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GESAC on schedule and on budget

On-site at the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre.
 Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

The Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is progressing well, running within budget and on schedule to open in late 2011.

Since Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd commenced construction in November last year, 170 full-time jobs have been created — half on-site and half off-site in Tullamarine and Dandenong where pre-fabrication works are taking place.

It's expected dozens of permanent jobs will also be created once this first-class sports and recreation facility opens.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the total construction cost is \$41.2 million and, after allowing for Commonwealth and State grants, the construction cost to Glen Eira City Council would be \$27 million.

"Council has received \$10 million from the Commonwealth Government's stimulus package," Cr Tang said.

"The State Government has also committed \$4.5 million and already paid about \$2.8 million.

"This funding will go towards the aquatic component of the project and the construction of the indoor courts."

Cr Tang said once completed, the local community will get one of the best community facilities in Australia for around two-thirds of what it would normally have cost.

"GESAC has been designed to provide facilities for all segments of the community," Cr Tang said.

"Once completed, GESAC is expected to enjoy more than 600,000 visits per year with a 25 metre indoor pool, 50 metre outdoor pool, learn-to-swim pool, two water slides, a warm water program pool, three indoor courts, a large gym, a child minding centre and a café.

"New traffic lights will also be installed on East Boundary Road and parking for 260 cars will be provided."

Cr Tang said a number of water and energy saving features have also been incorporated into the design.

"To minimise GESACs environmental footprint, Council has included many features to conserve potable water and energy use," Cr Tang said.

"These include rainwater harvesting (300,000 litres of water storage); sun shades that move with the sun; and heat exchangers to capture excess heat from the gym and use it to heat the pool water."

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Coming soon: Residents' Handbook 2010

Have you ever wondered what you can recycle or how to make your household more sustainable?

Perhaps you would like to know where to have your child immunised, how to arrange care for an elderly or disabled relative, locate your nearest park or recreation area or find out where you can get training for your dog?

The *Residents' Handbook 2010* will help you do all that and more.

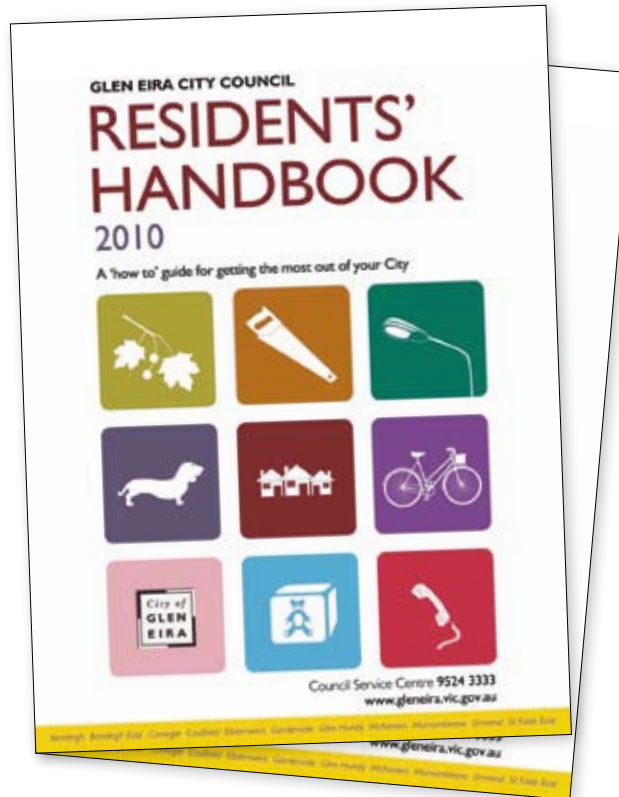
Our City has many excellent facilities and services — many of them paid for from our rates — and we should all be able to make the most of them.

The *Handbook* will be delivered to all Glen Eira households in August and has been developed as a 'how to' guide that gives information on getting the most out of your City.

Be sure to keep it somewhere accessible, such as near the phone, so it can be easily referred to.

The *Handbook* also contains a full list of community resource listings, Councillor contact details and emergency numbers.

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



Mayor's column



In May, Council's *Volunteer Recognition Ceremony* recognised the invaluable contribution volunteers make to our community. This month offers further opportunities to recognise those making a difference.

Nominations for Council's *Student Achievement Awards* are now open.

The *Award* was developed to recognise and encourage outstanding achievement by Glen Eira secondary school students.

Principals are invited to select students who had demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership skills and/or role model behaviour for other students and the community.

Nominations close 13 August and I will be presenting the *Awards* to students during September and October.

Nominations are also open for the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year Awards*. Having met so many active and dedicated individuals and groups in the community, I encourage residents to consider nominating somebody whom they know is making a difference.

Further information can be found on page three.

Council will also pay tribute to the 2010 Australian Honours recipients on 12 August.

In conjunction with the Cities of Kingston and Bayside, we will host the South Central Suburban Regional Group Order of Australia Association recognition function for the first time.

This is the third year this function has been held to recognise the achievements and outstanding contributions made by many members of the community.

Finally, as winter winds down, Council's Arts and Culture program heats up during August with the *My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2010* and the final three concerts in the *Winter Music Series*. To take part in any of the great events, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (September) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 4 August for delivery 30 August–3 September.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the October edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 1 September for delivery 27 September–1 October.

For advertising and *Community Diary* enquiries, contact 9524 3333.

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*, PO Box 42 Caulfield South Victoria 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Who makes you proud?

Nominations for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year Awards* open on Monday 2 August.

The *Awards* recognise the contributions of outstanding Glen Eira residents and community groups who, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

Nominees for *Citizen of the Year* and *Young Citizen of the Year* must be residents of Glen Eira.

To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year Award*, nominees must be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2010.

To be considered, community groups must be not-for-profit community based groups which consist of four or more members and operate within the municipality.

Nominations close on Friday 17 September at 5pm.

Awards will be presented at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2011.



2010 winners: Lydia Minty from Community Information Glen Eira (Community Group of the Year), Jack Barnes (Citizen of the Year) Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Marika McKinlay (Young Citizen of the Year).

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four libraries, Community Information

Glen Eira and Council's website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

Results of Community Satisfaction Survey 2010

Results of the *Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey 2010* have been released

The annual *Survey* provides a valuable overview of how the Victorian local Government is performing according to the community.

The *Survey* for the City of Glen Eira was undertaken in February by independent market research consultancy, Wallis Consulting Group. A representative sample of residents were contacted by the consultancy and asked a set of questions.

The good news

Against every indicator, Glen Eira was rated similar to, or better than, our group of 15 councils.

Glen Eira's highest overall score was for *interaction and responsiveness in dealing with the public*, with an approval rate of 90 per cent (including 40 per cent excellent). This was the highest rating achieved within the group of 15 councils.

Overall approval of Council's performance was 89 per cent (up from 85 per cent last year), while 21 per cent thought performance had improved versus five per cent who thought it had deteriorated.

Satisfaction was also particularly high for:

- advocacy — 86 per cent (up from 75 per cent);
- community engagement — 78 per cent (up from 65 per cent); and
- town planning — 73 per cent (up from 60 per cent).

Room for improvement

The area where improvement is desired most is footpaths. Results suggest footpaths are an area for improvement for most inner city councils.

This may reflect the older age of the footpaths and more intensive use of inner city streets tending to result in more damage.

Council will consider further how to improve performance in this area.

The second priority area is community engagement. Experience suggests that residents' priority is being engaged on specific proposals that may affect them.

Council has undertaken a number of initiatives to try to improve this area, including:

- e-newsletters where residents can register to receive emails about consultations;
- advertising town planning applications to wider numbers of surrounding properties;
- publishing the *Residents' Handbook* to inform residents of information and opportunities; and
- utilising a variety of means for engagement methods.

A copy of the *Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey 2010* can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Satisfaction with community engagement increased this year.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Grade separation of road and rail

On 12 July, Council held a forum in Carnegie on grade separation to reduce congestion on roads and railways. The forum was addressed by the Department of Transport and Council's traffic engineers.

High density

Council urged the State Department of Planning to consult the community on proposals for high density accommodation at the Caulfield Campus of Monash University. The Department replied that tight funding timeframes required expedited assessment with minimal consultation on those proposals, but there would be broader consultation concerning other proposed buildings on the Campus.

Public open space

Council lobbied State authorities for the former Glen Huntly Reservoir to be prioritised for public open space, rather than the preservation of the concrete structure.

Engaging our community

Town planning

During July, Council listened to residents' views in more than 40 planning applications. At the 29 June Council Meeting, Council considered two, four storey applications in Murrumbeena and in both cases resolved to scale them back to three storeys (2-4 William Street and 111-113 Poath Road).

Emissions

Council is calling on residents to join the campaign to encourage the Victorian and Federal Governments to help pay for more energy-efficient street lights to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions. The online petition is open until 31 August. Visit www.greenlightourstreets.org.au

Bike Strategy

Council is assessing responses to its draft *Bicycle Strategy*, including an action plan to deliver a safe and extensive bicycle network in Glen Eira.

Reminder: Street lighting petition closes 31 August

Glen Eira City Council is calling on residents who are not already participating in the *Give Our Street the Green Light* campaign to sign the online petition by Tuesday 31 August.

The online petition can be found at www.greenlightourstreets.org.au

As part of the campaign, Council has joined forces with more than 50 councils to lobby the Victorian and Federal Governments for assistance with the high up-front costs of switching to energy-efficient street lights.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said there are lots of ways residents can support the campaign.

"Residents can join the Facebook group *Give Our Streets the Green Light* or Twitter @GOSTGL," Cr Tang said.

"There are also letters, posters and postcards which can be downloaded from www.greenlightourstreets.org.au and distributed at work, school or your next community or social event."

Cr Tang said by supporting the campaign and signing the online petition, residents will be telling their local MP that they care about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and want to give their street the green light.

"Efficient street lighting using the new fluorescent lights not only provides better quality lighting, they also use nearly 70 per cent less energy than the current lights," Cr Tang said.

"This could save thousands of tonnes of greenhouse gas emission per year across Glen Eira."



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.
Photo: Dion Montassi.

Don't get caught without a building permit



Photo: Sally Brown.

Harsher penalties will now apply for building works which are carried out without a building permit or in contravention of a permit.

Under recent changes to the *Building Act 1993 (Building Amendment Act 2010)*, penalties have increased from 100 to 500 penalty units in the case of a natural person and from 500 to 2,500 penalty units in the case of a Body Corporate. The penalty unit is currently \$119.45.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said the increases reflect the importance of obtaining a building permit and the

need to adhering to the approved construction details.

"Council is often called on-site and find that the works have a building permit, however, it looks nothing like the approved plans," Mr Bordignon said.

If you are thinking of building or renovating, contact Council's Building Services Unit to determine if a building permit is required.

For further information, visit the Building Commission's website: www.buildingcommission.com.au

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Family Day Care scheme achieves high quality accreditation



Council is currently seeking applicants for Family Day Care careproviders.
Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Glen Eira City Council's Family Day Care scheme has been accredited for a further two and half years by the National Childcare Accreditation Council.

The Scheme received a high quality rating for quality assurance and

achieved outstanding results in all six key areas.

Council's Family Day Care co-ordination unit would like to congratulate all careproviders for their continued dedication to providing a high quality service to the community of Glen Eira.

Family Day Care offers the Glen Eira community a quality childcare service in the home of registered careproviders, for children from birth to 12 years.

Council currently has 36 registered Family Day Care careproviders from across the municipality, but more are needed.

If you would like to become part of this successful team, Council is currently seeking applicants for careproviders.

Experience working with children and a Certificate III in Children's Services or willingness to study is desirable.

Careproviders involved in the Family Day Care scheme undergo an application process that includes orientation and each careprovider undertakes a police record check, a Working with Children Check, a home safety check and a medical assessment.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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.



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Support service for new mothers

Glen Eira City Council has introduced a new support service for breastfeeding mothers.

The Glen Eira Breastfeeding Support Service operates on Wednesdays and was developed in response to a growing need for additional support caused by shorter hospital stays.

Lactation Consultant Alison Lloyd said the new service aimed to provide assistance and information to enhance a mother's ability to successfully breastfeed.

"I visit mothers and babies in their own home, offering support and advice on breastfeeding issues," Ms Lloyd said.

"If needed, I can also consult over the phone."

Ms Lloyd said the service had only been operating since March, but is already a huge success.

"I've received a lot of positive feedback from mothers," Ms Lloyd said.

Referrals to the service are made through Council's maternal and child health nurses.

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

Council supports breastfeeding

Council supports and encourages breastfeeding to optimise health outcomes for families in accordance



Council has introduced a new support service for breastfeeding mothers.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

with the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations.

Council initiatives to support breastfeeding include:

- partnerships with neighbouring councils and Sandringham Hospital to produce a DVD promoting breastfeeding to families attending antenatal classes;
- the promotion of maternal and child health as drop in centres for breastfeeding;
- a private breastfeeding parenting room at Carnegie Library and Community Centre;
- partnerships with the Australian Breastfeeding Association for support groups at Glen Huntly and Bentleigh maternal and child health centres; and
- professional development for Council's maternal and child health nurses to meet the Baby Friendly Health Initiative — hospital breastfeeding policy.

Seniors Festival celebrations will inspire

The *Victorian Seniors Festival 2010* promises to once again inspire residents with music, dance, fitness and culture.

The *Festival*, which is held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Sunday 3 October to Sunday 17 October with the theme: *Be Inspired*.

A highlight of the *Festival* will be a free concert. To be held on Friday 8 October, *Showtime* will feature wonderful music from our talented performers.

Glen Eira City Council will also host a free informative seminar on Friday 15 October.

Other Council and community events to be held during the *Festival* include walks, luncheons, concerts and open days.

Further information will be available in the September edition of *Glen Eira News*.

To register interest in receiving a copy of the *Festival* program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Council Budget adopted

Glen Eira City Council's *2010-11 Annual Budget* was adopted at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 29 June.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the *2010-11 Budget* focuses on renewing and upgrading the City's existing facilities, making Glen Eira an even better place to live.

"Much of our infrastructure and many of our community facilities need considerable investment to make them last their full lifecycle and for the community to get the best use out of them," Cr Tang said.

"Fixing them earlier is more economic than having them fail and having to be replaced."

Council has allocated a record \$46.87 million for capital works projects this financial year, covering all aspects of community life, including recreation, shopping centres, roads, drains, footpaths and the care of children, youth and people with disabilities.

This includes funding of:

- \$22.7 million for the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (much of it from Commonwealth and State grants);

- \$8.9 million for the renewal and upgrade of Council's infrastructure assets; and
- \$750,000 for the Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion upgrade.

The capital works program also includes rolling annual programs for:

- environmental initiatives — \$2.36 million;
- building works — \$2.2 million;
- parks and recreational facilities — \$2.83 million; and
- traffic management — \$737,000.

The *2010-11 Budget* also details plans for an e-waste collection service, which was proposed by Council's Environment Advisory Committee and accepted by Council.

As part of the service, residents will be able to dispose of electronic waste, including computer screens, keyboards and old televisions.

Further information about Council's *2010-11 Annual Budget* can be found on page eight and nine of this edition of *Glen Eira News* or downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council would like to thank all residents who contributed to the budget process during public meetings.

All submissions and comments were considered when deciding the final budget.



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Community Information Glen Eira Inc Annual General Meeting

Community Information Glen Eira Inc will hold its 40th Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26 August.

Commencing at 12.30pm with a light lunch, the meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang will address the meeting.

If you would like to attend, contact 9571 7644 by Thursday 19 August.

Food Safety Program part of Year 12 curriculum

Glen Eira City Council's *Five-Star Food Safety Program* has been featured in the *Achieving Health and Human Development* textbook for Victorian Year 12 students.

The *Program* is featured as the case study for local government municipal public health programs.

Students are asked to explain how the program would improve health for residents, who would be the target group for the program, why the program would be effective and what else could be done to improve food safety and nutrition.

Upon completion of the course, students are assessed on their ability to discuss and analyse leading approaches to health and health promotion, and describe the different roles of government and non-government organisations in promoting health.

The textbook will be used over the next three years by all Victorian Year 12 students who choose to study Health and Human Development.

Developed in 1996, the *Five-Star Food Safety Program* is the first food safety incentive scheme developed by local government in Victoria.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the *Program* continues to be recognised by local government as the benchmark program for administration of the Victorian *Food Act 1984*.

"Council is regularly visited by local and interstate local government authorities wanting to know more about how to implement the *Program*," Mr Saunders said.

"Officers are also regularly contacted via the internet from public health professionals working overseas wanting to know more."

Mr Saunders said the *Program* was an integral part of how Council promotes and enforces food safety throughout Glen Eira.

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

"This allows Council to reward local food businesses that prepare safe food and apply sanctions to poor performing premises."

Swimming pool safety: Don't let your guard down this winter

Glen Eira City Council reminds residents not to let their guard down when it comes to swimming pool safety.

Whether it is in the heat of summer or the cooler temperatures of winter, pools and spas can pose a great danger to children.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said residents need to understand the potential risks around pools and spas at all times of the year and ensure that appropriate safety barriers, which comply with Australian Standards, are in place to prevent drowning or near drowning incidents.

"Maintenance of the pool or spa safety barriers is important and should not be overlooked," Mr Bordignon said.

Statistical evidence shows that the most common cause of death for children less than five years of age is drowning.

With only a few months left until summer, now is the time to make sure your swimming pool and surrounding areas are compliant and safe.

You must ensure that:

- Correct safety measures, which comply with Australian Standards, are fitted to pool fences, gates, doors and windows such as self-closers, latches, fly screens, catches and bolts. These should be maintained regularly.

- Tree branches, pot plants or other items that could be used to climb safety barriers to gain access to the pool/spa area are removed. Chairs, boxes, pool pumps, dog kennels, children's play equipment or other items should also be removed.
- Neighbouring properties offer no access points to the pool/spa area.

- Fences (especially timber paling fences) are still in good repair.
- All safety barriers, such as gates and doors, are not left or propped open.
- An adult is supervising children at all times. If the supervising adult leaves the pool/spa area, all children should leave with the adult.

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



Council Building Inspector Paul Powell makes sure pool fencing complies with safety regulations. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

St Kilda East traffic signals nearing completion



Work is almost complete on a significant road safety improvement at the intersection of Inkerman Road and Alexandra Street in St Kilda East.

The intersection has been identified in Glen Eira City Council's *Road Safety Strategy* as a high priority for treatment.

Intersection traffic signals will be installed to treat this existing accident blackspot, funded by the Federal Government and supported by Glen Eira and Port Phillip City councils.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said the traffic signals would be programmed to discourage through-traffic along Alexandra Street.

"Installation of traffic signals will not only improve safety for vehicles and cyclists, but they will significantly improve pedestrian access and safety across Inkerman Road," Mr Russo said.

The signals are expected to be switched on by the end of August 2010.

Intersection of Inkerman Road and Alexandra Street, St Kilda East.

Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.

News in brief

Community open space at Caulfield Racecourse

The Melbourne Racing Club will hold a community consultation evening about the upgrade of the centre of Caulfield Racecourse on Thursday 5 August from 6.30pm–7.30pm at Caulfield Tabaret (Elms Room), Station Street, Caulfield.

Opening of community bank

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang joined local residents and shareholders in celebrating the opening of the Ormond-McKinnon Community Bank® Branch.

In a first for the community, locals rallied together to raise more than \$800,000 to secure the return of traditional banking services for the Ormond and McKinnon area.

The branch was officially opened in June by Cr Tang, Community Bank® Chairman Richard Simon

and Bendigo Bank's Chief Manager Customer and Community Russell Jenkins.

The Ormond-McKinnon Community Bank® branch is the 259th community bank branch of the Bendigo Bank to open in Australia.

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.

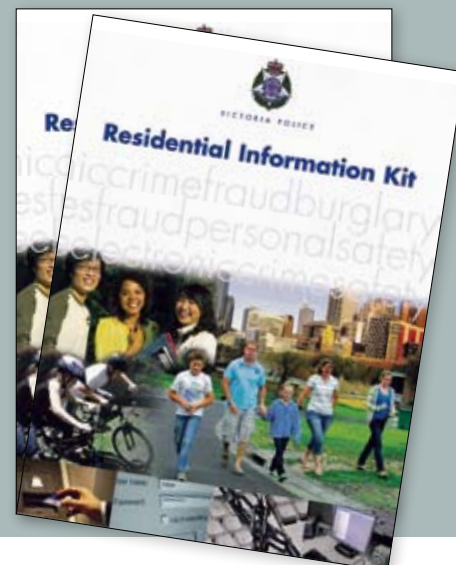
The Kit contains information about:

- 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 and letterbox, front door and telephone stickers.

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



out and about



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre site inspection: Cr Jim Magee, Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Michael Lipshutz. Photo: GECC Capital Works Unit.



Opening of the Ormond-McKinnon Community Bank® Branch: Bendigo Bank's Chief Manager Customer and Community Russell Jenkins, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Community Bank® Chairman Richard Simon. Photo: Leo Dalton.



Commencement of bin downsizing program: Cr Oscar Lobo, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang and Cr Neil Pilling. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Capital investment – what’s happening in the City

Parks and recreational facilities

For the 2010–11 year, \$2.597 million will be spent on open space projects, including:

- establishment of a dog park — \$300,000;
- installation of drip irrigation systems — \$295,000;
- pool maintenance at Carnegie Swim Centre — \$250,000;
- park pathway lighting program — \$195,000;
- sportsgrounds lighting program — \$150,000;
- playground equipment (minor) — \$120,000;
- landscape improvements — \$120,000;
- plinth curbing at various locations across the City — \$108,000;
- walking trails, including Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East (stage two) and Moorleigh Community Village Reserve, Bentleigh East (stage two) — \$95,000;
- park furniture and infrastructure — \$165,000; and
- public toilets, including a new facility at Lord Reserve, Carnegie — \$145,000.



\$195,000 will be spent on the park pathway lighting program. Photo: Andrew Barden.

Environment

For the 2010–11 year, \$2.36 million will be spent on environmental projects, including:

- planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds — \$1.3 million;
- implementation of Council’s new bin downsizing program — \$840,000;
- sustainability measures, including implementing water and energy conservation measures — \$30,000;
- sustainable transport measures, including bicycle lanes — \$80,000; and
- bicycle strategy implementation — \$100,000.



\$840,000 will be spent on the new bin downsizing program. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Buildings

For the 2010–11 year, \$26.07 million will be spent on building projects, including:

- construction of the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre — \$22.7 million;
- upgrading Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion, Murrumbeena — \$750,000;
- maternal and child health and kindergarten refurbishments — \$600,000;
- landscaping program — \$285,000;
- bathroom refurbishments — \$250,000;
- improving Town Hall amenities — \$210,000;
- design program for various Council buildings — \$155,000;
- security enhancements at Council-owned buildings — \$155,000;
- replacement of airconditioning system at the Adult Day Activities Social Support facility — \$150,000;
- minor structural renewals including removal of materials at Council-owned buildings — \$150,000;
- floor covering replacement program — \$120,000;
- upgrading the outdoor play area at Caulfield and Carnegie children’s centres — \$135,000;
- all-weather canopy at the Adult Day Activities Social Support facility — \$100,000; and
- replacing the ceiling at Elsternwick Library — \$100,000.



\$100,000 will be spent on replacing the ceiling at Elsternwick Library. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Roads

For the 2010–11 year, \$8.99 million will be spent on road projects, including:

- local roads reconstruction — \$4.2 million;
- footpath replacement — \$1.7 million;
- local roads resurfacing — \$600,000;
- car park renewal, including Princes Park, Caulfield South (Beech Street) — \$811,000;
- Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) renewal program — \$325,000;
- intersection safety — \$427,000;
- traffic signal renewal program — \$300,000;
- right-of-way renewal program — \$240,000;
- residential safety, including the installation of speed humps — \$111,000;
- pedestrian safety, including raised pedestrian refuge for pedestrian access and safety; and relocation of existing zebra crossing with flashing lights closer to Derby Road, Caulfield East, plus additional safety treatments — \$109,000; and
- shopping centre safety — \$50,000.

Funding has also been allocated for the City’s drains (\$3 million), shopping centre upgrades (\$765,000) and library books and materials (\$709,000).



\$427,000 will be spent on intersection safety. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

2010–11 Budget — at a glance

Rates and charges

Rates and charges revenue will be increased as follows:

- 6.5 per cent increase for rate income as per the *Strategic Resource Plan*;
- 120 litre bin decrease to \$120 (\$138.40 in 2009–10) to encourage bin downsizing; and
- 240 litre bin increase to \$260 (\$151.20 in 2009–10).

Actual rates for an individual property depend on the value of that property. Please note that all properties in the City are being revalued as at 1 January 2010.

This revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property.

Rates are redistributed according to the shifts in property values that occur in different parts of the municipality and across different property types

Council pension rebate

To assist eligible pensioners, Council introduced the pensioner rebate in 2001. In 2010–11, this rebate is \$270.

What you pay

Average rates, plus the waste and recycling charge, will be \$1,211 per property in 2010–11. This is equivalent to \$23 per week. For every \$100 of rates revenue received, Council delivers the following services:

- \$28 on capital works;
- \$15 on parks and recreation services;
- \$14 on infrastructure maintenance;
- \$12 on waste and recycling;
- \$8 on services for the aged;
- \$6 on family and children services; and
- \$17 for all other services and government charges.

How we compare

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira’s cost of day-to-day services is 18 per cent lower;
- Glen Eira’s average rates and charges are estimated to be 13 per cent below the average; and
- Glen Eira has the largest capital expenditure program per assessment.

Ratepayers dollars at work



Rates are a necessary part of community life. Revenue raised goes towards providing vital services and maintaining facilities for day-to-day living in Glen Eira.

From every \$100 raised through rates, Glen Eira City Council delivers, or pays for, the following services:

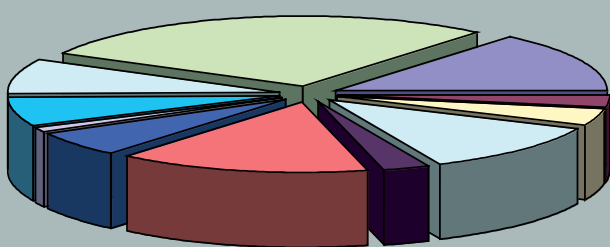
- capital works program;
- parks and recreation;
- footpaths, roads, drains and building maintenance;
- recycling and waste;
- family and children's services;
- libraries;
- town planning;
- fire brigade levy;
- community safety (street lighting, school crossings, traffic engineering, environmental health, building control and local laws);
- cultural services; and
- services to the aged.

On average, each household will pay \$1,211 in 2010–11 for rates and waste management services — the equivalent of just \$23 per week.

That's about the same as the average home phone bill or tax on the average week's petrol.

Photos: Bernie Bickerton, David Grant — John Brown Photography Services, Sharon Walker — On Location Photography, Council's Capital Works Unit and Council's Recreation Unit.

Services that Council delivers for every \$100 of rate revenue



\$2.90	Fire brigade levy
\$3.81	Community safety
\$11.81	Recycling and waste
\$2.78	Town planning
\$14.83	Parks and recreation
\$5.83	Libraries
\$1.24	Cultural services
\$6.49	Family and children's services
\$8.16	Services to the aged
\$28.34	Capital works program
\$13.81	Footpaths, roads, drains and building maintenance

Please note: Figures include internal revenue and expense allocations and are calculated net of direct income items such as grants and fees and charges (excluding waste management).

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 encourages recreational angling in both salt and fresh water competitions and friendly social activities. The 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.

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 carpark. Everyone is welcome. No charge.
Contact: 9557 9567.

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

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.

The Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm at the YWCA Hall, 178 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. Enjoy displays, flowers, vegetables and garden speakers. Visitors and new members welcome.
Contact Beryl: 9570 7045.

The Glen Eira Probus Club (combined) meets on the fourth Friday of each month from 10am at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Visitors and new members welcome.
Contact: 9583 4822.

Bentleigh Mens Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10.30am at the Bentleigh RSL Club, Centre Road, Bentleigh. Visitors and new members welcome.
Contact: 9579 5506.

Glen Eira Italian Senior Citizens Club meets Wednesdays 12pm–4.30pm and Fridays 6.30pm–10.30pm at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond.
Contact Giovanni: 9557 8486.

English Conversation meets Fridays from 6.30pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. *English Conversation* is an informal program that helps recent arrivals to Australia with the English language and understanding of local customs. All participants and helpers are welcome. No special qualifications are required.
Contact Peter: 9572 1876.

EVENTS

Songs of Hope and Glory will be held on 12 August from 7.15pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Presented by Monash University School of Music classical voice students and hosted by Caulfield RSL, cost is \$25. All proceeds go to Calvary Health Care Bethlehem.
Contact Caulfield RSL: 9528 3600.

Team of Pianists presents *Contrasts* on 15 August at 6.30pm at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Karen Heath (clarinet), Zoe Black (violin), Rohan Murray (piano) and Aviva Endean (guest clarinet) will perform. Cost is \$38 or \$20 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners.
Contact: 9527 2851.

Brighton Theatre Company presents *IRON* on 18 August from 7.30pm at Clock Theatre, Brighton Arts and Cultural Centre, Wilson Street, Brighton. Cost is \$25. This includes pre-show drinks, mid-show refreshments, post-show supper and a raffle. All proceeds go to Heartkids Australia.
Contact Beni: 9596 4815.

Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association is looking for new players and members. Come and try days will be held on 21 and 28 August at Bailey Reserve, Gardeners Road, (near Castlewood Street), Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9570 1412 or www.gleneira.softball.org.au

St Kilda Steiner Preschool presents *Winter Bazaar* on 28 August from 11am–3pm at St James Anglican Church Hall, 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East. Entry by gold coin donation.
Contact: 9527 5168.

Connections presents a *New Beginnings Group* on Tuesday afternoons until 7 September. The eight week group is for women who have experienced being put down or abused in relationships either as adults or children. Sessions are free and will be held from 1pm to 3pm at Connections Family Resource Centre, 274 High Street, Windsor. Free childcare available, but bookings essential.
Contact Robyn: 9521 5666.

17th Annual Blessing of Animals will be held on 3 October from 2pm at St James the Great Anglican Church, 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East.
Contact Lorraine: 0412 722 171 or l_hawkes@bigpond.net.au

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.

Moongala Women's Community House, 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh East, has computer classes for beginners and intermediate levels, English as a second language, playgroups (including post-natal depression support), children's speech therapy group sessions and movie and friendship groups.
Contact Julie or Jude: 9570 3468.

ENACT Performing Arts offers acting, singing and piano classes for all ages at St Catharine's Church Hall, 406 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South.
Contact: 0425 895 013 or www.enactperformingarts.com.au

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 2 August and Monday 6 September 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 3 August and Tuesday 14 September 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 10 August and Tuesday 1 September 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 21 August and Saturday 18 August 9am–11am

Wednesday 11 August, Thursday 26 August, Wednesday 15 September and Thursday 30 September 5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 16 August and Monday 20 September 9.30am–11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 25 August and Wednesday 29 September 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 18 August and Wednesday 22 September 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm



Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心工程按預算如期進行

Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心(GESAC)工程進展良好，未超預算，並將如期於2011年下半年啟用。

自從 Hansen Yuncken 股份有限公司去年11月開始施工以來，這項工程創造了170個全職工作機會 - 其中一半在工地現場，另一半在位於 Tullamarine 和丹迪農的預製工場。

這座一流的體育與休閒設施啟用後，預計還將創造幾十個永久工作職位。

Glen Eira 市長 Steven Tang 說，工程總造價為四千一百二十萬澳元，除去聯邦政府和州政府的撥款，市政府還需支付二千七百萬澳元。

Tang 市長說：“市政府獲得了一千萬澳元的聯邦政府經濟刺激政策經費。”

“州政府也答應出資四百五十萬澳元，並已支付了二百八十萬澳元。”

“這筆撥款將用於項目的水上運動部分以及室內球場的建造。”

Tang 市長說，中心建成後，本地社區將擁有澳洲的最佳社區設施之一，而且費用只是通常造價的三分之二。

Tang 市長還說：“Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心的設計理念是為社區中所有的人提供活動場所。”

“建成後，預計 Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心每年接待逾六十萬人次，中心內設一個長25米的室內游泳池、一個長50米的室外游泳池、一個初學者游泳池、兩個水滑梯、一個溫水鍛煉池、三個室內球場、一個大型健身房、一個托兒中心，以及一個咖啡館。”

Το Κέντρο Αθλημάτων και Κολύμβησης της Glen Eira (GESAC) είναι στην ώρα του και μέσα στον προϋπολογισμό

Το Κέντρο Αθλημάτων και Κολύμβησης στη Glen Eira (GESAC) προοδεύει καλά, και είναι μέσα στον προϋπολογισμό και προγραμματισμένο να ανοίξει στο τέλος του 2011.

Από όταν η Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd ξεκίνησε τη δόμηση τον Νοέμβριο πέρυσι, δημιουργήθηκαν 170 θέσεις εργασίας – μισές στην οικοδομή και μισές εκτός αυτής στο Tullamarine και στο Dandenong όπου γίνονται οι κατασκευές.

Επίσης αναμένεται να δημιουργηθούν δωδεκάδες θέσεις εργασίας όταν αυτή η πρώτη τάξης εγκατάσταση αθλημάτων και αναψυχής ανοίξει.

Ο Δήμαρχος της Glen Eira Στίβεν Τανγκ είπε ότι το συνολικό κόστος της οικοδομής είναι \$42.2 εκατομμύρια και αφού αφαιρέσουμε τις Κοινοπολιτειακές και Πολιτειακές χρηματοδοτήσεις το κόστος την το Δήμο της Glen Eira θα είναι \$27 εκατομμύρια.

«Ο Δήμος έχει λάβει \$10 εκατομμύρια από το πακέτο της τόνωσης (stimulus package) της Κοινοπολιτειακής Κυβέρνησης», είπε ο Δήμαρχος Τανγκ.

«Η Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση έχει επίσης δεσμεύσει \$4.5 εκατομμύρια και έχει ήδη πληρώσει \$2.8 εκατομμύρια.

«Αυτή η χρηματοδότηση θα πάει για το τμήμα του κολυμβητηρίου του έργου και την δόμηση των εσωτερικών γηπέδων.»

Ο Δήμαρχος Τανγκ είπε ότι όταν τελειώσει, η τοπική κοινωνία θα έχει μια από τις καλύτερες κοινοτικές εγκαταστάσεις στην Αυστραλία έναντι των δύο τρίτων του ότι θα κόστιζε κανονικά.

«Το «GESAC» έχει σχεδιαστεί για να παρέχει εγκαταστάσεις για όλα τα τμήματα της κοινότητας,» είπε ο Δήμαρχος Τανγκ.

«Όταν τελειώσει, το «GESAC» αναμένεται να έχει περισσότερες από 600.000 επισκέψεις το χρόνο με 25 μέτρων εσωτερικό κολυμβητήριο, 50 μέτρων εξωτερικό κολυμβητήριο, κολυμβητήριο για εκμάθηση, δυο σουλήθρες με νερό, πρόγραμμα κολυμβητηρίου με ζεστό νερό, τρία εσωτερικά γήπεδα, μεγάλο γυμναστήριο, κέντρο φροντίδας παιδιών και καφετέρια.»

Il GESAC al passo con la programmazione e il bilancio preventivo

Il Centro Sportivo e Acquatico di Glen Eira (GESAC) è in buon avanzamento lavori e procede al passo con il bilancio preventivo e con i tempi di completamento verso l'apertura al pubblico prevista per la fine del 2011.

Dalla prima messa in atto delle opere di costruzione da parte della Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd nel novembre dello scorso anno, sono stati creati ben 170 posti di lavoro a tempo pieno sia sui cantieri che al di fuori degli stessi presso Tullamarine e Dandenong dove sono in atto le operazioni di preparazione per le opere di costruzione.

Si prevede inoltre la creazione di decine di posti di lavoro permanente una volta completate e aperte al pubblico le relative strutture sportive e ricreative di prima classe.

Il sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Steven Tang, ha affermato che il costo globale delle opere di costruzione sarà di 41,2 milioni di dollari e che, al netto delle sovvenzioni statali e del Commonwealth, le opere di costruzione costeranno al Comune di Glen Eira 27 milioni di dollari.

“Al Comune sono stati assegnati 10 milioni di dollari tramite il pacchetto stimolo devoluto dal Governo del Commonwealth” ha aggiunto il Cons. Tang.

“Il Governo Statale si è anche impegnato a partecipare con una cifra pari a 4,5 milioni di dollari dei quali all'incirca 2,8 milioni di dollari sono già stati assegnati.

“Tale stanziamento sarà utilizzato per la componente acquatica del progetto e per la costruzione dei campi gioco al coperto.”

Il Cons. Tang ha dichiarato che, una volta completato il progetto, la comunità locale usufruirà di una delle migliori attrezzature comunitarie d'Australia con una spesa minore di circa due terzi rispetto al costo totale ipotizzato.

“Il GESAC è stato progettato allo scopo di fornire attrezzature adatte a tutti i vari livelli della comunità” ha aggiunto il Cons. Tang.

“Una volta completato, il GESAC ospiterà più di 600.000 visitatori all'anno grazie a strutture quali una piscina coperta da 25 metri, una piscina all'aperto da 50 metri, una piscina per lezioni di nuoto, due scivoli acquatici, una piscina riscaldata, tre campi sportivi al coperto, una grande palestra, un nido d'infanzia ed un bar.”

Строительство Центра водных видов спорта (GESAC) идет по графику и в пределах бюджета

Сооружение Центра водных видов спорта Glen Eira (GESAC) успешно продвигается – по графику и в пределах бюджета. Открытие Центра планируется на конец 2011 г.

Компания Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd начала строительство в ноябре прошлого года, и за это время было создано 170 рабочих мест – половина на строительной площадке, и половина на предприятиях в районах Tullamarine и Dandenong, где идет изготовление сборных конструкций.

Предполагается, что после открытия этого современного спортивного комплекса, в нем будет предоставлена постоянная работа десяткам людей.

Мэр муниципалитета г-н Steven Tang отметил, что общая стоимость строительства составляет \$41.2 млн. Часть этих расходов покрывается грантами Федерального правительства и Правительства штата Виктория, и таким образом собственные расходы муниципалитета на строительство составят \$27 млн.

“Муниципалитет получил \$10 млн. от Федерального правительства в рамках программы стимуляции экономики,” сказал г-н Tang.

“Правительство штата выделило на этот проект \$4.5 млн., из которых \$2.8 млн. уже получено.

“Эти деньги пойдут на сооружение бассейнов и крытых теннисных кортов.”

Г-н Tang отметил, что Центр водных видов спорта Glen Eira станет одним из лучших спортивных комплексов в Австралии, и благодаря гранту Федерального правительства его стоимость для муниципалитета будет примерно на треть меньше.

“В новом Центре каждый найдет для себя что-то интересное,” сказал г-н Tang.

“В Центре предусмотрены 25-метровый крытый бассейн, 50-метровый открытый бассейн, бассейн для начинающих, две водные горки, бассейн с теплой водой, три крытых теннисных корта, большой тренажерный зал, центр присмотра за детьми и кафе. Ожидается более 600 000 посещений в год.”

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

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Draft Bicycle Strategy	Comments and submissions	Closed 2 July
Draft Municipal Early Years Plan 2010–2013	Comments and submissions	Closed 19 July
Draft Ageing in Glen Eira Strategy 2010–2015	Comments and submissions	Closed 19 July

Enhancing Glen Eira's open space

The City of Glen Eira offers a wide range of recreation and sporting facilities for its residents and visitors. Over the years, Glen Eira has become renowned for its abundance of beautiful parks and has also been recognised for the many leisure opportunities the city has to offer.

During the last year, residents may have witnessed a lot of works taking place in parks across the City. These works will ensure that Glen Eira's parks continue to provide quality leisure opportunities.

Some of the many park works undertaken include:

Aviary garden

The aviary garden in Caulfield Park is situated next to the children's playground on Inkerman Road and has been created as a facility for all park users to enjoy. This area caters for play, picnicking and the enjoyment of observing bird life. The children's playground and aviary garden are free to the public and provide a relaxing environment within a modern day Caulfield Park.



Aviary garden at Caulfield Park. Photo: Andrew Barden.

Athletics track line marking and maintenance works

The Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track in Murrumbeena was showing signs of deterioration, especially in the areas heavily used such as the starting blocks and front straight. To ensure the track remains a safe and quality facility, line marking and track surface maintenance works were undertaken this year.

Centenary Park pathway lighting

Pathway lighting has been installed at Centenary Park in Bentleigh East. This project will assist park users to make full use of this popular walking circuit.

Cricket training net upgrade

The cricket training nets at Bentleigh Reserve and Packer Park in Carnegie have been upgraded. The upgrades include replacement of damaged mesh, installation of black powder coated pipe railing to increase the structures stability and installation of rubber walls to protect both the mesh and cricket balls. The run-up areas have also been concreted and covered with synthetic surface to reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

Cricket wicket replacement

The synthetic cricket wicket at Centenary Park in Bentleigh East has been replaced to bring the existing wicket up to current standards.

EE Gunn Reserve oval reconstruction

This project at EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond involved sportsground resurfacing with drought-tolerant grasses, some oval reshaping, drainage and drip irrigation works. These works will provide a long-term environmentally sustainable solution for the clubs and community.

Elster Creek Trail

The Elster Creek Trail links Thomas Street in Brighton to Allnutt Park in Bentleigh. This project has replaced the existing pathway with a new 2.5 metre wide, concrete all-weather, shared pedestrian/bike path that meets required standards. Glen Eira City Council received Federal Government funding through the *National Bike Paths Program* of \$140,000 to assist with this project.

Fitness equipment

Fitness equipment has been installed at EE Gunn Reserve in Ormond. The installation of this equipment is part of Council's ongoing commitment to encourage residents to become more active. The fitness equipment is made largely from recycled plastic and enables park users to undertake simple exercises in the park. It is a great way to keep active and meet fellow residents. Council received part-funding from the Federal Government to assist with this project.

Minor playground upgrades

Numerous playgrounds across Glen Eira have received new or upgraded equipment. These upgrades aim to identify deficiencies within Glen Eira's playgrounds, as well as providing opportunities to diversify the character of playgrounds across the City.

New rotunda

A rotunda has been installed at Packer Park in Carnegie to provide greater recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The new rotunda is proving to be popular with park users especially during the warmer months. This project was fully funded by the Federal Government.



New rotunda at Packer Park. Photo: Andrew Barden.

Sportsground lighting

Sportsground lighting has been installed at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena, East Caulfield Reserve in Caulfield East and Moorleigh Community Village Reserve in Bentleigh East. This lighting will assist sports clubs in maintaining safe surfaces during the current drought. The lighting is also of great benefit to the sports clubs to maximise usage of the sportsgrounds in these reserves and the numerous other parks where lighting has already been installed.

Sportsground resurfacing

Sportsground resurfacing projects have been carried out at Centenary Park in Bentleigh East, King George Reserve in Bentleigh East, Koornang Park in Carnegie and Victory Park in Bentleigh. These projects have transformed the sportsground surfaces from mixed-winter grasses to drought-tolerant grasses. Prior to these works, the above sportsgrounds suffered from major surface damage as the previous grass species was not drought-tolerant. The new grass surfaces will reduce the need to water the grounds by up to 50 per cent and also reduce the number of times they need to be mowed.

Shade sails and structures

Shade structures have been installed at the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve netball courts in Murrumbeena and shade sails have been installed at Moorleigh Community Village Reserve in Bentleigh East, Packer Park in Carnegie and Garden Avenue Park in Glen Huntly. These shade structures and sails will assist in protecting park users from harmful exposure to UV radiation and other elements such as rain. The Moorleigh Community Village Reserve and Garden Avenue Park projects were fully funded by the Federal Government.



New shade structure at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve. Photo: Andrew Barden.

Walking trails

All-weather sealed walking trails have been built in Caulfield Park, Lords Reserve in Carnegie and Mackie Reserve in Bentleigh East. All of these parks will greatly benefit from these walking trails, providing greater access for all-abilities to park facilities. All three walking trails were fully funded by the Federal Government.

Staying fit and healthy during winter

We are all aware of the importance physical activity plays in being healthy, but as winter starts to bite, all good intentions can be replaced by a night on the couch.

However, with the proper preparations, exercising in cold weather can be easy and have you fit and ready to go for spring.

Exercising in cold weather places extra demands on the body. A drop in core body temperature of just one degree Celsius causes the muscles to shiver, which in turn can lead to low blood sugar levels and reduced performance. Most cold-related injuries can be prevented with planning, adequate preparation and proper clothing. It's still possible to get sunburned in cold and cloudy weather, so cover up with clothing and apply sunscreen to exposed skin.

If you haven't exercised regularly in months, take cold temperatures into account and spend more time warming up than usual. Afterwards, make sure you cool down thoroughly and include plenty of slow, sustained stretching to reduce the risk of muscle sprains and strains.

If you need some extra motivation, train with a friend or reward yourself for achieving milestones.

Remember, summer is not too far away!

All-abilities basketball tournament

McKinnon Basketball Association, in conjunction with Basketball Victoria and Access Unlimited hosted its first all-abilities basketball tournament on Saturday 26 June.

More than 80 players representing eight teams played a round robin event in the hope to win the Lindsay Gaze Cup.

Unfortunately, the McKinnon Super Star Cougars were unable to win through to the final, however the true

success of the day was the spirit in which the games were played.

The team from Merinda Park in the City of Casey won the tournament and were presented with the cup by Melbourne Tigers basketball legend Lindsay Gaze.

McKinnon Basketball Association General Manager Damien Adams said the whole day was an outstanding success.

"McKinnon Basketball Association is very proud to be able to host the first carnival of its type here in Melbourne," Mr Adams said.

McKinnon Basketball Association is hosting another term of All-Abilities Basketball, which commenced on Saturday 24 July. Sessions are held from 10.30am–11.30am at the McKinnon Secondary College Stadium, McKinnon Road, McKinnon. The cost

of the six week program is \$40. To register, contact McKinnon Basketball Association on 9557 6807 or email programs@mckinnonbasketball.org

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

My Brother Jack Literary Festival

Glen Eira City Council's *My Brother Jack Literary Festival 2010* is a major literary event with a program of writing workshops, author talks and a local short story and poetry competition, culminating in an Awards presentation evening. To book, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Youth author talks

Morris Gleitzman

Saturday 14 August, 10am–11am
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette
Free, but bookings required.

Reading circle

Thursday 19 August

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Glen Eira City Council Gallery,
6pm–8pm. Limited places.

Workshops

The Life Stories — Robert Hillman

Sunday 1 August, 10am–1pm, \$20
Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Secrets to self editing — Alice Pung

Sunday 1 August, 2pm–5pm, \$20

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Character development — Paddy O'Reilly

Sunday 8 August, 10am–1pm, \$20

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

How to get published — Sabina Hopfer, Emma Schwarcz, Alison Arnold

Sunday 15 August, 2pm–5pm, \$20

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

In conversation with ... series

The *In conversation with ...* series gives you an opportunity to have a chat with some of the country's best authors. All sessions are \$10.

Steven Amsterdam

Sunday 1 August, 6pm–7.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Judith Lanigan

Sunday 8 August, 2pm–3.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Elly Varrenti

Sunday 15 August, 2pm–3.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Patrick O'Neil

Sunday 15 August, 4pm–5.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

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Winter Music Series

Glen Eira City Council's *Winter Music Series 2010* is one of the best ever assembled.

Tickets to the final three performances can be pre-purchased from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or at Council's Service Centre for \$21 or \$19 for concession card holders or at the door for \$24 or \$21 concession.

Please note: All tickets for the *Winter Music Series* are allocated seating so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Raga Dolls Quartet

Sunday 1 August
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Belle Musette

Sunday 15 August
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Klezmania

Sunday 22 August
Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

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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.

Twenty Melbourne Painters Society

Opens 6.30pm Tuesday 3 August and continues until 5pm Sunday 15 August

The 92nd annual exhibition of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society will showcase recent paintings from this renowned group of realist painters. The society is pleased to welcome artist Stephen Doyle to the group in 2010.



Stephen Doyle — *Chapel Street, 2010, oil on canvas.*

B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit Jewish Youth Art Competition

Opens 10am Thursday 19 August and continues until 5pm Sunday 29 August

The 15th annual B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit's *Jewish Youth Art Competition* aims to develop and enhance the artistic abilities of youth between 11 and 18 years.

This important annual exhibition showcases the innovation and talent of art by Jewish youth, including painting, drawing, multi-media and sculpture.

The official opening and presentations will take place on Sunday 22 August at 2pm.

Journeys: Presented by Outback Aboriginal Art

Opens 6.30pm Wednesday 18 August and continues until 5pm Sunday 29 August

Presented by Outback Aboriginal Art, *Journeys* will feature a diverse and exciting selection of indigenous art, including paintings from the Central and Western Desert, handmade rugs from Better World Arts and sculptures from Maningrida.

Children's Book Week: Across the story bridge — 21 to 27 August

Glen Eira City Council's library branches invite you to join in the following activities to celebrate *Children's Book Week*.

Across the story bridge with Eira

Join Eira across the story bridge for the chance to win a great prize. Collect your Eira card next time you are in the library. Borrow three items or more, have your card stamped and on the third visit fill in your details. You will then go into the draw to win a story pack jammed full of books, DVDs and fun activities.

Across the Story Bridge with Eira is open to library members up to 17 years, with one story pack to be won for each age group — zero to four years, five to eight years, nine to 12 years and 13 to 17 years. Children can enter as many times as they like. *Across the story bridge with Eira* closes on Sunday 3 October.



Saturday shakers — Across the story bridge

14 August, 2pm

Carnegie Library

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Come along and be a part of *Children's Book Week* at our special *Saturday shakers*.

Join Matteo as he tells a host of magical stories that will carry

children into far away worlds as they join him on a journey across the story bridge.

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.

Book Week StoryTimes

Join in one of our *Children's Book Week StoryTime* sessions between 23 and 27 August. These *StoryTime* sessions will feature books nominated for *Book of the Year* — *Early Childhood*. For session times, contact 9524 3623 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Special school activities

To celebrate *Children's Book Week*, Council's libraries have once again developed an exceptional free program for local primary schools.

Grade five and six primary school students from across Glen Eira have the opportunity to meet illustrator Mitch Vane. Mitch's work is well-known to readers of the *Aussie Nibbles* and *Aussie Bites* series.

Students will also have the opportunity to hear from renowned author Morris Gleitzman and author, TV producer and script writer Doug MacLeod. Doug will discuss the process of creating a book from pen to print as well as writing for television, while Morris will discuss his numerous top selling books.

Need information? Click online databases

Access a world of information through Glen Eira City Council libraries full-text databases. There is now a wider selection of databases available to meet a range of information requirements helping to make your search easy and convenient. Use the databases to:

- help your child locate quality information for school projects and homework support;
- find relevant information for a VCE or university assignment;
- look for a good read or new authors using the online reader's guides;
- keep up with local, Australian and international news and current events;
- learn more about people and events around the world;
- find the latest medical, scientific and environmental research;
- examine business plans and management guides to support your business decisions; and
- start researching family history (access at the library only).

All you need is internet access and a membership card. If you are not a member, you can join for free at Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield and Elsternwick libraries.

To logon to the databases:

- go to the library website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au;
- click **Online databases**;
- select the resource you wish to use by clicking the correct access point — *At home* or *At the library*.

If accessing from home, you will be asked to enter your library membership card number in full.

The databases complement the extensive collections of books and other resources at Council's libraries. You can print, email or download a personal copy of these articles under the terms of the license agreements.

Satisfaction with Library Services

A recent customer satisfaction survey conducted by Glen Eira City Council has found 94 per cent of library members are satisfied with Council's library services.

Two hundred members participated in the telephone survey, with 86 per cent rating the libraries either excellent or good.

More members indicated the best service offered by the library was the lending of books — a large increase from last year.

Ninety six per cent of customers visit the library to borrow books or search for items to borrow. Other areas where the library is performing well are: access to computers and the internet, the *StoryTime* program and newspapers and magazines.

Carnegie Library remains the most popular branch, followed by Bentleigh. However, this year that figure would have been influenced by Bentleigh providing a reduced service due to refurbishment works. Ninety eight per cent of respondents gave location as the key factor for visiting any of the libraries, with Carnegie the most popular for its facilities and comfortable surroundings.

The most important use of the libraries remains as a place to look for materials to borrow, a place to locate specific information, access educational tools and support and use of collections. The number of respondents who choose to read at the library rather than simply borrow has increased.

The majority of people using the library component of Council's website access it from their home, although there was a marked increase in customers accessing website services in the library. People use the website to search the catalogue, although more customers are utilising the website to renew loans.

Points highlighted for future consideration include expanding the range and number of books and other materials and reviewing renewal periods.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey.



StoryTime at Bentleigh Library.
Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

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.



Wednesday 4 August
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 11 September
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

Wednesday 6 October
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



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

Cyber-bullying is everyone's business

Cyber-bullying is no longer a new avenue for harassment. Like many technologies, it continues to evolve and advance.

Fundamentally, the harassment remains the same — it's the avenues in which it takes place that are changing.

New internet blogs, chat or social networking forums are being set up daily as a way for people to communicate and connect.

When the sites are set up, they have terms and conditions — though it's not necessary to actually read these documents when signing up, but only indicate that you have read them. Often they state that any form harassment or indecent behaviour won't be tolerated.

The high volume of users on the internet does not mean bullies have free rein. Indeed, bullying behaviour can be actively monitored and prevented by providers, parents and police.

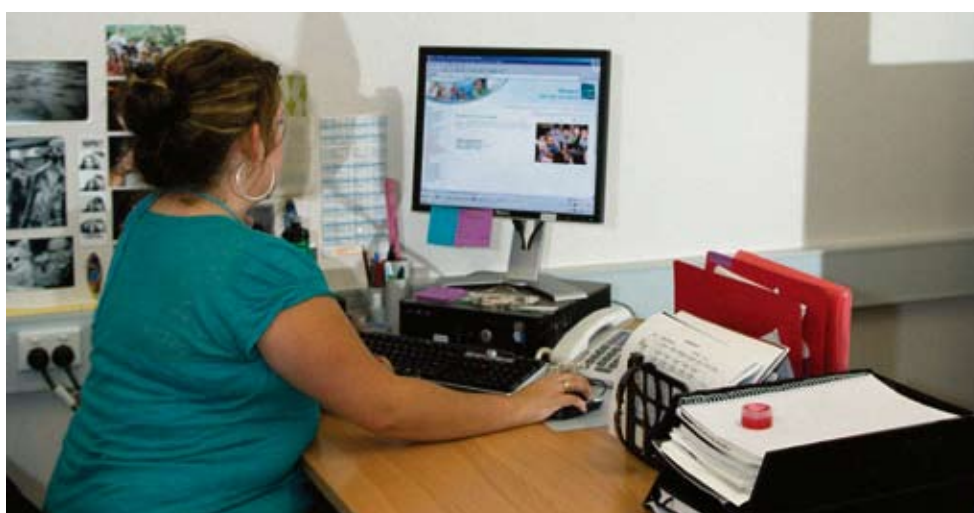
Unfortunately, bullying is common amongst young people and cyber-bullying is becoming a growing concern for the youth community.

An online safety survey conducted by NetAlert and ninemsn in February 2007 found that:

- 16 per cent of young people said they had been bullied online;
- 14 per cent were bullied through their mobile; and
- 56 per cent thought it was easy to get bullied online.

The effects of cyber-bullying on young people include:

- feeling distressed;
- finding it hard to interact and connect in social situations;
- feeling anxious;
- having difficulty concentrating at school and not being able to do school work;
- feeling depressed;



Cyber-bullying is becoming a growing concern. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

- having a lowered sense of self-worth and confidence and feeling humiliated; and
- feeling rejected and isolated.

So what can we do to deal with this constantly changing issue and protect young people?

Prevention

- Only give your phone number, instant messaging name or email address to trusted friends.
- Consider using caller ID blocking to hide your phone number when making calls.
- Don't give your details to people you don't know — or don't want to know.
- Speak out whenever you see someone being mean to another person online. Most people respond better to criticism from their peers than to disapproval from adults.

Action

- Tell an adult you trust. This can be a teacher, parent, older sibling or grandparent — someone who can help you to do something about it.
- Leave the area or stop the activity. People who bully get their kicks from knowing they've upset their

target. Don't let them know they've upset you and you've taken away half their fun.

- Block the sender's messages.
- Never reply to harassing messages.
- Keep a record. Save any harassing messages and record the time and date that you received them.
- Advise your service provider. Most service providers have appropriate use policies that restrict users from harassing others. They can respond to reports of cyber-bullying over their networks or help you track down the appropriate service provider to respond to.
- Inform your local police. If the bullying includes physical threats, tell the police. Some people think that they can get away with online bullying because they believe they are anonymous. They're wrong. Most can be traced and it's a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or any form of communication to menace, harass or offend another person.

For further information visit:

www.lifeline.org.au

www.reachout.com.au

www.bullyingnoway.com.au

Resilience and self-esteem

Glen Eira City Council presents this information session for early years professionals, parents/guardians and grandparents.

Being able to bounce back, take a risk, have a go and solve problems are important life skills for children and adults. Resilience helps us to take on challenges and to have some independence and confidence as we proceed through life. To be resilient helps us to reach our goals and dreams realistically and to tackle the difficult times. This presentation provides strategies to help build resiliency skills and positive self-esteem in your child.

Presenter: Kathy Walker

Thursday 19 August

7.30pm–9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)

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

Cost: \$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.



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Calling all youth bands

Are you aged between 12 and 25 and living or attending school in Glen Eira? Are you in a band and think it could be the next big thing?

Following the success of *Battle of the Bands 2009*, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services and the Youth Leadership Team will host *Battle of the Bands 2010* on Friday 10 December.

We are calling for all interested youth bands to submit their demo CD for a chance to battle it out amongst their peers for ultimate band supremacy.

Battle of the Bands is a fantastic opportunity for young bands to meet

other talented musicians and hone their stage craft.

Moreover, it is a chance for parents, peers and community members to celebrate the talents of young people in our community — and who knows, you may just witness the first performance of the next big thing!

Closing date for all demo submissions is Friday 1 October.

For further information on how to submit your demo CD, contact Youth Services on 9576 5872.



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

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ATO — Business deductions essentials

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) this free session will cover some of the more common business income tax deductions, with worked examples to illustrate calculations.

Topics include:

- income tax deductions — general;
- expenses you can claim immediately;
- expenses you can claim over time;
- expenses you can never deduct;
- trading stock and other special deductions;
- tax losses; and
- keeping proper records.

Date: Thursday 26 August

Time: 9.45am registration for 10am start until 12pm

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

RSVP: Monday 23 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

ATO — Activity statement essentials

Presented by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), this free session will provide a detailed look at the activity statement and details of the specific activity statement labels that small businesses may need to complete.

Topics include:

- the purpose of an activity statement;
- the layout of an activity statement;
- GST labels;
- PAYG withholding labels;
- PAYG instalment labels; and
- how you can use activity statement data to plan and budget.

Date: Thursday 26 August

Time: 1.15pm registration for 1.30pm start until 3.30pm

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

RSVP: Monday 23 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

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Laughing all the way to the laundry



The Vent Tent is a unique clothes airer cover. Photo: KimCo Designs.

Kim Crestani and Kim D'Souza are laughing all the way to the laundry.

In homes with floor ducted heating, they are solving the age-old problem of drying clothes in winter with Vent Tent, a unique clothes airer cover.

Whilst they are already heating their homes, they can quickly dry their laundry and eliminate the need for a clothes dryer thereby reducing their carbon footprint.

KimCo Designs was born in 2007 with a product concept and a desire to create solutions to everyday problems.

Over the past two years, the two Kim's have been on a roller coaster journey filled with highs and lows that neither could have imagined.

With passion and determination, these two enterprising mums have developed a uniquely designed product, Vent Tent.

Now in 2010, their product retails nationally and online through their website.

Glen Eira City Council has assisted KimCo Designs with business advice and information.

They have attended business seminars, Women's Business Network meetings and have also participated in the *Mentor Partners Program*.

In addition to Council's services, KimCo Designs have also utilised the many support networks set up for small businesses through Business Victoria.

Managing your cash flow

Cash is the life blood of every business. It is more important to business than profit — you can remain profitable, but still suffer a cash flow crisis and be subject to insolvency.

If a businesses cash flow is well managed, you can take advantage of any emerging competitive marketing advantages.

Managing your cash in a business can often be difficult. The optimum way to manage cash is to be proactive, to plan and review the cash flow.

Presented by Jan Barned from training and consulting business Financial Management Trainer (FMT), this workshop will introduce the five key areas of your business that you should focus on to maximise cash flow and introduce the concept of cash flow forecasting to avoid a crisis.

About the presenter

Jan Barned is a sought after trainer and a down-to-earth, easy to understand presenter on financial management. She has worked in the finance industry in Australia and overseas for more than 20 years. Her experience has covered a variety of roles within finance, including corporate treasury roles for major retail and

manufacturing corporations in Australia. Jan was also policy advisor for CPA Australia for four years, covering finance, treasury and information technology management portfolios.

Jan now runs FMT and the philosophy of her business is to assist small and medium sized businesses and not-for-profit organisations to appreciate the importance of financial management for successful operations.

Places are limited to 20 so book early to avoid disappointment.

Date: Friday 27 August

Time: 8.45am registration for 9am start until 12pm.

Cost: \$35

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

RSVP: Tuesday 24 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



Jan Barned.