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Crossing leaves motorists seeing red

RACV Chief Engineer Traffic and Transport Peter Daly, Murrumbeena Traders' Association President Sue Foley and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

The RACV and *Leader Community Newspaper's 2010 Redspot Survey* identified the Murrumbeena and Neerim Road rail crossing as Melbourne's most frustrating stretch of road.

According to the *Survey*, motorists wait for up to 36 trains to travel through the crossing between 8am and 9am, with boom gates down at times for more than 38 minutes.

While it is the first year this intersection has been named as the number one redspot, Glen Eira residents have been aware of the worsening traffic conditions for several years.

The problem isn't just confined to the Murrumbeena and Neerim Road crossing, with nearby Poath Road and Koornang Road crossings falling just outside the top 10 redspots.

The concerns of local residents were most recently expressed at a Glen Eira City Council forum held to discuss grade separation. This process involves changing the height of either the road or rail line so that they don't cross paths, which in theory will increase safety by improving the flow of trains, cars, cyclists and pedestrians.

Glen Eira Mayor Steven Tang said the forum allowed the community to share their views with the Department of Transport and Council's traffic engineers.

"Council has exerted pressure to encourage the State Government to investigate and allocate funding for grade separation of the Dandenong line," Cr Tang said.

To date, no funding has been provided for grade separation works. However, the State Government did allocate \$1 million in the *2010 State Budget* for a grade separation investigation of 11 level crossings between Caulfield and South Dandenong.

VicRoads Acting Regional Director Metro South East Frank De Santis said the investigation would assess which sites are suitable for grade separation or what alternatives could be used to alleviate congestion in the Caulfield and Murrumbeena areas.

"The investigation will include considering ways to improve the efficiency of level crossings that are linked to traffic signals in order to reduce delays," Mr De Santis said.

The RACV believes the best solution is to put the rail line underground to fix all three crossings.

The State Government recently allocated \$440 million over 10 years for railway crossing grade separations across Victoria. However, RACV Chief Engineer Traffic and Transport Peter Daly said this would "barely scratch the surface."

Mr Daly called on the State Government to construct a minimum of five underpasses or overpasses each year to eliminate all major railway crossings in the metropolitan area.

Murrumbeena Traders' Association President Sue Foley described the intersection as an "absolute disaster" because of the effect lowered boom gates were having on traffic flow, which in turn impacted on local businesses.

"People avoid the area because they run the risk of being stuck at the intersection," Ms Foley said.

"We will be speaking to local traders to create a petition to our governments to address the problems created by the traffic issues."

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High achievers receive awards

Glen Eira City Council's *Student Achievement Award Program* has had its largest ever response from local schools since it started in 2006.

The Program recognises and encourages outstanding achievements by students attending secondary schools within the municipality.

Sixty one students from 11 Glen Eira schools were nominated for awards and will receive a certificate of recognition, as well as a \$40 book voucher from Benns Books in Bentleigh, Sunflower Bookshop in Elsternwick or Golds World of Judaica in Balaclava.

Glen Eira Mayor Steven Tang said he had enjoyed presenting awards to students at school assemblies during September and October, with more presentations scheduled for November and December.

"There are so many active and engaged young people in Glen Eira, so it's always a pleasure to recognise and celebrate their hard work," Cr Tang said.

Schools were also invited to nominate a finalist who will be rewarded with an additional \$100 book voucher and entered in Council's *Young Citizen of the Year Award*. This Award will be presented at Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* on Friday 21 January.

Schools that nominated students for awards were Adass Israel School (ladies), Bentleigh Secondary College, Beth Rivkah Ladies College, Caulfield Grammar, Glen Eira College, Kilvington Girls' Grammar, McKinnon Secondary College, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, St James College, Shelford Girls' Grammar and Wesley College — Elsternwick Campus.

Mayor's column



November heralds another election — this time the Victorian State Election.

Such a time presents a good opportunity to highlight some of the issues of state importance that residents and ratepayers have put on the advocacy agenda.

The separation of local level crossings is a perennial issue that has been most recently highlighted by Murrumbeena Road's number one position in the *RACV and Leader Community Newspaper's Redspot Survey*. Many in our community are looking for a response to the level crossings that contribute to excessive congestion, fracture shopping strips and create potential safety.

Local residents have also voiced their concerns about greenhouse gas emissions. The Glen Eira community was amongst the first in Melbourne to change light globes in their homes and now is the perfect time to give our streets the green light too. Glen Eira City Council is part of a campaign asking the state and federal governments to help fund the high upfront cost of switching to energy-efficient street lights.

Lastly, the next State Government needs to ensure that reforms to early childhood education are supported by adequate infrastructure funding, adequate support for the increased staffing requirement and do not come at the expense of much-valued community-run programs, such as three-year-old kindergarten and playgroups.

I will be speaking to candidates about these and other issues, such as public transport, planning and the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.

I wish everyone well for Saturday 27 November and hope that the sausage sizzle, cake stall and, above all else, the result live up to expectations.

Cr Steven Tang
Mayor

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (December) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 November for delivery 6–10 December.

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the February edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 5 January for delivery 31 January–4 February.

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

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GESAC work continues, new website launched

Construction on the \$41.2 million Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is progressing well and is still on track to open in late 2011 — in time for summer.

The 25 metre indoor pool, learn-to-swim pool and warm water program pool are starting to take shape, with preliminary work beginning on the outdoor area surrounding the eight lane, 50 metre pool.

Work on the indoor sports stadium is ahead of schedule and once it is complete will be suitable for netball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, futsal and table tennis.

Glen Eira City Council Group Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure Renewals Mark Judge said it had been a challenge to keep the program on schedule because of the wettest winter experienced in 13 years.

"We are expecting things to accelerate over the summer months," Mr Judge said.

"Previously a lot of the work we had been doing was underground. Most of



GESAC: The 25m pool in the foreground, the warm water pool beyond the black plastic and changing rooms to the right. Photo: GECC Capital Works.

this is now finished and when residents go past the site they will notice significant progress on the exterior."

Manager GESAC appointed

Council has recently appointed Mark Collins as the new manager for GESAC.

Mr Collins, who has an extensive background in leisure facility management, said he was looking forward to working with the Glen Eira community in what will be one of the country's premier leisure facilities.

"GESAC has been designed as a facility that will have something for everyone aged from six weeks to 75 years under the one roof," Mr Collins said.

Mr Collins said his first priority is to build a profile for the facility within the community.

A new website — www.gesac.com.au — has been developed to keep the general public up-to-date with construction and facility information.

"I encourage all members of the public to check the website regularly as it will have the most up to date information on the construction process and facility information," Mr Collins said.

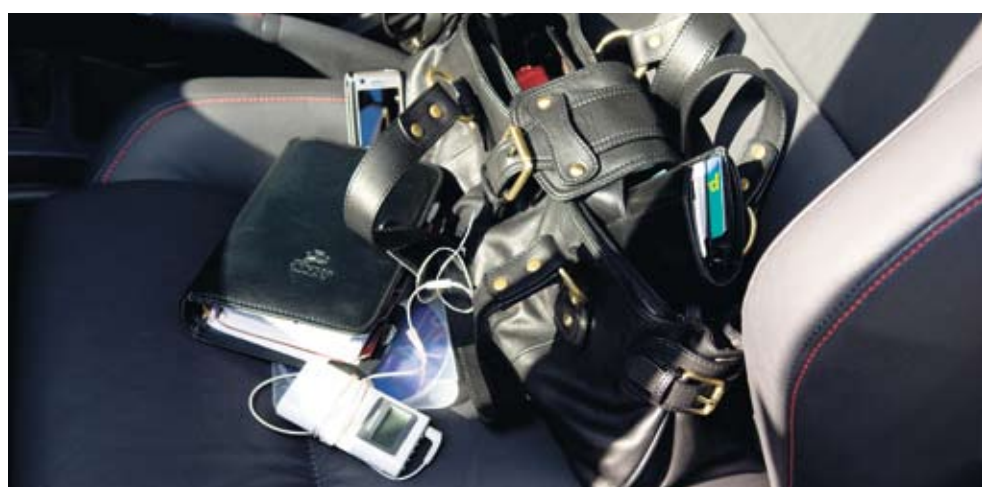
"There will also be some fantastic foundation membership offers coming soon which will be a chance for the community to get a never-to-be-repeated special deal on membership — so stay tuned."



Manager GESAC Mark Collins.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Crime down in Glen Eira



Caulfield Police would like to remind residents to remove valuables and to lock their car at all times. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Police statistics show crime in the City of Glen Eira dropped two per cent from July 2009 to June 2010.

Robbery decreased by 15 per cent, while motor vehicle theft dropped almost 40 per cent. There were also reductions in burglary and drug offences committed within the municipality.

Police Service Area Manager for Glen Eira Inspector Bryan Sharp said a high

visible police presence was one of the major factors in the improvements.

"Glen Eira continues to be a safe place for residents and businesses. Overall, crime is down and we are pleased with the results that have been achieved," Inspector Sharp said.

While the results have been encouraging, one statistic that stands out is the rise in theft from motor vehicles.

"In response to this, the Glen Eira and Bayside Tasking Units ran two operations which were successful. We patrolled hotspots and some arrests were made," Inspector Sharp said.

"We'd like to remind residents to remove valuables and to lock their car at all times. Items like iPods, mobile phones and navigation devices are regularly stolen. Just because your car is in the driveway doesn't mean it's safe."

In terms of traffic statistics on Glen Eira's roads, there has been a slight drop in fatalities, but the major improvement is the reduction of serious injuries in road accidents, which is down by almost 28 per cent.

Across the state, the crime rate has decreased for the ninth consecutive year. The highlight of this year's figures is the 19 per cent reduction of robberies involving knives.

Glen Eira residents with enquiries can contact the Caulfield Police Station on 9524 9500 or the Murrumbeena Police Station on 9568 0307. In case of emergency, always ring triple zero.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Booran Road reservoir site

The Department of Sustainability and Environment has provided confirmation of Council's appointment as committee of management for the Booran Road reservoir site.

Engaging our community

Street Tree Planting Preferred Specie Palette

Council's *Street Tree Planting Preferred Specie Palette* was adopted at a Council Meeting on 12 October. *The Palette* contains a range of native and exotic tree species to suit the diversity of streetscapes in the city. *The Palette* also includes detailed information and photographs of the most popular species planted and the preferred species listing for every street within Glen Eira. The preferred species listing is available from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

2010 Environment Forum

Council hosted the *Glen Eira Community Environment Forum* on 18 October. *The Forum* gave residents the opportunity to have their say about Glen Eira's plans on greenhouse gas emissions, waste and recycling, water and biodiversity.

Tucker Ward Forum

A Tucker Ward Forum was held on 27 October. Tucker Ward Councillors attended to discuss local issues.

Packer Park bowls area concept plan

Council is seeking community feedback on a concept plan for the former lawn bowls area at Packer Park, Carnegie. There is a number of ways to provide feedback, including the *Have Your Say* online forum on Council's website. Comments and submissions close 12 November. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Parent/carer survey

A parent/carer survey will be circulated to families enrolled in Council's child care services week commencing 16 November.

White Ribbon Day — 25 November

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is held every year on 25 November.

In Australia, thousands of people from all walks of life wear a white ribbon on this day as a show of support behind an important campaign that urges men to speak out against violence towards women.

Proceeds from the ribbon sales go towards programs that seek to change attitudes in the community and raise awareness of the issue.

Glen Eira Mayor Steven Tang said every member of the community has the right to feel safe.

"When children are exposed to violence at an early age, it often has a knock-on effect and impacts on their lives when they get older," Cr Tang said.

"We need to ensure children grow up learning how to relate to others with trust and respect."

To make a donation or to purchase a white ribbon visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au

Cr Tang said the City of Glen Eira compares favourably against the majority of Victoria's other regions, however there is still a lot that can be done.

"Police statistics show there were 505 recorded family incidents in the municipality last year — an 11 per cent reduction on the figure for 2008–09," Cr Tang said.

"There was also a two per cent drop in overall crime across Glen Eira in the last 12 months."

Within Glen Eira and across Victoria there are a range of services available that can help women make changes and choices for the future.

In case of emergencies

- Contact Victoria Police on triple zero.
- Contact the Women's Domestic Crisis Service of Victoria (24 hour crisis help) crisis line on 9322 3555 or 1800 015 188.

Within Glen Eira

- Speak to your local GP for advice.
- Community health centres
Bentleigh-Bayside: 9575 5333
or Caulfield: 9076 6666.
- Connections 9521 5666 or visit www.connections.org.au
- Family Life 8599 5433 or visit www.familylife.com.au
- Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence 9523 2100, 9523 6850 or email help@jewishtaskforce.org.au
- Salvation Army Family Violence Outreach Service 9536 7777 or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au

Clean up after your dog

There's nothing worse than returning home after an afternoon at the local park with family and friends, only to realise something smells funny. A quick check of the soles of your shoes confirms exactly what you hoped not to find, and suddenly you're now in a foul mood.

It's a situation that seems to be occurring too often, so Glen Eira City Council is urging all pet owners to be mindful of others by cleaning up after their dogs and to dispose of litter responsibly.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said dog litter is a major contributor to pollution in our waterways and the bay.

"When it rains, any rubbish or waste left on roads, nature strips or gutters is washed into the stormwater drainage system, meaning it ends up in Port Phillip Bay," Mr Bordignon said.

"It's also rather unpleasant and is a real eyesore for anybody who has to walk past."

Apart from the environmental and health risks, leaving dog litter in public spaces can also damage your hip pocket. Anyone caught failing to pick up their dog's litter could receive a \$125 on-the-spot fine.

Pet owners should never leave the house with their pet without taking a few spare plastic bags along, however plastic bag dispensers are available in some of Glen Eira's parks and reserves.

Civic compliance officers will also be distributing POOch Pouches during their patrols of local parks.

"These pouches can be fixed onto your dog lead and can hold up to two shopping bags. Residents are more than welcome to contact Council if they would like to pick one up," Mr Bordignon said.

"It's not difficult for dog owners to ensure Glen Eira's parks, gardens, playgrounds, footpaths and other public spaces remain enjoyable for everyone."



NEW 3-year-old kindergarten program

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450–452 Kooyong Rd, Caulfield South

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Keeping residents safe

School crossing supervisors play a vital role in the safety and wellbeing of residents in the Glen Eira. Glen Eira City Council has permanent part-time positions available for people who want to be involved in the community and are responsible and reliable.

These are paid positions with the salary starting at \$19.15 per hour. Successful candidates will also have the benefit of 10 weeks holiday per year.

Most school crossings operate between 8.15am–9am and 3.15pm–4pm during school terms.

Debbie has worked at the crossing outside Murrumbeena Primary School on Hobart Road for more than eight years and said she was lured to the job by several appealing factors.

"I wanted to get back into the workforce, but I didn't want to work full-time," Debbie said.

"The holidays are great and it allows me to spend more time with my grand-daughters.

"The best part of the job is meeting all the children and parents. You have a lot of fun and get to know them quite well."

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

For further information, contact 9524 3333.

For a copy of the position description, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

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



Debbie has worked at the crossing outside Murrumbeena Primary School on Hobart Road for more than eight years. Photo: Davd Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Dental health and your child

As part of Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service, free oral checks are conducted at the eight week, 18 month and three-and-a-half year old key ages and stages visit.

Oral checks are an integral part of these visits however, parents can talk with the nurse regarding their child's oral development at any of the 10 key ages and stages visits.

Nurses can provide general advice and if necessary refer you to either Bentleigh-Bayside Dental Clinic or a child-friendly dentist in your local area.

Tooth tip one

Did you know that tooth cleaning should start as soon as your baby's first tooth appears? Maintaining healthy teeth and gums at an early age will reduce the likelihood of gum disease later in life.

As soon as your baby's teeth appear, clean the baby teeth twice a day by wrapping a clean damp face washer or gauze around your finger and wiping each tooth front and back.

Tooth tip two

Avoid using a baby's bottle for comfort and encourage your child to drink from a cup from around six months of age.

For babies and toddlers, problems start when a bottle is used for comfort when going to sleep, to suck during the night or to snack on during the day. If the bottle contains any drink other than water — including milk — the sugar in the fluid sits on the teeth and gums for some time — this could cause decay before the teeth have even broken through.

Tooth tip three

A low fluoride toothpaste (a pea sized amount is enough) and a soft, children's toothbrush can be introduced between 18 months to six years.

Remember to encourage your child to spit out the toothpaste after brushing.

Tooth tip four

We know that children do not need soft drinks for good health. Establishing good behaviours early in life is important, so encourage your child to drink and enjoy water.

Water helps keep the body healthy and also washes out the mouth after eating.

Children who have sweet drinks such as cordial, soft drink and juice regularly are at higher risk of tooth decay.

These tips are taken from material prepared by Dental Health Victoria and Kids — *Go for your Life by Filling the Gaps* — Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Centre of Physical Activity Across the Lifespan and Australian Catholic University, Sydney.



Maintaining healthy teeth and gums at an early age will reduce the likelihood of gum disease later in life. Photo: Sally Brown.

Become part of our Family Day Care team

Glen Eira City Council's Family Day Care scheme offers the local community a quality childcare service in the home of registered careproviders for children from birth to 12 years.

Council currently has 37 registered Family Day Care careproviders, but more are needed.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Kathryn Bergroth said there are a number of unique benefits for care providers.

"Careproviders that join us enjoy the flexibility that comes with the job," Ms Bergroth said.

"They are able to choose the type of care they want to provide, including full-time, part-time, before and after school and holiday care."

Ms Bergroth said careproviders are able to set their own fees that reflect the service they provide.

"Another benefit is that careproviders are strongly supported by Council's qualified early childhood professionals and provided with regular home visits and professional development training," Ms Bergroth said.

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

Certificate III in Children's Services or willingness to study is highly desirable.

Council's Family Day Care scheme is registered with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the National Childcare Accreditation Council.

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



Council's Family Day Care scheme offers a quality childcare service in the home of registered careproviders. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

2009-10 Annual Report now available

Glen Eira City Council's 2009-10 Annual Report is now available.

Council produces the Annual Report each year to provide the community, stakeholders and staff with information about how it has performed against the objectives set out in the Community Plan.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Andrew Newton said that a number of key improvements had been made to the city in 2009-10, meeting the strategic objectives and actions outlined in the Community Plan.

"The Annual Report is a snapshot of Council's achievements, challenges and difficulties faced over the year," Mr Newton said.

"The information contained within the report is an open, accurate and transparent look at our performance across all sectors.

"We encourage the community to take an interest in the report and welcome any feedback from our residents."

2009-10 highlights

- Construction began on the \$41 million Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC). This is expected to be completed by late 2011.
- The Bentleigh Library was renovated and reopened with a day of community celebration.
- Council immunised more than 9,000 children and completed more than 16,000 key ages and stages assessments.
- More than 13,000 square metres of graffiti was removed from more than 1,200 individual sites across the municipality.
- Council received an Award for Planning Excellence from the Planning Institute of Australia for its No Request for Further Information (NORFI) program.
- A study found that gross greenhouse gas emissions from Council's operations were amongst the lowest of the metropolitan councils. Eco-Buy also recognised Council for having achieved the highest amount of green purchasing and mains water savings.
- Council was rated first in Victoria for local government risk management, with a 99 per cent audit score.
- Council achieved an 89 per cent satisfaction rating in the independently measured Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey 2010 and the highest rating in our group of 15 councils for interaction and responsiveness in dealing with the public.

To obtain a copy of Council's 2009-10 Annual Report, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



News in Brief

Remembrance Day Services

Remembrance Day memorial services will be held at:

- Caulfield RSL Sub Branch — 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick on 7 November at 11am;
- Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL Sub-Branch — the cenotaph in Warrawee Park, corner Atherton Road and Drummond Street, Oakleigh on 7 November at 11am; and
- Bentleigh RSL — the cenotaph in Bentleigh-Hodgson Reserve, Arthur Street, Bentleigh on 11 November at 10.30am.

International Day of People with a Disability

International Day of People with a Disability is a United Nations

sanctioned day that aims to promote an understanding of people with a disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and wellbeing.

To celebrate this day, and showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with a disability, Glen Eira City Council will host a barbecue lunch on Friday 3 December in the Bentleigh Rotunda, Centre Road, Bentleigh from 12pm–1pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Showerhead Exchange Program hits 5,000th mark

Five thousand household showerheads have been exchanged as part of the South East Water and Glen Eira City Council Showerhead Exchange Program.

The Program is part of a Victorian Government initiative to swap 260,000 water-efficient showerheads over the last three years.

The 5,000th water-efficient showerhead went to Judy Gardener.

Residents wanting to participate in the program can visit Glen Eira Town Hall Monday–Friday, between 8am and 5.30pm or South East Water at 20 Corporate Drive Heatherton,

Monday–Friday, between 8am and 5.30pm.

All you need to bring is your old showerhead and a copy of your South East Water bill. A maximum of two showerheads per household can be exchanged.

Generous donation

Rosstown Community resident Greta Alexander has donated a motorised toy car to the Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service Victoria.

Mrs Alexander won the car in a bingo game and said she wanted to donate it to underprivileged children.

"I have no need for it as I do not have grandchildren here in Australia so I'm happy to do anything to help the little ones," Mrs Alexander said.

Council continues to fight graffiti

Graffiti represents a huge cost to the community and creates a negative and uninviting perception of neighbourhoods and commercial centres in the City of Glen Eira.

Reactive removal of graffiti from private property

Glen Eira City Council continues to assist residents with a reactive graffiti removal program on the title boundary

of private property (both residential and commercial) which is visible from a public place. Requests for removal from private property can be made via Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or Council's website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au. Requested works are referred to a priority list for consideration.

Graffiti removal kits

Glen Eira residents and traders can obtain, free of charge, personal graffiti removal kits from Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Community Care employment opportunities

Glen Eira City Council is looking for more people to join its Community Care team as a home care worker, combined home care and personal care worker or respite care worker.

Part-time and flexible hours are available.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Community Care team, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Expressions of interest for the use of facilities at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC)

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is calling for expressions of interest for user groups interested in possible long-term, regular hire of various facilities at the centre. GESAC comprises of a 500 square metre indoor leisure pool, two water slides, 100 square metre indoor program pool, eight lane 25 metre heated indoor pool, 200 square metre indoor hydrotherapy pool, spa, sauna and steam room, eight lane 50 metre heated outdoor pool, fully equipped gymnasium, three group exercise studios, crèche, three court indoor sports stadium, consulting suites, wellness centre and café.

A formal invitation document outlining the facilities, conditions, selection criteria and information requested from interested parties is available. The invitation is only considering long-term facility hire agreements. Casual hire of the facilities will still be available for users but is not being considered as part of this process. Interested groups are asked to submit proposals by Friday 19 November.

To obtain a copy of the documentation or to make enquiries, contact Manager GESAC Mark Collins on 9524 3333 or email mcollins@gleneira.vic.gov.au



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

out and about



2010 Mayors on Bikes: As part of Ride to Work Day, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang left the car at home and rode his bike. Photo: Boroondara City Council.



Presentation of 2010 Award for Environmental Excellence to Caulfield Primary School: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang, Cr Jim Magee and Cr Frank Penhalluriack with Ross, Bailey, Lea Jade and parent Cathy McNaughton. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Unlocking the secrets of the patents system

Intellectual Property (IP) is an asset worth protecting. Patents provide the best security for the future return on your creative property. Understanding the intricacies of the patent system will better equip people to make informed decisions about how, when and where to patent their creations.

This seminar will benefit anyone wanting to learn more about using the patent system to protect their inventions and will appeal to those from all technology sectors.

The seminar will explore:

- the different types of patents;
- what is a patent specification and how are they written?;
- the different types of patent searching and their limitations;
- how to identify the key patent databases for searching;
- IP decisions to make along the path from invention to market entry; and
- the patent process and budgeting for the different stages.

Presented by: IP Australia and Phillips Ormonde Fitzpatrick Lawyers

Date: Thursday 18 November

Time: 6pm (registration) for a 6.30pm start to 8.30pm

Cost: \$20 (light supper included)

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

RSVP: Bookings essential by Monday 15 November to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333



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Breathing new life into our local centres

Glen Eira City Council's *Shopping Centre Capital Works Program* is committed to improving the amenity of local shopping strips in the municipality, making these areas safer and more functional.

It is hoped this will also act as a catalyst for future private property enhancement and development.

The annual *Program* encompasses new paving, street furniture and the careful selection of plant species to provide each site with colour and interest.

Tucker Road/Patterson Road shopping centre is one of the smaller local centres that has benefited from a makeover. Improvements have been made to the centre's footpaths and

amenities and drought-tolerant plants have been planted, giving the shopping centre a colourful facelift.

Ormond Shopping Centre recently had a similar facelift and work on the Gardenvale and McKinnon Shopping Centres is underway.



Before. Photo: Kent Dodgshun

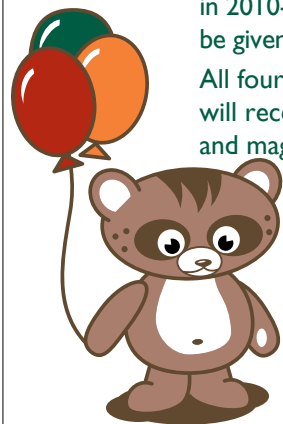


After. Photo: Kent Dodgshun

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2010-11

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2010-11. These immunisations are recommended to be given just prior to a child's fourth birthday.

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 6 November
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

Wednesday 1 December
4pm-6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparton Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 15 January 2011
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh



Glen Eira City Council

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

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

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

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

This valuable session will look at:

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

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

Presenter: Emergcare

Thursday 11 November

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 or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



IBL Program

Since 1994, Glen Eira City Council has participated in Swinburne's Public and Environment Health *Industry Based Learning (IBL) Program*.

The *Program* is offered to Swinburne University students who are completing their third year in the Bachelor of Health Science (Public and Environmental Health) course. Once students complete this four year course, they are qualified to work as environmental health officers.

The *IBL Program* encourages students to observe, think, analyse, synthesis, evaluate and apply the theory they have learnt in the classroom.

For the past 16 years, Council has offered Swinburne University students the opportunity to complete their industry based learning year with Council as a Cadet Environmental Health Officer.

During this 12 month program, the cadet is assigned an environmental health mentor who assists them with their training and development. The *Program* also requires the cadet to gain practical experience in a variety of areas, such as food inspections, complaint investigations, food and water sampling and tobacco education information.

Upon completion of the placement, the cadet is then required to complete their final year at Swinburne University. Once the students have received their Bachelor degree, they are then able to work in local government as a fully qualified environmental health officer.

In addition, Council's participation in the *IBL Program* has assisted with recruitment issues faced by the environmental health profession, with Council retaining a number of Swinburne students that have previously completed their industry based learning year with Council.

Food Safety Week

Myths and Mastery is the theme of *Food Safety Week 2010*, which will be held from 8–14 November.

What isn't a myth is the statistics surrounding food poisoning. Out of the 5.4 million cases of food poisoning reported in Australia annually, a third of these cases are thought to have originated from cooking in the home.

With the festive season around the corner and the daily temperatures rising, it is important to implement safe food practices as hot weather, large crowds, overloaded fridges and foods we don't normally cook, all make perfect conditions for food poisoning.

We are also more likely to be cooking for several generations and need to be especially careful when preparing food for young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people whose immune systems may be compromised. Food poisoning could be very serious for them.

Here are a few easy things to do in order to minimise the obvious food safety risks.

Shopping

- Buy from reputable suppliers with clean premises.
- Avoid spoiled foods, foods past their use-by dates or foods in damaged containers or packaging.
- Buy chilled and frozen foods towards the end of your shopping trip.



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- Hot chickens and other hot foods should also be purchased later in your trip and kept separate from cold food.
- Take chilled, frozen, or hot foods straight home in insulated containers.
- Once you arrive home, immediately transfer chilled and frozen food into your fridge and freezer.

Storing

- Cold food must be kept at 5°C or colder.
- Frozen food must be kept frozen solid at minus 15°C or colder
- Thaw food in the fridge. Food that is thawing should be stored below and separate from cooked and ready to eat foods. This means that raw food cannot drip onto the cooked food.
- Divide large portions of food into small batches before thawing. Large portions take longer to thaw.

Cooking

- Use a thermometer to ensure food is cooked thoroughly — the centre of the cooked food needs to reach 75°C.
- Cook poultry until the meat is white — there should be no pink flesh.
- Cook rolled or stuffed meats, mince, sausages and whole poultry until the juices run clear.
- Keep hot food at 60°C or hotter.

Cleaning

- Always wash hands with warm soapy water before and after handling food.
- Use dry, clean, sanitised cutting boards, utensils, containers and equipment and wash with hot soapy water between handling raw and cooked food.
- Clean and rinse cloths after each use. Replace cloths frequently.

Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids

Glen Eira City Council encourages all food businesses to respond to the public demand for healthy, nutritious food by taking advantage of Council's *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs.

Statistics show an alarming increase in the number of overweight children and adults in Australia. Now more than

ever, consumers are concerned about the nutritional value of what they eat. As a result, the food industry and many businesses are making changes to provide healthy food options.

Council's *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* nutrition programs are award-winning public health initiatives that assist local businesses with

improving the nutritional value of the food they serve.

The programs involve a nutrition assessment of the business menu based on criteria developed in partnership with the International Diabetes Institute, Caulfield Community Health Service and Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the criteria is focused on reducing total and saturated fats, salt and refined sugar and increasing dietary fibre.

"Businesses that are successful in meeting the criteria receive a framed *Taste 4 Health* certificate which is presented at Council's *Annual Food Business Awards* night and free publicity in the 2011 *Safe Food Guide*," Mr Saunders said.

"The *Awards* assist the public in identifying local food businesses that provide healthy meal options."

The *Taste 4 Health* and *Taste 4 Health Kids* programs are available to restaurants, cafes, clubs, hotels and take away food outlets that achieve Council's five-star safe food rating.

For further information about getting involved in the programs, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Taste 4 Health and Taste 4 Health Kids tips

- Offer water or have it visible for customers to help themselves.
- Offer your customers low fat alternatives such as boiled or steamed rice, noodles and baked potatoes instead of fried rice, fried noodles and chips.
- Leave edible skins on fruits and vegetables during preparation of dishes.



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Food Act amendments

As reported on page three of the September edition of *Glen Eira News*, the State Government has amended Victorian food safety laws. These laws provide Glen Eira City Council with new powers to penalise food businesses that have unhygienic and unsafe practices, including:

- temporary close food business that are found to be unsafe;
- stopping food handling from occurring at a food business until the business is in a clean and sanitary state;
- seizing unsafe and unhygienic food and equipment;
- issuing written legal notices, requiring businesses to comply with National Food Safety Standards; and
- issuing penalty infringement notices to businesses for a range of breaches relating to safe food handling and cleanliness (from March 2011).

Council has also retained the powers to prosecute poor performing food businesses in a Magistrates Court.

These new laws will assist Council to ensure that the public's safety is



Fundraising activities, such as simple sausage sizzles, can now be conducted without the need to obtain Food Act registration with Council.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

protected by dealing with the food businesses that do not comply with the regulations a lot quicker than in previous years.

In addition to these powers, the laws have been amended to take into account the unique nature of some occasional activities conducted for the purposes of fundraising by community groups, such as sporting clubs, senior citizens groups, church groups and other similar bodies.

These groups are able to conduct fundraising activities, such as simple

sausage sizzles, cake stalls (without cream filling) and the sale of biscuits, tea and coffee at temporary food premises without the need to obtain *Food Act registration* with Council. The groups only need to notify Council of the operation of the temporary food premises and this can be done by filling out Council's *Notification to sell food at a community event* form.

For further information regarding temporary food premises, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Safe Food Guide

Glen Eira City Council's *Safe Food Guide* recognises the achievements of local food businesses within the City of Glen Eira which received a five-star food safety rating.

These businesses demonstrated excellent food safety standards when assessed by Council's environmental health officers.

The Safe Food Guide is a great tool to help residents make informed decisions about where they eat and purchase food within the municipality.

In previous years, individual copies of the *Guide* were sent to Glen Eira residents. From 2010, the *Guide* will be inside Council's *Residents' Handbook* (page 76–85).

Food safety seminars



Council's environmental health officers will be available to answer questions from local food business operators.

Glen Eira City Council is holding three food safety seminars in November and December. Local food businesses are invited to attend these seminars, which will provide an overview of the new food safety laws and how businesses can comply with the laws to avoid the penalties. In addition, the seminars will also provide food businesses with the information on how obtain a Council five-star food safety rating.

The seminars will be attended by Council's environmental health officers who will be available to answer questions from local food business operators.

Monday 22 November, 7pm–8pm

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

Monday 29 November, 7pm–8pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Monday 6 December, 7pm–8pm

Youth Information Centre 86 Robert Street, Bentleigh

If you are a local food business operator and would like to attend one of these seminars, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email tgelley@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Food safety a priority for Council

Maintaining Glen Eira's reputation as one of Melbourne's best culinary regions is always at the forefront of Kelsey Laffy's mind.

As a Cadet Environmental Health Officer, Kelsey works with new and established hospitality businesses within the municipality to ensure these food outlets are suitable for public use.

This includes heading out with Glen Eira City Council's three environmental health officers to complete food safety assessments and annual inspections of local businesses to make sure their practices are in line with the *Food Act*.

Kelsey is studying Public and Environmental Health at Swinburne University and joined Council as part of her third year cadetship. Previously, she had worked as a Microbiologist before deciding to make a career switch.

For Kelsey, getting out of the office and interacting with community members is her favourite part of the job.

"You form a lot of good relationships with the traders in the area," Kelsey said.

"Often we help new clients set up their food businesses and provide them with guidance to ensure they comply with the National food safety standards.

"I enjoy providing local food businesses with advice on how they can provide safe food to the public.

"Protecting the health and safety and consumers is paramount for our jobs because of the risk of people becoming seriously ill from contaminated food."

Kelsey says she is enjoying her work as a Cadet Environmental Health Officer.

"My goal is to keep on learning new things about the job because there is so much more to learn," Kelsey said.

"Adopting the things I studied in University to the 'real world' has been a challenge and is very rewarding"



Cadet Environmental Health Officer Kelsey Laffy. Photo: Kristian Silva

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 Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall 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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Contact: 9583 7783.

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 every Friday from 6.30pm–8pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. English Conversation is an informal program that helps recent arrivals to Australia with the English language.
Contact Peter: 9572 1876.

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

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.
Contact Helen: 9509 0043.

The Elsternwick Club meets every Wednesday from 11am and Friday from 5.30pm at 19 Sandham Street, Elsternwick.
Contact John: 9578 3692.

Glen Eira University of the Third Age offers seniors a selection of activities, including courses in painting, drawing, wine appreciation, calligraphy, languages, history, bridge and much more.
Contact: 9572 0571.

Rotary Club of Caulfield meets every Thursday at Signature's Café, 741 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South.
Contact: 9523 9525.

The Glen Eira Historical Society, 965 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am–12pm.
Contact: 9077 5395.

EVENTS

Figurative Art: Sessions every Tuesday from 10am–3pm. One long pose for four weeks with professional model. Bring your own easel and materials. Cost is \$30 per session.
Contact: 9568 7190.

The Bentleigh Organ Club presents its 14th Annual Cup Eve Concert on 1 November from 8pm at Coatesville Bowling Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for visitors.
Contact Jenny and Cliff: 9528 2539 or Lee: 9889 4089.

Diamond Valley Singers presents Handel's Messiah on 7 November from 2.30pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads. Cost is \$20 and \$15 concession.
Contact Dianne: 9578 9176.

Quilt display by Sew Inspired Patchworkers will be held on 13 November from 10am–5pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Cost is \$5.
Contact Helen: 0423 001 603 or Jenny: 0431 235 047.

Music Lovers' Society Concert will be held on 20 November from 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Cost is \$20, \$16 seniors, \$12 pensioners, \$8 students and \$45 for a family. Members free.
Contact: 9822 7292.

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Oakleigh Unit will be attending the Bentleigh Festival on 21 November from 8am–5pm, Centre Road, Bentleigh.

The Bentleigh Sunday Market Collectables and Antiques Roadshow will be held on 21 November from 7am–12pm. Rain date is 5 December.
Visit: www.bentleighmarket.org

Caulfield Primary School will hold its biennial fete on 27 November from 10am–4pm at 724 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South. Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Oakleigh Unit will also be in attendance.
Contact: <http://springfete.caulfieldps.vic.edu.au/>

Inaugural Paint in the Park at Caulfield Park will be held on 28 November from 10am–4pm. Hosted by Glen Eira Artists' Society Inc, bring your own materials. Registration closes 22 November. Cost is \$10.
Contact: 9568 7190.

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Oakleigh Unit barbecue will be held on 4 December from 9am–4pm at Bunnings Warehouse, 1126 Centre Road, Oakleigh South.

Murrumbeena Community Market will be held on 4 December from 9am–3pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena.
Contact: 9568 7190.

COMMUNITY

Glen Eira Police Community Register promotes confident and secure living among the older or more vulnerable residents of the City of Glen Eira.
Contact: 9556 6565.

The Helmsmen Kiosk at Caulfield Hospital is looking for volunteers. The kiosk is open from 10am–5pm Monday–Friday and 10.30am–5pm on Sundays.
Contact Jeanette: 9076 6025.

The Glen Eira Historical Society, 965 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South is seeking volunteers to assist with cataloguing, oral history interviewing and documenting, researching, reception and clerical work.
Contact: 9077 5395.

Jewish Seniors Study Group men's group meets every Monday–Thursday at 10am and 4pm at Kollel Menachem Lubavitch, 92 Hotham Street, St Kilda East. The ladies' group meets every Tuesday from 1.30pm.
Contact Rabbi Shimon Cowen: 9527 5902.

Institute for Judaism and Civilization presents relating religious thought to the western philosophical tradition, a seven week course, running from 11 November–23 December on Thursday mornings from 9am–10am.
Contact Rabbi Shimon Cowen: 9527 5902.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 8 November and Monday 6 December 9.30am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (entry via Glen Eira Road)

Tuesday 9 November and Tuesday 7 December 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 16 November and Tuesday 14 December 9.30am–11am

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 22 November and Wednesday 20 December 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 20 November and Saturday 11 December 9am–11am

Wednesday 3 November, Thursday 25 November, Wednesday 8 December and Thursday 16 December 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 24 November and Wednesday 22 December 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 17 November and Wednesday 15 December 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm



鐵道路口

RACV 和 Leader 社區報社聯合開展的《2010 年危險點調查》確認在 Murrumbeena 和 Neerim 路上的鐵道路口為 2010 年維多利亞州第一危險點。

據《調查》報告，上午八點至九點之間，共有 36 列火車通過該鐵道路口，欄杆放下時間累計為 38 分鐘之多。

Glen Eira 市政區 Steven Tang 市長說，市政府認為 Dandenong 火車線，包括 Murrumbeena 鐵道路口造成了交通問題。

“市政府對州政府施加了壓力，對分離 Dandenong 鐵道與公路進行調查並撥出資金。”

Tang 市長說：“州政府設有 4.4 億澳元的鐵道與公路分離資金，但迄今未說明這筆錢將花在甚麼地方。”

市政府對鐵道與公路分離所作出的評論是以《Eddington 報告》為背景資料的，該報告建議新建一條長 17 公里的地下鐵道，一端連接 Caulfield 火車站，另一端至內西區。

該地下鐵道和未決定的至 Dandenong 的第三條鐵道雖然可使去 Caulfield 火車站乘坐火車的乘客人數一小時增至四萬左右，但也會加重鐵道路口的堵車現象，因為火車班次多，鐵道路口欄杆放下的次數也隨之增加。

Tang 市長說，只有在鐵道與公路分離後，鐵道與幹道相交道口的塞車現象才可能減緩。

市政府的主張迄今未得到州政府的支持。

《2010 年維州財政預算》撥出一百萬澳元供 VicRoads 開展鐵道與公路的分離調查，重點放在 Caulfield 和 Murrumbeena。

Tang 市長說市政府敦促 VicRoads 在調查中與社區開展協商。

Διασταύρωση αφήνει τους αυτοκινητιστές θυμωμένους

Η Έρευνα «Redspot» του RACV και της Κοινοτικής Εφημερίδας Leader του 2010 εντόπισε την διασταύρωση τρένου στην Murrumbeena και Neerim Road ως το υπ αριθμόν ένα Redspot στη Βικτώρια για το 2010.

Σύμφωνα με την Έρευνα, οι αυτοκινητιστές περιμένουν για μέχρι και 36 τρένα να περάσουν τη διασταύρωση μεταξύ 8πμ και 9μμ με τις μπάρες κατεβασμένες σε αυτό το διάστημα για περισσότερο από 38 λεπτά.

Ο Δήμαρχος του Glen Eira Steven Tang είπε ότι ο Δήμος έχει αναγνωρίσει τη γραμμή του Dandenong συμπεριλαμβανομένης και της διασταύρωσης Murrumbeena, ως πρόβλημα.

‘Ο Δήμος εξάσκησε πίεση στην Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση να ερευνήσει και να παραχωρήσει χρηματοδότηση για επίπεδο διαχωρισμό της γραμμής του Dandenong’.

‘Η Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση έχει \$440 εκατομμύρια χρηματοδότηση για τον επίπεδο διαχωρισμό αλλά ακόμα δεν λέει που θα διατεθεί αυτό το ποσό’, είπε ο Δήμαρχος Tang.

Τα σχόλια του Δήμου για τον επίπεδο διαχωρισμό έχουν γίνει στο πλαίσιο της Έκθεσης Eddington, η οποία συνιστά νέα σιδηροδρομική σήραγγα 17 χιλιομέτρων που θα συνδέει το Σταθμό του Caulfield με τα εσωτερικά δυτικά προάστια.

Η σήραγγα και η υπό συζήτηση τρίτη γραμμή για το Dandenong ενόσω αυξάνει την χωρητικότητα κατά 40,000 επιβάτες την ώρα στις γραμμές τροφοδοσίας στο Σταθμό του Caulfield, θα αυξήσει μόνο το αδιέξοδο στις διασταυρώσεις όπως τα περισσότερα τρένα κάνουν τις μπάρες να καταβαίνουν συχνότερα.

Ο Δήμαρχος Tang είπε ότι μόνο αν γίνει ο επίπεδος διαχωρισμός θα υπάρξει μείωση στη διένεξη και στο συνωστισμό όπου η σιδηροδρομική γραμμή διασταυρώνει κύριους δρόμους.

Μέχρι σήμερα, οι προτάσεις του Δήμου στην Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση δεν έχουν υποστηριχτεί.

Ο Πολιτειακός Προϋπολογισμός του 2010 διέθεσε \$1 εκατομμύριο στην VicRoads για να κάνει έρευνα επίπεδου διαχωρισμού, η οποία θα επικεντρωθεί στο Caulfield και στην Murrumbeena.

Ο Δήμαρχος Tang είπε ότι ο Δήμος προτείνει στην VicRoads να διαβουλευτεί με την κοινότητα ως μέρος της έρευνάς της.

Passaggio a livello fa vedere rosso agli automobilisti

Il sondaggio 2010 Redspot Survey condotto dalla RACV e dal Leader Community Newspaper ha indicato il passaggio a livello tra la Murrumbeena e la Neerim Road come il “Punto caldo” numero uno nel Victoria per il 2010.

Secondo il sondaggio, tra le 8:00 e le 9:00 del mattino gli automobilisti restano fermi in attesa del transito di un numero di treni fino a 36 in attraversamento del passaggio a livello che resta con le sbarre abbassate per più di 38 minuti.

Il Sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Steven Tang, ha affermato che il Comune ha constatato l'esistenza di un problema causato dalla linea ferroviaria di Dandenong, con incluso il passaggio a livello di Murrumbeena.

“Il Comune ha esercitato pressione sul Governo Statale per condurre un’ indagine e successivamente sovvenzionare l’intersezione a livelli separati nella linea ferroviaria di Dandenong.”

“Il Governo Statale ha stanziato 440 milioni di dollari per l’intersezione a livelli separati, ma non ha ancora detto dove verrà spesa questa somma di denaro,” ha ribadito il Cons. Tang.

Il Consiglio comunale ha espresso i propri commenti a riguardo dell’intersezione a livelli separati nel contesto del rapporto Eddington Report, che raccomanda la costruzione di una nuova galleria ferroviaria della lunghezza di 17 kilometri per congiungere la Stazione di Caulfield con il centro dei quartieri ovest.

La galleria e la proposta terza linea ferroviaria per Dandenong, incrementando la capacità di trasporto fino a circa 40.000 passeggeri all'ora sui raccordi ferroviari per la Stazione di Caulfield, causerebbe un incremento di ingorgo agli incroci in quanto il transito di un maggior numero di treni richiederebbe una più frequente chiusura dei passaggi a livello.

Il Cons. Tang ha aggiunto che soltanto effettuando l’intersezione a livelli separati si verificherà una riduzione di contrasti e congestione nei punti in cui la linea ferroviaria incrocia le arterie principali.

Fino ad oggi, il patrocinio operato dal Consiglio comunale nei riguardi del Governo Statale non ha ottenuto alcun supporto.

La finanziaria 2010 State Budget ha assegnato 1 milione di dollari alla VicRoads per condurre un’ indagine sulla separazione dei livelli di percorrenza sulla linea ferroviaria, che si concentrerà su Caulfield e Murrumbeena.

Il Cons. Tang ha informato che il Consiglio comunale sta esortando la VicRoads a consultare la comunità nell’ambito dell’ indagine stessa.

Железнодорожные переезды – помеха для автотранспорта

Клуб автолюбителей штата Виктория (RACV) и районная газета Leader провели специальное исследование по выявлению мест, создающих заторы на дорогах в нашем районе в 2010г. (2010 Redspot Survey). Самой значительной помехой для нормального движения автотранспорта во всем штате оказался железнодорожный переезд Murrumbeena – Neerim Road.

Исследование показало, что с 8 до 9 часов утра водителям приходится пропускать до 36(!) поездов, прежде чем им удастся проехать переезд, и шлагбаум в течение этого часа бывает закрыт более 38 минут.

Мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-н Steven Tang отметил, что муниципалитет считает железнодорожную линию Dandenong (и в том числе переезд Murrumbeena) серьезной проблемой для движения автотранспорта.

“Муниципалитет настаивает, чтобы Правительство штата проанализировало ситуацию и выделило средства на разделение движения железнодорожного и автомобильного транспорта на линии Dandenong.”

“Правительство штата Виктория имеет специальный фонд в 440 млн. долларов для разделения движения, но как будут использованы эти средства пока не известно,” сказал г-н Tang.

Позиция муниципалитета по этому вопросу была сформулирована в ответ на так называемый Отчет Эддингтона (Eddington Report) – отчет об исследовании транспортных проблем штата, в котором рекомендуется строительство нового 17-километрового железнодорожного туннеля, который соединил бы станцию Caulfield с районами к западу от Сити.

Этот туннель, а также предлагаемая в дополнение к туннелю третья железнодорожная ветка в Dandenong увеличили бы пассажиропоток через станцию Caulfield на 40000 человек в час и еще больше затруднили бы движение автотранспорта через переезд, т.к. шлагбаум должен был бы закрываться еще чаще, чем сейчас.

Г-н Tang отметил, что только разделение железнодорожного движения в местах пересечения с основными автодорогами может уменьшить заторы и разрешить эту серьезную транспортную проблему.

До сих пор позиция муниципалитета по этому вопросу не находит поддержки в Правительстве штата.

В бюджете штата на 2010г. был выделен 1 млн. долларов для VicRoads на проведение анализа возможности разделения движения в районах Caulfield и Murrumbeena.

Г-н Tang отметил, что муниципалитет настаивает, чтобы VicRoads провело опрос мнения жителей района по этому вопросу.

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

Please note: Submissions are not confidential and will be incorporated in full (including all personal information) into the agenda and minutes of the Council Meeting at which they are considered, will be available on Council's website as part of the relevant agenda and minutes of meeting and will be made available for public inspection in accordance with all applicable statutory requirements, including, without limitation, those prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Upcoming and current consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Packer Park west concept plans	Comments/submissions	Close Friday 12 November	GECC Recreation Services PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162
Child care services	Survey	Week commencing 16 November	
Marlborough Reserve redevelopment	Comments/submissions	Close Friday 10 December	GECC Recreation Services PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162

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.

The 2010 Photographic Imaging College Graduate Exhibition

Opens 10am Thursday 4 November and continues until 5pm Sunday 14 November

Opening night: 6pm Wednesday 3 November

The Photographic Imaging College Graduate Exhibition will showcase the work of around 100 students, including graduating students of the Diploma of Arts in Applied Photography.

The exhibition will feature a broad range of work, from traditional black and white silver gelatin processes, type C colour prints through to digitally generated prints, new media, video projection and installation. A distinctive quality of the exhibition will be the synthesising of traditional and innovative approaches to photography.

As in previous years, the themes, styles and concepts are wide ranging, reflecting the individual development of students in

response to the world around them. The diverse interests and range of approaches to the photographic medium promises a dynamic and intriguing exhibition.

A Passion for Birds: Tony Pridham

Opens 10am Wednesday 17 November and continues until 5pm Sunday 28 November

Opening night: 6.30pm Tuesday 16 November

Presented by Jenny Pihan Fine Art

Tony Pridham is widely regarded as one of the world's major painters of birds. His two great passions in life — birds and art — have been the driving force behind his chosen career. Tony's artworks are included in the collections of Museums of Natural History and have been published in a number of ornithological books.

Through critical observation, Tony captures the transient characteristics of the birds he paints, achieving an integrity and beauty rarely seen in the commercial world. This ability to



Tony Pridham — Little Terns nesting at Mallacoota, 2010, oil on canvas.

transcend the boundaries of nature and interpret in paint a sense of the bird's presence and relationship to the viewer is what separates this great bird painter from others.

The book *Grassfinches in Australia* by renowned author Joseph Foreshaw and Avicultural expert Mark Shephard will be released in mid-2011 and provides a comprehensive scientific study of

this colourful and unique group of birds. The exhibition will showcase a species plate/painting of each of the 23 species covered in the book, as well as many studies and accompanying artworks.

For further information about the publication, contact Jenny Pihan Fine Art on 9770 5354.

Springtime Music Series

Glen Eira City Council's 2010 Springtime Music Series is an opportunity to enjoy the local parks, whilst being entertained by a variety of music — from string quartet to flamenco guitarist, children's music to contemporary pop and rock.

The following free concerts will be held from 2pm–4pm. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Nick Charles and the Blue Strings

Sunday 7 November

Memorial Park, Caulfield North

Nick Charles' performance features dazzling six string, 12 string and slide guitars and songs drawing from the rich traditions of American folk, blues, country and early jazz and ragtime.



Rocky and Dom

Sunday 14 November

Marlborough Street Reserve, Bentleigh East

Rocky and Dom perform everything from *The Rolling Stones* and Michael Jackson to *Pearl Jam*, *Cold Chisel*, *Metallica* and *Nickleback*.

Matthew Fagan

Sunday 21 November

Centenary Park, Bentleigh East

Matthew Fagan is a gifted fiery guitarist with a wealth of experience in performance, recording and composition. Matthew has toured with international artists Shirley Bassey, The Buena Vista Social Club, Michael Crawford and Billy Connolly.

Ouaga

Sunday 28 November

Caulfield Park, Caulfield North

Ouaga (pronounced waga) is a versatile and experienced ensemble that includes both local and African born musicians. *Ouaga* are legendary in Melbourne for their infectious groovy dance music and high energy stage shows.

Expressions of interest

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for Glen Eira City Council's 2011 *Party in the Park* and *Living Together* events. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or download an application form from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and follow the Arts and Culture links.

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

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Presenter: Jane McMahon

Thursday 2 December

7.30pm–9.30pm
(registration 7.15pm)

Glen Eira Town Hall
— Caulfield Cup Room

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Cost: \$5 per person

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

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



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Carols by Candlelight 2010

Family and friends are invited to join in song with some of Australia's most talented performers for an evening of carols and traditional music at Glen Eira City Council's *Carols by Candlelight 2010* concert on Sunday 19 December.

To be held at Princes Park, Bambra Road, Caulfield South, the concert will be held from 6pm–10pm. Gates open at 5pm.

Experience all the joy of the festive season and join in some of your favourite carols with host Luke Gallagher, award-winning singer, songwriter and Australian icon Kate Ceberano, *The B# Big Band*, *Young Voices of Melbourne* and soprano Alisha Gartland.

Local schools and community groups will also be performing, including Compass Church, *Glen Eira City Choir*, *Glen Eira Band*, Caulfield Junior College, Melbourne Montessori School and a special children's show by *The Kazoos*.



Glen Eira City Choir. Photo: Angus McDonald.

Alisha Gartland

Alisha Gartland is a recent graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) in operatic voice and studies with renowned opera tutor Raymond Connell. Alisha has performed in composers concerts at Iwaki Auditorium, ABC recordings, numerous stage productions and with the VCA Orchestra. Alisha performs regularly in the corporate arena, featuring also in classical recitals and music series. She is releasing an album in 2011 of original works.



Luke Gallagher

Luke Gallagher is a Melbourne based performer, director and producer who works on theatre and arts projects around the world. Though best known for his cabaret and musical theatre work, Luke is also in

demand as an MC and has helmed numerous major events for community, government and corporate clients around Australia. Luke has also worked in the media for many years and has a history in radio and television presenting.



Kate Ceberano

With her soulful voice, charismatic nature and exotic looks, Kate Ceberano has become a legendary Australian icon over the past 25 years. Kate is widely respected not only by the music industry, but also for her ability to juggle an abundance of other roles, including television appearances (*Dancing with the Stars*, *It Takes Two* and *Who Do You Think You Are*) charity work (Ambassador for the National Breast Cancer Foundation) and also motherhood. As a female artist that has been in the Australian music industry for more than 25 years, Kate has defied the odds and continues to find success in all that she does.

Young Voices of Melbourne

Founded in February 1990 by Mark O'Leary, *Young Voices of Melbourne* is well-known for its vibrant performances of various music styles. The choir has toured across Australia, as well as Europe, South Africa, Canada/USA, Singapore and Thailand. *Young Voices of Melbourne* has released eight CDs and is regularly heard on Australian radio and television and is regarded as one of Australia's finest children's choirs.



Photo: Angus McDonald

B# Big Band

B# Big Band consists of Melbourne's highest calibre and experienced jazz and session musicians, including those who are regular band members in various theatre productions and on television shows such as *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Logie Awards* and *It Takes Two*. Combined with the ability to re-create the magic of the 30s, 40s and 50s swing eras through to horn filled 60s and 70s dance anthems, you can be assured of entertainment of the highest quality and professionalism. The band will perform a swinging selection of carols featuring one of Melbourne's favourite crooners, Rod Davies. Attendees to this event can expect a fabulous taste of festive tunes made famous by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin and other mid-century swing legends.



Photo: Angus McDonald.



The Kazoos

The Kazoos provide high-quality children's entertainment that is colourful, dynamic and very funny. *The Kazoos* come in singing and dancing and the fun never stops. Kids will be mesmerized by the characters and enthralled by the wonderful music, dancing and magic. Keep an eye out for a very special visitor while *The Kazoos* are performing.



Photo: Angus McDonald.

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Murrumbeena Cricket Club centenary celebrations

The 2010–11 cricket season marks the 100 year anniversary of the Murrumbeena Cricket Club. Founded in 1910 in humble beginnings, the club grew into one of the major suburban clubs by the 1930s.

The club initially played on a wicket known as Peggy's Paddock situated at the corner of Dandenong and Murrumbeena Roads. It is believed early pitches were a mixture of rolled grass and gravel, which probably accounts for the many low scores. Outfields were generally quite rough and the grass long. Cattle were often bought in before the season to chew down the grass and then the curator would smooth out the hoof prints.

In 1913, Caulfield Council purchased the present site at Kangaroo Road from William Dillon for £960 and developed this into Murrumbeena Park and granted tenancy to the club.

Presently, the club has four senior teams in the Victorian Turf Cricket Association (VTCA) and 10 under aged teams in the Southern District and Churches Cricket League (SDCCL). The top two senior teams play in South A1 and A2 with the 3rds playing in South C1 and the 4ths playing in the South C3 2 day competition.

The club has had a long and illustrious history all brought about by people with a passion and love for the game of cricket. A detailed history can be found on the club's website: <http://murrumbeenacc.com/>

As part the celebrations, the club has two major events planned:

Formal dinner

Saturday 20 November,
7pm–12am
Glen Eira Town Hall

Family Day

Sunday 21 November,
12pm–6pm
Murrumbeena Park
Milo cricket for youngsters on the main oval

For further information on both events, contact David Hardham on 0418 334 341 or email centenary@murrumbeenacc.com

Caulfield Bears raises money for charity



CBJFC Committeeman Sam Kirkham, Jo Kirkham, Challenge CEO David Rogers, CBJFC Vice President Tony Nilsson and CBJFC Secretary Lyn MacDonald. Photo: CBJFC.

Over the past five years, Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club (CBJFC) has raised close to \$25,000 for charity. In addition, the club received the *Best Club Award* in 2009 from the Moorabbin Saints Junior Football League. This effort comes on top of organising players, coaches, helpers, equipment and the all important half-time oranges.

Some of the charities the club support include:

- *Relay For Life* — a fundraising initiative for the Anti Cancer Council where the club raised approximately \$15,000 between 2006 and 2009.
- *Call to Arms* — an initiative promoted by former Essendon footballer Adam

Ramanauskas who was diagnosed with cancer. Sporting clubs across Australia have joined the cause and wear yellow for one game to help in the fight against cancer. The club raised \$3,000 for this cause.

- *The Biggest Aussie Pie Night* — promoted by Challenge, an organisation that supports children and their families whose lives have been affected by cancer. The club was inspired after witnessing the wonderful support Challenge provided to one of the club's families. The club community rallied superbly and the night was a great success, not only in terms of the amount of money raised, but also in increasing awareness for the service that Challenge provides. The night raised an impressive sum of \$8,039.

The clubs fundraising efforts will continue in 2011 and beyond with the club pledging to support a nominated charity each year.

It's great to see the positive impact a sports club can have off the field in building a stronger Glen Eira community.

Packer Park Velodrome

If the recent World Cycling Championships sparked your interest in all things two wheeled, then Packer Park Velodrome could be the spot for your next ride.

Glen Eira has a long history of cycling dating back to late last century. The velodrome has been in use for more than 50 years. It was used as a training venue for the 1956 Olympics and used by the training squads for the 1960 and 1964 Olympics.

At its opening in November 1952, there were three tenant clubs — the Glen Huntly–Ormond Professional Cycling Club, the Carnegie Amateur Cycling Club and the Brighton and Caulfield South Professional Cycling Club. The clubs eventually amalgamated to become the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club.

Many notable past cycling greats have raced, trained or trained others at the velodrome, including Sid Patterson, Billy Guyatt, Hubert Opperman and 1956 Olympian John O'Sullivan — just to name a few.

Today, the velodrome is home to the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club who has been operating for more than 75 years. Club members include juniors, adults, veterans and riders with disabilities, including amputees

and visually impaired riders. The visually impaired riders use tandem racing bikes similar to those used when tandem racing was part of the Olympics. The club has a very strong development program and is always keen to welcome new members.

So next time you are wanting to head out for a ride, check out Packer Park Velodrome in Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref 68 J8).

The velodrome is open to the public except during club training times and race days. There are signs at the track outlining these times.

For further information about the Carnegie Caulfield Cycling Club contact Mal Sawford: mal.sawford@carnegiecycling.com.au or visit www.carnegiecycling.com.au



The velodrome at Packer Park, Carnegie, is one of the few velodromes located in the metropolitan area. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Dog off-leash areas

Dogs make wonderful companions for people of all ages. Dogs can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and encourage us to get active by talking them on walks.

However, along with these benefits come certain responsibilities to our pets and the wider community. Council balances the usage of all parks to ensure dogs and people can all enjoy the amenities of our local parks.

Did you know that there are 21 off-leash areas in parks across Glen Eira?

Off-leash areas provide a good opportunity for dogs to socialise, exercise and explore. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure that dogs are always under effective control, both on-leash and off-leash. Dogs should not be let off leash if they are not going to respond to their owner when called. Dogs who do not return to their owner when called are a potential risk to other people, dogs and themselves.

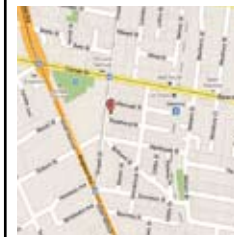


Dogs make wonderful companions for people of all ages.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

By observing the on-leash and off-leash area, Glen Eira parks will continue to be popular open spaces for all members of the community.

Further information about Glen Eira's off-leash parks can be found at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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Learn to play croquet

Elsternwick Croquet Club invites anyone who is interested to try their hand at croquet — a game for people of all ages, levels of fitness and ability. Croquet involves hitting wooden or plastic balls with a mallet through hoops embedded into the grass playing court. You can play competitively or just for fun.

Croquet is often referred to as the thinking person's game, but it is not difficult and the club can teach you all the rules and how to play. All you need to bring is flat soled shoes and an open mind, all equipment is supplied.

The Club play on Tuesdays between 10am and 12pm and Saturdays between

1pm–3pm and are based at the southern end of Hopetoun Gardens on Glenhunting Road.

For further information, contact club secretary Minn on 9578 4774 or visit www.elsternwickcroquet.com

library news

Write a book review for the chance to win

Read something great? Why not tell others about it by writing an online review? During November, all book reviewers will go into a draw to win a \$50 book voucher.

To get started, just search for the book on the library catalogue, click 'Add your review' then enter your library membership and PIN.

To submit your review, you need to be a library member. Library membership is free and you can join online. Visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on Library to learn more about becoming a library member.

Happy reviewing!

Climb the pyramid of books

Get ready for a great summer of reading. Eira's Pyramid of Books starts on 6 December and will keep children excited about reading during the long summer break.

Entry forms will be available from Glen Eira's libraries or online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au.

There are a host of great prizes to be won in the different age categories, including iPods, a Challenger Laptop, My Pal Scout toys and book packs. There are also fun rewards to collect along the way.

This popular reading program is open to all children up to 15 years. Young children who are not yet reading can join in the fun by having books read to them by their parents.

Chanukah StoryTime

Between 1 and 3 December, StoryTime sessions at Glen Eira City Council's four library branches will include a selection of stories and music to celebrate Chanukah.

No bookings are required

Parents and professionals working in partnership



Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Bendigo Bank (Murrumbidgee Community Bank), presents this information session for parents/guardians, grandparents and early childhood professionals.

While they may employ professionals to supplement the care and education that they offer their children, parents are the ones with intimate knowledge of their child and the ability to direct the services that their child receives. At the same time, professionals have expertise that can complement the skills of parents.

This session will discuss the key services that parents might require from professionals and will examine how both parties can communicate effectively and solve problems jointly.

Presenter: Louise Porter

Tuesday 9 November

7.30pm–9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)

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

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.



If in doubt, check it out



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg addresses parents at Council Youth Services information night. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

If in doubt, check it out was the theme for Glen Eira City Council Youth Services parent information night on Thursday 14 October. More than 200 parents attending the free event, which focused on youth mental health.

Guest speaker Dr Michael Carr-Gregg shared useful tips and ideas on how to build positive mental health and resilience in young people.

His key points were:

Social and emotional competency

Young people need to learn conflict resolution and anger management skills.

Sense of meaning, purpose and belonging

Being connected to a group can have a positive effect on a young person and how they feel they fit into a community.

Positive self talk

It is important for young people to learn how to look at themselves in a positive way and what great things they bring to the world.

We need to be optimistic

Learn how to look at life in a positive way.

Islands of competence

Trying and developing skills in a wide range of different things can open up more opportunities for them to have many diverse interests in their lives.

The evening provided a great opportunity for parents to learn from one of Australia's leading health care professionals. Dr Carr-Gregg also highlighted some significant statistics around the importance of helping young people to build this resilience so that they can be active and healthy contributors to community.

Statistics

- Seventy five per cent of all mental illness begins before age 25.
- Only 30 per cent of those with a mental illness will seek professional help.
- One in five students will have some form of mental illness, with 50 per cent of these students with the most serious issues never getting recognised.

If you have doubts about someone you know, make an appointment to visit your GP and have an honest conversation about your concerns. Your GP can provide you will a referral for ongoing professional mental health care.

If you would further information about Youth Services or would like to be on Youth Services parent mailing list to receive updated program and event information, contact 9524 3676 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Sources:

www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au
www.youthbeyondblue.com

Keeping an eye on Glen Eira's youth

A new initiative to inform parents and carers about the whereabouts of young people has been implemented by Caulfield Police.

Parent advice letters are being sent to parents and carers of young people who have been spoken to by police whilst out at certain times of an evening.

Senior Sergeant Paul Kirk told *Glen Eira News* the letters advise the parents and carers that their child has been spoken to by police on what date and time.

"This is usually done for such circumstances as for example young teenagers being out at two or three in the morning and located in high risk areas," Senior Sergeant Kirk said.

"The letters also encourage parents to contact police if they have any further concerns and if required we can offer referrals and advice to parents through our Proactive Unit."

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