2010</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed 15 June



# Youth Consultative Group graduation

Glen Eira City Council's 2009–10 Youth Consultative Group graduated on Wednesday 26 May.

The evening was a great opportunity for members to celebrate the achievements they have made over the past 12 months with family and friends, Youth Services staff and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.

The YCG gave a fantastic speech about the highly successful events they organised — *Battle of the Bands 2009* and the *Youth Art Expo 2010*. The group also reflected on the leadership skills they have gained, how they used them whilst in the group and the valuable event management training they received from Monash Short Courses.

YCG member Amelia said she chose to be a part of the group because she wanted to develop her skills and be a part of a group that runs events for the wider community.

"By doing the leadership training, I have been able to build on my skills and have achieved a personal goal that I set for myself," Amelia said.

Congratulations to the 2009–10 YCG members on a fantastic 12 months.

**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and members of the 2009–10 YCG.**

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



## Changes to the Youth Consultative Group

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services leadership program, the Youth Consultative Group (YCG), has recently undergone a review.

To maintain the ongoing success of this program and to ensure it delivers a quality experience to young people, the period in which it runs has changed.

Instead of running the program from July to June (the financial year) it will now run from January to December (the calendar/school year), increasing its accessibility and suitability to a wider group of participants.

The YCG assists in planning two major events — *Battle of the Bands* and the *Youth Art Expo*.

Changes to the program will now result in the *Youth Art Expo* being the first event participants plan during April, followed by *Battle of the Bands* in December. This will allow participants to be exposed to the process of event management through a smaller event, the *Youth Art Expo*, before graduating to the large scale *Battle of the Bands*.

Changes to the timing of the program will also give participants the opportunity to develop a concept for a third youth orientated event during the year.

The next YCG will commence in January 2011. Included in the program is leadership training, event management and event orientated Occupational Health and Safety training. If you are interested in being part of this dynamic group of young leaders, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

## Youth Services move front and Centre

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is in the midst of relocating to Robert Street Bentleigh, 50 metres from the Centre Road shops, right behind the newly refurbished library. This is a fantastic location that will ensure Youth Services is right in the heart of Glen Eira and easily accessible to young people, families and the greater community.

This new, permanent location will house all Youth Services information, support and referral services, as well as its highly successful programs, including the Youth Consultative Group (YCG) and the *Plugged-in* music program.

Youth Services remains committed to delivering relevant, contemporary services to young people and their families.

For further information, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

**Please note:** As of the end of July, Youth Services has a new number: 9524 3676.

## Glen Eira's Youth Leadership Team

In light of the recent changes to the Youth Consultative Group (YCG), Glen Eira City Council Youth Services has developed an exciting new initiative — the Youth Leadership Team.

This opportunity for graduated YCG members will have the opportunity to assist Youth Services in filling the gap between the end of 2010 YCG (June 2010) and the start of the new program (January 2011). The team, who have already gained leadership and event management skills through their work on the YCG, will assist youth workers in organising and running *Battle of the Bands 2010*.

**Diary note:** *Battle of the Bands 2010* will be held on Friday 10 December at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh. Watch this space for further information.

## Grants available for young achievers

Are you aged 10 to 25? Do you excel in creative or performing arts, leadership, sport, or education?

If you are a young achiever in one of these three fields, you could be eligible for a grant through Glen Eira City Council's *Foundation for Youth Excellence Program*.

The *Program* recognises the achievements of young people in the community on a state, national and international level. Grants are awarded to help develop the skills and talents of Glen Eira's young people.

For further information and an application form, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.

## 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.

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# Australian children's author visits Town Hall

Glen Eira primary school students attended a presentation by one of Australia's most popular children's author Jackie French at the Town Hall last month.

More than 400 children from grade three to grade six were captivated during the hour long session.

Jackie's writing career spans 17 years. She has written more than 130 books, including *Diary of a Wombat* (2003), *Pete the Sheep* (2005) and *The Shaggy Gully Times* (2007). Jackie's latest book, *Oracle* has just been released.

Although best known for her children's books, Jackie has also produced 20 books on gardening and organic and herbal household methods.



**Jackie French speaking with Glen Eira primary school students.**

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

# Need more time? Library policy update

In response to feedback from library members and to better reflect community interests, Glen Eira City Council has agreed to amend its renewal of library materials policy.

The changes are:

- library items may now be renewed up to three days after the due date; and
- the renewal period for books has been extended to three weeks.

If library items are returned more than three days after the due date, overdue charges will apply from the due date.

To ensure equity and access for all library members, library materials which are more than three days overdue may not be renewed and must be returned before any further borrowing. Use of PCs and the wireless network, borrowing and renewal of loans, placement of reservations, suggestions and interlibrary loan requests will also not be able to occur until overdue items are returned.

The full range of membership conditions is available at the libraries and on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

# No wires! WiFi at the libraries

Wireless internet (WiFi) access is now available at Glen Eira City Council library branches.

Bring your own laptop or wireless device to the library and use your library membership number and PIN to login for access. Conditions apply.

WiFi access is only available during library opening hours.

Council acknowledges the contribution of the Victorian Government towards funding this initiative.

# Saturday Shakers — sharing stories

**10 July, 2pm**

**Carnegie Library**

Jump on board the magic story carpet as our storyteller recounts a collection of enchanted tales full of fun and fantasy for all the family. The stories will fly you across the globe to far away lands where magic and adventure await.

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

# Reader's Reward closes this month

Remember to bring your completed *Access all Areas Reader's Reward* card into the library for your chance to win a TomTom GPS and a bundle of travel books. Entries close 30 July.

# Bentleigh Library reopening

Photos: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Michelle of McKinnon.**



**Lauren, Chloe, Emily and Sophie enjoy the outdoor entertainment.**



**More than 1,700 people attended the reopening.**



**Children enjoy StoryTime in the new children's area.**



# Sports club breakfast

Glen Eira City Council Recreation Services recently held its annual sports club breakfast.

More than 80 Glen Eira sporting club representatives attended the event from a variety of sports, including lacrosse, football (soccer), Australian Rules football, cricket, baseball, softball, bowls, tennis and athletics.

The local dog training club also attended.

The sports club breakfast recognises the value of sporting clubs in the Glen Eira community.

More than 15,000 people are involved in sport in Glen Eira, making residents very passionate about their sport.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang officially opened the breakfast and thanked clubs for attending in such big numbers.

"The large attendance shows the commitment and dedication sporting club leaders have to sport in our community," Cr Tang said.

Guest speakers at the breakfast were Charlie McShane from Sport and Recreation Victoria and Australian swimming legend and former Olympic champion Nicole Livingstone.

Mr McShane spoke about the *Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport*, which outlines behaviours that are expected to be followed by every person involved in community sport.

The Code also identifies non-tolerated behaviours and outlines that every person in Victoria has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive.

The importance of local sports clubs was addressed by Ms Livingstone. She also discussed her swimming achievements and informed club members that her success started at the local club level.



**Nicole Livingstone.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**Tony Doran and Chris Winter from Glenhuntly Athletics and Lyn Macdonald from Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club.**

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**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and John Boorn from The Elsternwick Club.**

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**Charlie McShane from Sport and Recreation Victoria.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



**The breakfast recognises the value of sporting clubs in the local community.** Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

## Did you know?

Glen Eira City Council often gets calls from enthusiastic joggers and walkers regarding the distance around some of our most popular parks. The walking track around Caulfield Park is 2,182 metres, Duncan Mackinnon Reserve track is 1,200 metres and the Centenary Park track is 687 metre. Remember that just 30 minutes a day is enough exercise to significantly reduce the risk of heart disease, so get those walking shoes on.



# Do you have World Cup fever?

If you are falling asleep during the day, have bloodshot eyes, a sore throat and a refusal to take off your Aussie scarf, then you have the symptoms of *World Cup fever*.

The *World Cup* is the largest sporting event in the world and dates back to 1930 when Uruguay won the first trophy. South Africa 2010 sees 32 teams from more than 100 countries play off to decide the winner.

More than one billion people are expected to watch the final on Sunday 11 July.

The Australian Socceroos qualified for the World Cup and play Germany, Serbia and Ghana in the

first stage, with the two best teams going into the knockout phase of the tournament.

So now you're hooked on soccer, what can you do?

For all those budding Kewell's, Cahills' and Gills' you can get involved through your local soccer club. Glen Eira clubs offer junior, senior, girls and boys teams at a level that can suit any skill. Remember, the Socceroos all started playing at their local clubs.

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

## Elster Creek Trail

The Elster Creek Trail, which links Thomas Street in Brighton to Allnutt Park in Bentleigh, has undergone an extensive upgrade.

The previous asphalt pathway was narrow in sections and also had cracks caused by tree roots. It didn't meet current standards and generated congestion on the trail — causing risk management issues.

Construction of the new shared concrete pathway is now complete and meets Bicycle Victoria guidelines. It will also accommodate current and predicted future pathway use.

This project has not only provided a safe off-road route for community members, but has made cycling and walking in Glen Eira a lot safer.

This project is supported by \$140,000 in funding through the Federal Government's *Jobs Fund Projects*.

## Inclusive sport and recreation in Glen Eira

Sport provides many benefits other than physical fitness, including social opportunities and being part of an inclusive community.

During May and June, sports clubs and associations across the City of Glen Eira were busy hosting a range of inclusive sporting opportunities.

For the first time, the Southern Indoor Bowling Club hosted a lawn bowls development squad for people with disabilities. Attendees had the opportunity to increase their skills and knowledge of lawn bowls.

Following the success of the first session, the squad will recommence training in September to prepare for the 2010–11 season.

The McKinnon Basketball Association conducts the *McKinnon Super Star Cougars Program* at McKinnon Secondary College. The *Program* is held on Saturday mornings and is bouncing along nicely.

The Ormond Junior Football Club commenced their fourth season of the *Fair go Footy Program*, which gives



**Ruth, Angus, Hayley, Matt, Katherine, Margaret, Jim, Trevor and Muriel at the Southern Indoor Bowls Centre.** Photo: Access Unlimited.

children aged seven to 13 with a disability, the opportunity to participate in the AFL *AusKick* program.

For lovers of the round ball, the Glen Eira Junior Soccer club supports opportunities for people to play wheelchair or mainstream soccer, while Kings Park Tennis Club conducts inclusive tennis sessions every Wednesday from 5.30pm–6.30pm.

This is just a small selection of the types of programs sports clubs are hosting and proves that there are no barriers to participation — the focus is on ability, not disability.

For further information on how *Access Unlimited* can help deliver inclusive sport and recreation opportunities for your club, contact 8290 1185 or visit [www.stonnington.voc.gov.au/accessunlimited](http://www.stonnington.voc.gov.au/accessunlimited)

## Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

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

Each year in Australia, around 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 training course required by Children's Services Regulations 2009 for early years professionals.

Presenter: Emergcare

Thursday 22 July

7.30pm–9.30pm  
(7.15pm registration)

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

Cost: \$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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or 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.

**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.



**Saturday 10 July**  
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside  
Community Health Centre  
Gardeners Road  
Bentleigh

**Wednesday 4 August**  
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre  
7 Shepparton Avenue  
Carnegie

**Saturday 11 September**  
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside  
Community Health Centre  
Gardeners Road  
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# My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2010

## Reading circle

New to the Festival in 2010 is the *Reading circle*. Hosted by author Rosalie Ham, the sessions are free and provide a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss great literature with fellow book worms.

## Thursday 29 July

*Otherland: A journey with my daughter* by Maria Tumarkin

## Thursday 19 August

*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Both sessions will be held in Glen Eira City Council's Gallery from 6pm–8pm. There are limited places and bookings are required.

## Youth author talks

Come along and listen to Australian writing icon Morris Gleitzman as he chats about his life as a writer or enter the technological age of blogging with Andrew McDonald. Our new author talks are for young people and the young at heart.

## Saturday 31 July

Andrew McDonald

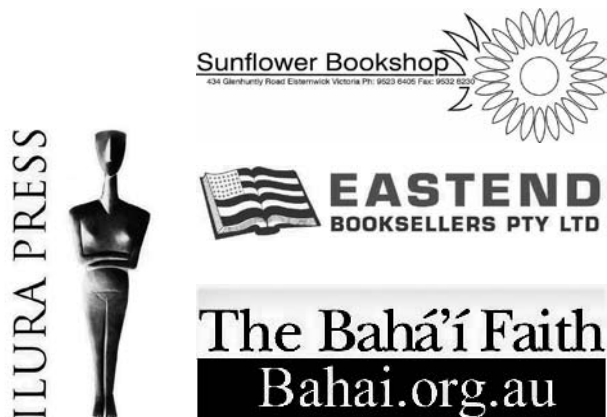
## Saturday 14 August

Morris Gleitzman

Both sessions will be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall Theatre from 10am–11am. Bookings are required.

Further information can be found online at [www.gleneira.viv.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.viv.gov.au). Bookings can be made online or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

The *My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2010* is presented by Glen Eira City Council and proudly sponsored by The Baha'i Community of Glen Eira, Sunflower Bookshop, Eastend Booksellers, Ilura Press and Hardie Grant Egmont.



## Winter Music Series

Glen Eira City Council's *Winter Music Series* is warming up and you still have an opportunity to purchase tickets for the following performances. Book now to avoid disappointment.

## Paul Capsis

Sunday 4 July

## Vince Jones

Sunday 11 July

## Alan Kogosowski and Jolanta Mielczarek

Sunday 25 July

Performances will be held in the Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$21 or \$19 for concession card holders or at the door for \$24 or \$21 concession.

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# Exhibitions

Glen Eira City Council 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.

## Vision

Until 5pm Sunday 4 July

The *Vision* exhibition depicts cityscapes, utopian hybrid landscapes and architectural spaces of the 21st century. Major contemporary artists Jon Cattapan, Stephen Haley, Greer Honeywill, Valerie Sparks, Simon Terrill, Darren Wardle and Kit Wise are included in the exhibition.

## Lee Skubiszewski

*Landscapes of South Eastern Australia*

Opens 6pm Wednesday 7 July and continues until 5pm Sunday 18 July

Lee Skubiszewski's solo exhibition features a new series of stylised and distinctive landscape paintings that focus on Lake Mungo, Wilsons Promontory and Waratah Bay. Included in the exhibition are a small number of silk screen editions that explore the patterns of land forms at Lake Mungo. The works reflect the artist's deep connection

with the beauty and spirituality of this natural environment.

*Landscapes of South Eastern Australia* will be officially opened by indigenous actor and director Wayne Blair on Wednesday 7 July at 6pm.



Lee Skubiszewski — *Regrowth Wilsons Promontory, 2010*, gouache on paper, 70 x 55cm.

## Cathyann Coady

*Icons: Beauty, wisdom and the feminine*

Open 6pm Thursday 8 July and continues until 5pm Sunday 18 July

Cathyann Coady's first solo exhibition includes a series of dynamic paintings depicting icons such as Marilyn Monroe sourced from popular cultural mythology. Her intriguing images of female protagonists investigate notions of glamour, beauty and the feminine, Hollywood and the gradual disintegration of 'the great American dream.' As stated by the artist, her paintings are an "observation of a generation hungry for premature retrospection."

*Icons: Beauty, wisdom and the feminine* will be officially opened by Jeff Makin on Thursday 8 July at 6pm.

## A Private View: Art collecting in the City of Glen Eira

Opens 6pm Wednesday 21 July and continues until 5pm 1 August

This exhibition will showcase the diversity of art collecting in the City of Glen Eira through a fascinating selection of modern, contemporary Australian and indigenous art. Curated by Diane Soumilas, paintings, sculpture, drawings, photography and bark paintings by leading Australian and indigenous artists will be on display. *A Private View* will acknowledge the important role played by local collectors in supporting the arts and provide members of the community with a rare opportunity to view artworks that give so much pleasure to their owners.

*A Private View: Art collecting in the City of Glen Eira* will be officially opened on Wednesday 21 July at 6pm.