

glen eira news

Free hard rubbish collections

Council contractors collecting hard rubbish in Caulfield North.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Moving home or cleaning out your house this summer? Book a free hard rubbish collection with Glen Eira City Council and get rid of old or unwanted items at a time that's convenient for you.

Every household is entitled to three free, on demand hard rubbish collections every year. Council will collect up to four cubic metres of rubbish in each collection.

Hard rubbish includes domestic items that will not fit in your household garbage bin, including furniture, appliances and household junk.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang encouraged residents to take up this free offer instead of leaving household goods and rubbish on the side of the road.

"In September, there were 369 recorded cases of dumped rubbish in the municipality," Cr Tang said.

"This is the highest figure to date and is very concerning."

Cr Tang said rubbish dumping spoils Glen Eira's appearance.

"Discarded household items are unsightly, can endanger public health and clutter footpaths and nature strips," Cr Tang said.

Cr Tang said during summer there is a large amount of old furniture and other rubbish abandoned.

"When items are dumped and Council isn't notified, it's likely the rubbish could remain on the nature strip for several weeks," Cr Tang said.

"Those caught leaving rubbish and household goods on the nature strip illegally could receive a \$225 fine.

"Considering Council offers this free service three times a year, this is definitely the best way to dispose of unwanted items at your convenience."

To book your free hard rubbish collection, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Please note: Council's hard rubbish service will not collect:

- car parts, batteries or tyres;
- gas bottles;

- chemicals and liquids (including paint and oil);
- commercial or business waste;
- waste material from building, renovation or demolition (including timber, bricks, concrete, rubble, fencing and pallets);
- items which are too heavy to be lifted by two people; and
- broken glass, asbestos, cardboard or newspapers.

Remember:

Three free collections for every household at a time that's convenient for you.

Book by contacting 9524 3333.

Illegal dumping

Cr Tang also encouraged residents to report details of illegal dumping to Council.

"If residents see illegal dumping taking place, please take note of the vehicle registration number, the exact location, time and date and then report the incident to Council's Service Centre," Cr Tang said.

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Keeping safe this summer

Blood donor centre to open in Caulfield

A new blood donor centre will open in Caulfield in mid-December, offering the Glen Eira community greater opportunities to boost donor numbers.

With more than 14 donor chairs, the centre will collect more than 6,000 lifesaving blood donations over the next eight months. The centre will also be able to receive plasma and platelet donations.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service spokesperson Alison Melville said the centre will replace the mobile units that previously existed in Glen Eira, providing a more convenient and pleasant environment to donate blood.

“The new donor centre includes couches, interview rooms and improved donor facilities including flat screen televisions,” Ms Melville said.

“One in three Australians will need blood at some stage during their lifetime, but only one in 30 gives it.”

Donated blood is distributed to a wide range of people, including cancer



A new blood donor centre will open in Caulfield in mid-December.

Photo: Red Cross

patients; people living with heart, stomach and bowel disease; trauma and accident victims and babies and pregnant women.

The Caulfield Blood Donor Centre is located at 322 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield. To make an appointment to give blood, call 13 14 95 or visit

www.donateblood.com.au

Opening hours:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 8.30am–3.30pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 1pm–8pm

Friday and Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 9.30am–3.30pm

Mayor's column



Glen Eira parks are enjoyed by residents of all ages and I'm sure will be buzzing with activity over the summer months. They are also great places to take our four-legged friends.

Keeping in mind all users of our parks, Glen Eira City Council has begun consulting with the community regarding off-leash parks.

Council is being assisted in the review by Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd — experienced open space and animal management consultants.

The review will include two rounds of community consultation, with the first round being conducted in November. This involved obtaining feedback from key stakeholders and in-park surveys conducted by the consultant.

Public forums were held on 1 and 2 December, with a final forum to be held on 8 December. A draft report will be prepared and released for public comment in February next year.

Australian pop icon and resident of Glen Eira Kate Ceberano will line-up alongside some of Australia's most talented performers for an evening of carols and traditional music at Council's *Carols by Candlelight* concert on 19 December.

The concert will be held at Princes Park, Caulfield South from 6pm–10pm. Gates open at 5pm.

Carols by Candlelight is always a highlight on the Glen Eira calendar and it is fantastic that one of our own is headlining this event.

Further information about the concert can be found on page four and 12.

Finally, Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on 21 January from 7.30am–9am.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by 14 January.

On behalf of Councillors and Council staff, I wish all residents a safe and happy festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

**Cr Steven Tang
Mayor**

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the March edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 2 February for delivery 28 February–4 March.

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

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Young mums' group commences in Glen Eira

An eight week pilot program for young mums has begun in Glen Eira.

The young mums' group brings together new and expectant mum's aged 25 and under in an informal and relaxed environment, allowing them to meet other young mums, make new friends and build support networks.

This program is funded by the Innovative Health Service for Homeless Youth (IHSY) and is completely free for participants. The program is facilitated by Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health, in conjunction with Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service and Glen Eira Youth Services.

Council's Maternal and Child Health Co-ordinator Ruth Hennell said the program, which is held at Council's Youth Information Centre in Bentleigh, was established following the identification by nurses of a gap in its service.

"Young mums are invited to Council's new parent groups, but often don't attend because they feel they do not have a lot in common with older mums who may be married and have a career," Ms Hennell said.

"Others may feel judged because of their age. In some instances there could be an age gap of more than 20 years.

"This new group is tailored to meet the needs of young mums and assist



The young mums' group brings together new and expectant mums aged 25 and under. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

them in learning new parenting skills, while at the same time having fun and making new friends."

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Youth Social Worker Rachael Kegen facilitates the weekly group and told *Glen Eira News* she was pleased with the success of the program so far.

"On average, we have around 10 girls attend the group, which is a great result for a pilot program," Ms Kegen said.

"During the course of the program, a variety of guest speakers and visitors have attended, including a creative art

therapist, paediatric dietician and a Centrelink support worker.

"A hairdresser even came along to a session to pamper the girls.

"The girls also have access to health professionals, including a number of paediatric clinicians and Council's maternal and child health nurses."

The pilot program will finish in mid-December and if successful, will restart in early 2011.

For further information, contact Rachael Kegen on 9575 5310 or email r.kegen@bbch.org.au

Glen Eira residents recycle more than 29 tonnes of TV and electronic waste

Glen Eira residents dropped off televisions, computers and other electronic waste (e-waste) at Glen Eira City Council's first collection day in October.

More than 29 tonnes of e-waste was collected, making it the largest collection event ever held in

Melbourne. Televisions were the most common item dropped off with 588 collected. This was followed by computer monitors (405) and power adapters (359). There were even nine typewriters collected.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said 662 cars dropped off items for

recycling, filling eight skips.

"These fantastic results prove that the residents of Glen Eira are committed to doing their best to look after our environment by disposing of these items correctly," Cr Tang said.

This service was established to meet a growing desire within the Glen Eira community for a more environmentally focused service for disposal of e-waste.

Two further dates have been organised for the first half of 2011:

- Glen Eira Town Hall — Sunday 27 February; and
- Moorleigh Community Village — Sunday 15 May.

Collections will be conducted from 8am–4pm. Commercial quantities will not be accepted.

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



More than 29 tonnes of e-waste was collected. Photo: Jodhi Greenshields.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Applications submitted to VicRoads

Council has submitted applications to VicRoads for:

- Pedestrian operated signals for Glen Eira Road near Hood Crescent, Caulfield North and Grange Road near Oakleigh Road, Glen Huntly;
- 40km/h shopping centre zone for Centre Road, Bentleigh, Centre Road, Bentleigh East and North Road, Ormond; and
- funding subsidy for 63 school crossing supervisors.

Council has also submitted applications to VicRoads to improve safety at the following accident blackspot sites:

- Bambra and Glenhuntly Roads, Caulfield South;
- Alma and Kooyong Roads, Caulfield North; and
- Inkerman and Kooyong Road, Caulfield North.

Bicycle workshop

Council officers attended a workshop with VicRoads to improve the principal bicycle network in Glen Eira.

Engaging our community

Packer Park bowls area concept plan

Comments and submissions about the concept plan for the former lawn bowls area at Packer Park, Carnegie closed 12 November.

Parent/carer survey

A parent/carer survey was circulated to families enrolled in Council's child care services in mid-November.

Dog off-leash area review

Council is undertaking a review of dog off-leash areas in the municipality. A public forum will be held on 8 December at Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh.

Marlborough Reserve redevelopment

Comments and submissions about the redevelopment plans for Marlborough Reserve, Bentleigh East close 10 December.

Carols by Candlelight 2010



Kate Ceberano.

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* 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 and Melbourne Montessori School.

There will also be a special children's show by *The Kazoos*.

Further information about the performers can be found on page 12.

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

Changes to the Domestic Animals Act

Local councils now have more power to deal with aggressive and unidentified dogs found wandering the streets, due to changes to the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*.

Dogs that have been previously declared as 'dangerous dogs' can be seized, impounded and euthanised after 24 hours.

Owners must contact Glen Eira City Council within 24 hours of impoundment if they wish to prove that the circumstances were exceptional.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said the community would not tolerate dangerous dogs wandering and called on all dog owners to be vigilant about securing their properties.

"With the warmer months ahead, people are going to be out in Glen Eira's parks and reserves everyday," Cr Tang said.

"The safety of residents is paramount and we have to do everything possible to prevent serious injuries or even deaths."

Restricted breed dogs

As of 1 September 2010, restricted breed dog owners have two years to declare and register their dog with Council if they have not done so already.

After this two year period, restricted breed dogs that are not already registered with Council cannot be kept in Victoria and may be seized and euthanised.



The State Government recently increased the levy on pet registrations.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Dogs that fit the identification 'standard' for an American Pit Bull Terrier (or Pit Bull Terrier), Perro de Presa Canario (or Presa Canario), Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa or Fila Brasileiro will need to comply with the new legislation.

Pet registration levy

The State Government recently increased the levy on pet registrations, which means each dog and cat registration fee will go up by \$1.00.

The funds Council collects on behalf of the State Government is put into a Domestic Animal Welfare Fund, which primarily provides responsible pet ownership education programs for school children and the general community.

All cats and dogs must be registered annually with Council from three months of age. Registering your pet greatly improves their chance of being returned to you if they become lost.

Residents asked to give trees a healthy start to life

Glen Eira City Council is asking residents to help more than 1,100 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season.



Council is asking residents to help more than 1,100 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said residents who have a new tree on the nature strip outside their properties can help ensure it gets well established by helping Council with watering.

"Council conducts routine watering of new trees during spring and summer, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during the warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

"It can take around two years for a tree to really establish in its new location.

"Once established, the tree's root system will be strong enough to support it without additional watering.

"But to ensure that healthy start, the new street tree requires regular watering during its first year.

"Residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, twice a week during dry or warm periods.

"This water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the tree."

Mr Unwin said it was also important not to over water the new tree.

"Residents can check whether extra water is required by feeling the soil layer immediately below the mulch. If the soil is dry, more water is needed," Mr Unwin said.

A good time to water plants is early morning — water applied during the heat of the day is mostly wasted through evaporation.

Residents can also use their 'warm up' shower water, collected in a bucket when they shower, as a source of water for the new tree — a great water saving practice.

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

Childcare centre awarded for healthy living program



East Bentleigh Child Care Centre has been recognised by Kids — Go for your life. Photo: Gaye Stewart.

East Bentleigh Child Care Centre has been recognised as an award service by the Kids — Go for your life healthy eating and physical activity program.

The centre met nine criteria determined through international and national research, and expert opinion of healthy lifestyle behaviours. These included categories for nutrition and meal environments and active play.

East Bentleigh Child Care Centre Co-ordinator Emma Robinson said the award process required the centre to receive feedback on their activities, policies and practices.

“Our children’s menu was reviewed by a nutritionist who affirmed that the centre’s menu was well-balanced,” Ms Robinson said.

“The nutritionist offered some good advice about vegetarian options, which the centre has implemented with a positive response from both children and parents.”

Ms Robinson said the Kids — Go for your life program has changed the way the centre viewed outdoor and indoor activity.

“We now incorporate more active group games and physical challenges to build children’s skills,” Ms Robinson said.

“Parents are provided with regular information in newsletters and special displays are put on the noticeboard from time to time, which highlight a particular message or gather support for an activity.”

Ms Robinson also said the centre’s planned outdoor redevelopment would add even more to their service.

“A new playground will create physical challenges for the children and a vegie patch will teach them how to grow and harvest food,” Ms Robinson said.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang congratulated the East Bentleigh Child Care Centre and said the services involved in the program have made a commitment to support children create healthy habits for life.

“Kids — Go for your life is offered by 27 early childhood services in Glen Eira, reaching more than 2,000 children,” Cr Tang said.

Glen Eira City Council is interested in establishing a local Kids — Go for your life support network.

If you would like to be involved, contact Council’s Family and Children’s Service Department on 9524 3333.

Former homicide inspector joins Glen Eira Police Service Area

New Glen Eira Police Service Area Manager Inspector Stephen Clark is hoping to establish more partnerships with local community groups in Glen Eira over the coming months.

Inspector Clark joins the Glen Eira Police Service Area after spending three years with the Homicide Squad. Previously he has worked as a detective, in counter-terrorism and as a regular police officer.

“Operations in the Glen Eira area have been going really well and we want these results to continue,” Inspector Clark said.

The 2009–10 Crime Statistics show a reduction in overall crime in the Glen Eira region, with robbery decreasing by 15.3 per cent and motor vehicle theft dropping 38.1 per cent. There were also reductions in burglary and drug offences committed within the municipality.

However, one statistic that stands out is the rise in theft of items from motor vehicles.

Inspector Clark said the Bayside and Glen Eira Tasking Units would be concentrating on fixing this situation.

“Whenever we see spikes in any areas of crime, we will do whatever we can to address these issues,” Inspector Clark said.

“If there are any particular concerns residents would like to discuss, they can contact me at the Bayside Police Station.”



Glen Eira Police Service Area Manager Inspector Stephen Clark. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

GESAC online

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is now online.

A wide range of information on facilities, services and membership can now be viewed at www.gesac.com.au

The website will also have regular construction updates.

A more comprehensive website with greater user functionality and operational information is expected to be launched closer to the opening of the facility.

Glen Eira City Council Pools Committee Chair Cr Michael Lipshutz encouraged 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.

Manager GESAC Mark 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.

To find out more about GESAC’s facilities, services, construction updates and memberships, visit www.gesac.com.au



News in brief

Australia Day Breakfast

Glen Eira City Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* will acknowledge outstanding citizens and community groups that have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Friday 21 January from 7.30am–9am, Council will honour and award the *Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by Friday 14 January.

To make a booking or obtain further details about Council's *Australia Day*

Breakfast, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

2011 Council Meeting dates

Tuesday 1 February

Tuesday 22 February

Tuesday 5 March

Tuesday 5 April

Wednesday 27 April

Tuesday 17 May

Monday 6 June

Tuesday 28 June

Tuesday 19 July

Tuesday 9 August

Tuesday 30 August

Tuesday 20 September

Tuesday 11 October

Wednesday 2 November

Tuesday 22 November

Tuesday 13 December

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.

Free graffiti removal kits will also be available at community events, such as *Party in the Park 2011*. Council staff will be available on the day to provide advice on how to use the kits.

Exercise at Rosstown Community

Residents at Rosstown Community residential aged care facility have been enjoying better health thanks to exercise sessions three times a week.

Residents are led by the leisure and lifestyle staff in chair-based exercises and strength training using small hand and leg weights. Each part of the body is utilised, from the head through to the tips of the fingers and toes.

Each resident is assessed by the Rosstown Community physiotherapist to determine the level of physical activity they can undertake.

Rosstown Community resident Lorna Buggee has been participating in the classes for the last four years and said she enjoyed exercising in a group environment.

"I like doing all the exercises and I find it has helped me with my balance and posture," Ms Buggee said.

Gentle exercise is good for everyone — even those who have some difficulty walking or performing simple tasks. Doing a little every day builds muscle strength and tone which can improve balance and general wellbeing.

Leisure and Lifestyle Assistant Wendy Maclean said the classes are very popular at the centre, with around 20 participants attending the sessions.

"The residents are very aware of their own health and understand why it is important to keep active," Ms Maclean said.

"The exercise also keeps their minds sharp, so this is an added bonus."



Residents are led by the leisure and lifestyle staff in chair-based exercises.
Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

out and about



2010 Cross Country for Students with an Intellectual Disability: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang attended the event, which was held at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in late October.
Photo: Sara Hall.

Youth Services — supporting young people

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services welcomes Leigh Morris as the new Youth Services Co-ordinator.

Leigh has extensive experience working with young people through Local Government services. He will work with youth workers Bree Cross and Natalie Catanach to provide information, programs and support to young people aged 10–25 who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

Youth Services also provides youth worker support, a free, confidential service where young people can speak to the team of youth workers about a range of issues, including friendships, relationships, problems at school and at home. No issue is too big or too small and youth workers are available for appointments Monday to Thursday from 1pm–6pm and Friday from 1pm–5pm.

If you, or a young person you know, would like someone to talk to, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Bree Cross, Leigh Morris and Natalie Catanach. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Are you a young leader?

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is recruiting for the 2011 Youth Leadership Team. The Youth Leadership Team is a group of dynamic young volunteers, aged 15–25 from the Glen Eira community, who are interested in developing their leadership skills. This group actively plans and facilitates youth events in the City of Glen Eira.

The Youth Leadership Team runs from February until December and organises events such as the *Battle of the Bands* and the *Youth Art Expo*. Participants drive the planning, running and evaluation of these events. Members receive training in event management and leadership and are encouraged to use their skills to be leaders in their local communities.

Young people who are interested in this exciting program are encouraged to fill out a nomination form. For further information or to obtain a nomination form, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Battle of the Bands 2010

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services Youth Leadership Team invites you and your friends to *Battle of the Bands 2010* on Friday 10 December.

To be held at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh from 5pm–10.30pm, the night is a great opportunity for young bands to experience playing in front of a live audience.

This event has been organised by the Youth Leadership Team — a volunteer group of passionate young people who have been hard at work organising all aspects of this evening. Youth Services has provided the team with leadership and event management training.

So come along and show your support for the eight youth bands that will be playing. Tickets are free and there are some fantastic prizes to be won. The night will also provide the opportunity for you to have input into the *People's Choice Award*.

This is a smoke, alcohol and drug free event and bags will be inspected at the door.

For further information regarding *Battle of the Bands* or for information regarding applications for the 2011 Youth Leadership Team, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2010

Friday 10 December
5.30pm–10.30pm

**Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road,
Bentleigh**

Drug, alcohol and smoke free event

City of Glen Eira Youth Services includes 16–25 year olds

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Fully supervised drug, alcohol and smoke free event. Bags will be checked at the door.
For further information, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.
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Financial Counselling Service at Community Information Glen Eira

Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE), in conjunction with Connections (Inner South), offers a financial counselling service to Glen Eira residents who need help with:

- » money management and documentation regarding their financial situation;
- » negotiating repayments with creditors;
- » providing information about credit law, debt, etc;
- » providing information about bankruptcy; and
- » information about what government assistance may be available.

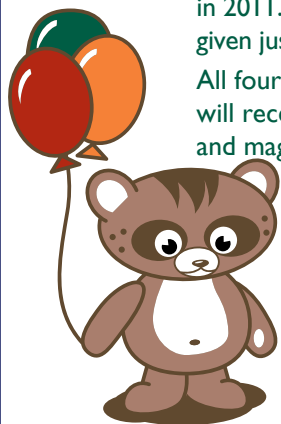
This service is based at the CIGE office, 1134 Glenhuntly Road, Glen Huntly one day a week for appointments and phone calls and is aimed at individuals and families in financial stress.

For further information, contact CIGE on 9571 7644 weekdays from 9.30am–4pm.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2011

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2011. 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.



**Saturday 15 January
9.30am–11.30am**

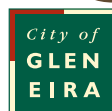
Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

**Saturday 12 February
9.30am–11.30am**

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh

**Wednesday 2 March
4pm–6pm**

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



Glen Eira City Council

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

Prevent burglars from breaking in

Police statistics show there were 510 recorded incidents of residential burglary within the City of Glen Eira during the 2009–10 financial year. While this figure compares favourably to many of Melbourne's other regions, simple steps could have been taken to prevent some of these burglaries from occurring.

Windows and doors

With summer underway, Victorian houses are at their most vulnerable when it comes to security as people open windows and doors to circulate air through their homes.

Ensure all doors and windows are locked before leaving your house. Windows should be secured with key locks or security grilles.

Sliding patio doors are vulnerable to forced entry because they can be lifted

from their tracks. Fitting patio bolts to your door will prevent this from happening.

All external doors should be fitted with Australian Standard deadlocks.

It is also important not to leave keys hanging visibly on key hooks. A burglar may take these and use them to gain entry to your property at a later date.

Alarms

A monitored alarm system can be a deterrent to burglars if it has both visual and audible warning devices. An alarm will greatly reduce the amount of time burglars will be willing to spend in your property, thus reducing the amount of items they can steal.

Other useful tips

An overflowing mailbox could be a sign that you are away from your

house. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, ask a neighbour to collect your letters or have your mail held or redirected at the post office.

The same applies to your garden — make sure it is maintained and have a friend mow your lawn if required.

Keep gates in good condition and have them locked with a quality padlock.

A well-concealed safe can save personal documents, jewellery and other valuable property items in the event of a burglary. Fire resistant safes provide added protection.

Property marked with your personal identification deters thieves because it makes it harder to sell the items. It also assists police in covering your property.



Arrange for a neighbour to collect your mail. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Get to know your neighbours this summer



The people usually most affected by a heatwave are the elderly.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

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

Having contact with others is critical during hot summer days.

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

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

People who know others in the community are more likely to ask for help and cope better in an emergency.

So, this summer remember to:

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

Keeping cool and hydrated

To keep cool and hydrated this summer, it is important to drink plenty of water and restrict the amount of tea and coffee you drink.

Keep windows and doors closed to keep the cool air inside and wear light, loose-fitting clothing.

Stay indoors as much as possible and if you need to go outside, try to stay in shaded areas. Limit any outdoor activities to the morning or evening hours.

The best way to cool down is to take a cool shower or bath.

Look at the things you can do to make the temperature in your home more comfortable, such as installing awnings, shade cloth or external blinds on the sun facing sides of the house.

Medical cooling concession

Concession cardholders living with multiple sclerosis and other medical conditions such as Parkinson's, motor neurone disease, scleroderma and lupus are eligible for a 17.5 per cent discount off electricity costs until 30 April.

The medical cooling concession — formerly known as the summer

multiple sclerosis concession — is offered to holders of the Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card and DVA Gold Card.

For further information or to apply, contact the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521.

Information on fans

It is a common myth that fans keep air cool. In fact, all fans do is move air around.

When using fans, it is important to always ensure that a window is opened so that cooler air can be brought into the room.

A fan by itself cannot reduce air temperature, only an airconditioner or a cool breeze can do this.

Fans move air across the skin and help to speed up the evaporation of sweat, which can help to cool us down. This process is less effective if the weather is very humid, and if the indoor temperature of the air rises above 35 degrees. It is especially important to never use a fan to blow air directly on to a person when the indoor air temperature is above 35 degrees.



Keep cool and hydrated this summer.

Safety and kids around the home

With school holidays just around the corner, here are some simple tips to keep your kids safe around the home.

Window safety

Always ensure windows around the house are secured.

This is particularly important for the Glen Eira region, given the amount of double-storey houses across the municipality.

In recent weeks across Melbourne, there have been a series of unrelated instances when toddlers have fallen out of windows and injured themselves.

It is important that inquisitive young children can't climb onto anything to reach windows. With the warmer weather, people are going to be opening their windows more to improve air circulation in their homes.

There is also a real danger with fly screens that aren't attached properly. The consequences could be disastrous — children could push against them and fall through.

Check your deck

Before firing up the barbecue, swimming or socialising in your backyard, make sure you check that your deck is in a suitable condition.

Statistics show that accidents relating to falls from unsafe decks and burns from bad gas connections are most likely to occur between October and March.

If you notice a problem with your deck or balcony, contact a building surveyor, structural engineer or registered builder, architect or building inspector, who can carry out an inspection.



Always supervise children around water. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Swimming pool safety

Drowning is a major cause of death and injury for Australian children. Last year, 16 children aged four and under died as a result of falling into swimming pools.

Always supervise children around water and never leave them on their own or in the care of an older child.

In order to ensure that your pool area is safe, ensure that all swimming and paddling pools are enclosed with regulation safety barriers to restrict children's access.

Inflatable pools should be emptied and stored away when not in use. Small amounts of water can collect in these pools after rain, creating potentially hazardous conditions for young children who can drown in as little as a few centimetres of water.

Prevent accidental poisoning

Accidental poisoning is common among young children between one and three years. In most cases, a child is exposed to poison without knowing that it may be harmful.

Many medications and everyday household items can be poisonous, including medicines, cleaning products, cosmetics, poisonous plants, mouthwashes and car products.

The best protection against poisoning is to make sure that children do not have access to any poisons or medicines by storing them out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Parents should also be careful when administering medicines and ensure that dosing instructions on the label are followed. A 'checking system' should be established so that parents or carers don't accidentally double up on giving doses.

The Victorian Poisons Information Centre can be contacted on 13 11 26 and is contactable seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It provides advice when poisoning or suspected poisoning occurs.

In case of an emergency, always ring triple zero.

Safety when travelling in hot weather

If you know you are going to be travelling on a day of extreme heat, plan your journey for the cooler hours of the day.

Dress yourself and other occupants in lightweight clothing and make sure there are plenty of cool drinks for everyone.

If travelling long distance, be sure to stop every two hours so all occupants can get out of the car and stretch their legs.

Pet safety

Like humans, dogs and cats can suffer from some of the same problems such as overheating, dehydration and even sunburn.

If pets are going to be outdoors on warm days, owners need to make sure they have access to shade and plenty of water.

To keep the water cool, try adding iceblocks and if you are home during the day, bring your pets inside and let them rest in a cool part of the house.

If the day is going to be hot, walk your dog early in the morning and take care not to let your dog stand on hot asphalt, as their sensitive paw pads can burn easily.



Walk your dog first thing in the morning. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Keep your party safe: register it with the police

A proactive initiative between Caulfield Police, Glen Eira City Council and the local community is creating safe and secure environments for parties since its implementation in August 2009.

The *Party Safe* online registration has been a great success over the last 15 months, with Caulfield Police receiving nearly 200 registrations from around Glen Eira from January to August 2010.

Caulfield Police Leading Senior Constable Peter Burton said out of the 188 registered events, police were only requested to attend two public order incidents.

"Police provide a proactive response to patrolling the vicinity of the venues, targeting those who are uninvited and promoting a visible police presence,"

Leading Senior Constable Burton said.

While police are happy to provide an external presence at venues, Leading Senior Constable Burton said they promoted the use of private security contractors at events likely to generate a high level of interest amongst teenagers where alcohol is supplied.

"Because a majority of parties held on weekends are not registered, the police haven't been in a position to provide a patrol that in many cases may have deterred gatecrashers, assaults and noise complaints," Leading Senior Constable Burton said.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Steven Tang said initiatives like *Party Safe* were an important part of keeping crime rates down in the municipality.

"We've seen a drop in crime over the last 12 months in Glen Eira and this is fantastic news," Cr Tang said.

"Registering your party is a simple task that will give you and your neighbours peace of mind so I would urge all parents and party hosts to consider this option."

Council has been doing its part to support the initiative by registering all youth events held at Council-owned and operated premises.

The *Party Safe* registration package contains advice for event hosts when they are planning events. These are available through local police stations and also the Victoria Police website: www.police.vic.gov.au

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.

Ormond Over 40s Dance Group holds Old Time, Modern and New Vogue dances on the first and fourth Saturday of each month from 7.30pm at the Senior Citizens Hall, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh.
Contact Cheryl: 9557 5739.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group holds art classes in all media from Monday to Friday with a special children's class on Saturday mornings. A life drawing class is also held once a month at Moorleigh Village, 92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9563 7621
or Rose: 0411 236 040.

Ormond Angling Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8pm at 462 North Road, Ormond. Males and females welcome to join. Junior memberships are 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.
Contact Gotu: 9557 2562
or Pat: 9555 6008.

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

Caulfield Combined Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am at the Caulfield Senior Citizens Centre, 8 Cedar Street, Caulfield South. Visitors and new members welcome.
Contact Ted: 9563 5105.

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.

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

Rotary Club Moorleigh Moorabbin meets every Monday from 6.30pm at the South Oakleigh Club, 1 Victor Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact Helen: 0438 884 730.

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

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.

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.

Ormond Senior Citizens Club offers seniors a selection of activities including billiards, bowls (indoor), cards, chess, line dancing, table tennis and yoga for an annual subscription of \$5. Beginners welcome.
Contact: 9557 1856.

Glen Eira Historical Society, 965 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South is open from 9am–12pm Tuesdays and Fridays. Visitors, volunteers and new members welcome.
Contact: 9077 5395.

Kiwanis Community Service Club meets for dinner on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Elsternwick Club. New members welcome.
Contact: 0417 342 860 or visit www.kiwanisbrighton.org

Kiwanis Internet Club of Bayside meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7.30pm. New members welcome. A Working with Children

Certificate is required for both membership and service.
Contact Beni: 9596 4815 or visit www.e-kiwanisbayside.org.au

EVENTS

Glen Eira City Choir presents *Celebrating Christmas* on 12 December from 2.30pm at St John's Anglican Church, 7 Finch Street, East Malvern. The performance will be conducted by Jane Elton Brown, Jacob Lawrence on baritone and Christopher Cook on the organ. Cost is \$25, \$22 concession, group booking (five or more) \$20 each.
Contact: 0423 129 371 or visit www.gleneiracitychoir.org.au

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.

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.

Caulfield Hospital is holding two music playgroups for local children. The idea is to bring nursing home residents and children together to improve the wellbeing of the residents. The intergenerational playgroup meets Mondays at 10am in Glen Eira Nursing Home and Thursdays at 10.30am in Montgomery Nursing Home, both on the Caulfield Hospital site at 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield.
Contact: 9076 6652.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 6 December, Monday 10 January and Monday 7 February 9.30am–11am

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

Tuesday 7 December, Tuesday 4 January and Tuesday 1 February 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 14 December, Tuesday 11 January and Tuesday 8 February 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 11 December, Saturday 29 January and Saturday 26 February 9am–11am

Wednesday 8 December, Thursday 16 December, Wednesday 5 January, Thursday 27 January, Wednesday 9 February and Thursday 24 February 5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 20 December, Monday

17 January and Monday 14 February 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 15 December, Wednesday 12 January and Wednesday 16 February 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 22 December, Wednesday 19 January and Wednesday 23 February 9.30am–11am



免費收倒硬垃圾

你今年夏天搬家或大掃除嗎？請向 Glen Eira 市政府預訂你選定的免費收倒硬垃圾日期，把不需要的舊東西處理掉。

每家每年可得到三次免費收倒硬垃圾的服務。市政府每次將可收倒多達四立方米的垃圾。

Glen Eira 市長 Steven Tang 鼓勵居民利用這次免費收倒垃圾的機會，而不要把家用品和垃圾丟在路邊。

Tang 市長說：“在9月份，本市有記錄在案的亂倒垃圾達369起。這是迄今最高的數字，非常令人擔憂。”

“這不僅是潛在的安全問題，而且也有礙觀瞻。”

Tang 市長還說，在夏天會有大量的舊傢俱和其他垃圾被丟棄。

Tang 市長還說道：“如果市政府沒注意到被拋棄的東西，垃圾就可能留在路邊幾個星期。”

“如果誰把垃圾和家用品非法丟在路邊，一旦發現就會被罰款\$225。

“市政府每年三次免費提供此服務，這是處置不需要物品的最佳方式。”

若想預訂免費硬垃圾收倒，請聯絡市政府服務中心，電話 9524 3333。

Δωρεάν συγκομιδή σκληρών απορριμμάτων

Μετακινήστε ή καθαρίζετε αυτό το καλοκαίρι; Κλείστε δωρεάν συγκομιδή σκληρών απορριμμάτων με το Δήμο της Glen Eira την ημερομηνία που θέλετε και απαλλαχτείτε από τα παλιά αντικείμενα που δεν θέλετε.

Το κάθε σπίτι δικαιούται τρεις συγκομιδές σκληρών απορριμμάτων κάθε χρόνο. Ο Δήμος θα πάρει μέχρι τέσσερα κυβικά μέτρα απορριμμάτων σε κάθε συλλογή.

Ο Δήμαρχος της Glen Eira, ο κ. Steven Tang ενθάρρυνε τους δημότες να πάρουν αυτή την δωρεάν προσφορά αντί να αφήνουν συσκευές σπιτιού και απορρίμματα στην άκρη του δρόμου.

«Τον Σεπτέμβριο, υπήρξαν 369 καταγεγραμμένες περιπτώσεις πεταμένων απορριμμάτων στη δημαρχία. Αυτός είναι ο υψηλότερος μέχρι σήμερα και είναι ανησυχητικό,» είπε ο κ. Tang.

«Αυτό δεν είναι μόνο επικίνδυνο για την ασφάλεια, αλλά επίσης ακαλαίσθητο για την κοινότητα.»

Ο κ. Tang είπε ότι κατά τη διάρκεια του καλοκαιριού υπάρχει μεγάλη ποσότητα παλιών επίπλων και άλλων εγκατεστημένων απορριμμάτων.

«Όταν τα αντικείμενα πετιούνται και ο Δήμος δεν ειδοποιείται, είναι πιθανόν τα απορρίμματα να παραμείνουν στο πεζοδρόμιο για μερικές εβδομάδες,» είπε ο κ. Tang.

«Αυτοί που θα συλλαμβάνονται να αφήνουν απορρίμματα και αντικείμενα του σπιτιού στο πεζοδρόμιο παράνομα μπορεί να λάβουν πρόστιμο \$225.

«Αν υπολογιστεί ότι ο Δήμος προσφέρει αυτή τη δωρεάν υπηρεσία τρεις φορές το χρόνο, σίγουρα αυτός είναι ο καλύτερος τρόπος για να πετάξετε τα αντικείμενα που δεν θέλετε.»

Για να κλείσετε δωρεάν συλλογή σκληρών απορριμμάτων, επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Υπηρεσία του Δήμου στο 9524 3333.

Raccolta gratuita rifiuti solidi

Intendi cambiare casa o fare grandi pulizie quest'estate? Prenota una raccolta gratuita di rifiuti solidi presso il Comune di Glen Eira alla data di tua scelta e liberati degli oggetti vecchi o indesiderati.

Ciascun gruppo familiare ha diritto a tre raccolte gratuite di rifiuti solidi all'anno. Il comune ritirerà fino a quattro metri cubi di rifiuti per raccolta.

Il sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Steven Tang ha incoraggiato i residenti ad approfittare di questa offerta gratuita piuttosto che abbandonare articoli casalinghi e rifiuti sul ciglio della strada.

“Nel mese di settembre si sono verificati 369 casi di rifiuti abbandonati nella municipalità. È il numero più alto mai verificatosi e ciò ci preoccupa molto” ha affermato il Cons. Tang.

“Ciò non costituisce soltanto un potenziale pericolo per la sicurezza dei residenti, ma è anche un pugno nell'occhio per la nostra comunità.”

Il Cons. Tang ha ribadito che durante la stagione estiva viene abbandonata una gran quantità di mobili vecchi e altri rifiuti.

“Quando questi articoli vengono abbandonati senza darne notifica al Comune, è certamente possibile che i rifiuti rimangano sul ciglio della strada per parecchie settimane” ha aggiunto il Cons. Tang.

“Una multa \$225 potrà essere comminata a chi viene colto nell'atto di depositare illegalmente rifiuti ed articoli casalinghi sul ciglio della strada.

“Considerato che il Comune offre questo servizio gratuito tre volte l'anno, non c'è maniera migliore per disfarsi degli articoli indesiderati.”

Per prenotare la raccolta gratuita di rifiuti solidi rivolgersi al Centro Servizi del Comune al 9524 3333.

Бесплатный вывоз ненужных вещей

Если этим летом вы проводите генеральную уборку или переезжаете на новую квартиру, муниципалитет Glen Eira может бесплатно организовать для вас вывоз ненужных старых вещей в удобный для вас день.

Каждая семья имеет право на бесплатный вывоз ненужных вещей три раза в год. За один раз может быть вывезено до 4 кубических метров.

Мэр Glen Eira г-н Steven Tang приглашает жителей муниципалитета воспользоваться этой возможностью, вместо того, чтобы просто оставлять ненужные вещи вдоль дороги.

“В сентябре, в муниципалитете было зарегистрировано 369 случаев, когда ненужные вещи были просто оставлены на дороге. Это очень неприятная статистика,” отметил г-н Tang.

“Оставленные таким образом вещи не украшают наш город. Кроме того, это нарушение санитарно-гигиенических норм.”

Г-н Tang отметил, что чаще всего ненужные вещи и старая мебель выбрасываются летом.

“Если вы не сделали заказ на вывоз этих вещей, то они часто неделями валяются на траве вдоль дороги,” сказал г-н Tang.

“За это можно получить штраф до \$225.

“Гораздо проще воспользоваться возможностью бесплатного вывоза ненужных вещей три раза в год и позвонить в муниципалитет.”

Вывоз ненужных вещей можно заказать в Центре обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333.

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
Dog off-leash area review	Public forum	Wednesday 8 December at 7pm	Bentleigh McKinnon Pavilion, Tucker Road, Bentleigh East
Marlborough Reserve redevelopment	Comments/submissions	Close Friday 10 December	GECC Recreation Services PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Packer Park west concept plan	Comments/submissions	Closed 12 November
Child care services	Survey	Week commencing 16 November
Dog off-leash area review	Public forums	1 and 2 December

Carols by Candlelight 2010

Sunday 19 December

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 continues to find success in all that she does.

B# Big Band

B# Big Band consists of Melbourne's highest calibre and experienced jazz and session musicians, including those who are regular members of various theatre production bands and television shows such as *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Logie Awards* and *It Takes Two*. With the ability to re-create the magic of the 30s, 40s and 50s swing eras through to the horn-filled 60s and 70s dance anthems, you can be assured of being thoroughly entertained by the highest quality and professionalism. The band will perform a swinging selection of carols and feature

one of Melbourne's favourite crooners, Rod Davies, performing a fabulous taste of festive tunes made famous by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Dean Martin and other swing legends.



Photo: Angus McDonald.

Luke Gallagher

Luke Gallagher may be best known for his cabaret and musical theatre work, but is also in great 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.



The Kazoos

The Kazoos return to *Carols by Candlelight* with their high-quality children's entertainment that is colourful, dynamic and very funny. *The Kazoos* come in singing and dancing and the fun never stops. Children will be mesmerized by the characters and enthralled by the wonderful music, dancing and magic. Be sure to keep an eye out for a very special visitor while *The Kazoos* are performing.



Photo: Angus McDonald.

Young Voices of Melbourne

Founded in February 1990 by Mark O'Leary, *Young Voices of Melbourne* is well-known in Australia for its vibrant performances of various music styles. The choir has toured Australia, as well as Europe, South Africa, Canada/USA,



Photo: Angus McDonald

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.

Alisha Gartland

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



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



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.

2010 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize Continues until 5pm Sunday 19 December

The 2010 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize exhibition of finalists showcases Australian artists who have demonstrated talent and achievement in traditional styles. The Art Prize is intended to encourage, support and advance classical training of emerging artists (in their early to mid-career) at any stage of life, who are pursuing the study and practice of traditional art and who desire to study the works of old masters.

The judging panel comprises of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society, who provide expert assistance to the trustee, Perpetual Trustees Victoria Ltd, in judging the award, taking into consideration the implementation of both the spirit and letter of Miss Bale's will.

Glen Eira Artists' Society Inc Opens 10am Tuesday 7 December and continues until 5pm Sunday 19 December

Works from the Glen Eira Artists' Society Inc *Paint in the Park Day* at Caulfield Park will be exhibited in Glen Eira City Council's Gallery Annexe. The event was held in November and sponsored was by Council, Bendigo Bank (Caulfield North) and the Rotary Club of Caulfield.

Selected works from the Glen Eira City Council art collection Opens 10am Tuesday 25 January 2011 and continues until 5pm Sunday 6 February

Calling local artists: Glen Eira Artists Exhibition 2011

Closing date for entries: Wednesday 16 February 2011

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is accepting proposals from artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira to enter its annual *Glen Eira Artists Exhibition*.



Glen Eira Artists' Society member Yvette Wroby participated in the *Paint in the Park Day* at Caulfield Park.

To be considered, mail a current CV, up to six high resolution digital images of recent works on a CD and full contact details to Glen Eira City Council's Gallery, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, Victoria, 3162 by 5pm on Wednesday 16 February 2011.

For further information about the exhibition, contact Council's Gallery on 9524 3402.

Gallery closed for maintenance

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery will close for its annual maintenance program from Monday 20 December 2010 and will re-open on Tuesday 25 January 2011.

Party in the Park 2011

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

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

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

Party in the Park — Princes Park

Sunday 23 January

12pm–4pm

Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South
(Mel Ref: 68 A6)

Party in the Park at Princes Park is an event for children and children at heart.

Come along for a free day of family fun and entertainment. Hosted by master of mime Jack Dan, join with popular characters from *The Wiggles*, including Wags the Dog, Captain Feathersword and Fairy Clare as they plan a special surprise party for Dorothy the Dinosaur. Magician Alex de la Rambelje will captivate the audience as he creates hilarious and memorable entertainment with his pantomime style.

Marvel at the shimmering stilt-walking butterflies and giant astronauts roaming the park.



Photo: Angus McDonald

Activities include jumping castles, mini golf, art and craft workshops for children, community information stalls, food stalls, bubbles, balloons and much more!

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment and fun activities.



Craig Schneider.

Party in the Park — Allnutt Park

Sunday 6 February

12pm–4pm

Corner Wheatley Road and Beech Street,
Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 68 B11)

Show-business all-rounder, Jane Clifton will host a day of fun for everyone. Traditional Eastern European music group *Kazband* will perform, as well as multi award-winning jazz pianist Craig Schneider and acoustic interpretation of soul and groove singer Jessie Lloyd. *Westside Circus* will also entertain children and adults of all ages.

Activities on the day include a jumping castle, abseiling tower, and workshops for children, community information stalls, food stalls, art and craft market, farmers market and much more.



Jessie Lloyd.

Pet Expo

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park will also include the annual *Pet Expo*. Bring your pets along for obedience training demonstrations, advice from animal groups and the onsite vet or enter them in the *Glen Eira Pet Parade*. Categories include *Best Trick* and *Best Dressed!*



Photo: Angus McDonald.

Party in the Park — Packer Park

Sunday 20 February

12pm–4pm

Leila Road, Carnegie (Mel Ref: 68 J8)

Theatre and TV star James Saunders will host a day of fun and activity for all ages at Packer Park. Singer/songwriter Monique Brumby, *Aardvarks on the Run* and crowd favourite *Trick Circus* will keep everyone entertained.



Activities on the day include a jumping castle, bungee trampoline, and workshops for children, community information stalls, food stalls, sporting club demonstrations and much more.



Monique Brumby.



Westside Circus.

Top 10 bicycle riding tips for learners

Basic skills and tips for new riders — it's never too late to learn:

1. Give yourself a chance to get used to it. Start with short sessions and build up. If you're finding that your bike is uncomfortable, it may not be set up correctly for you. Ask your bike shop for advice.
2. Practise braking, applying the front and back brakes together. The back brakes are good for slowing, but have less stopping power. The front brakes will stop you more quickly. Don't use your front brakes alone — you could go flying over the handlebars. Make sure you apply the back brakes at the same time.
3. Practise stopping quickly and accurately at a particular line. If you can find a friend to help, practise reacting quickly and coming to a stop at a signal, such as a blow of a whistle. If you want to stop more quickly, apply your front and back brakes at the same time.
4. Practise cornering. Apply the brakes before the corner, using your back brakes more than your front brakes, and lean in to the corner slightly.
5. Practise riding in a straight line. Look into the distance to where you want to go, as you would when driving a car. Don't look down in front. Then try looking behind you while still riding in a straight line. This is a good skill to have for riding in traffic.
6. Learn to use your gears. Change gears frequently so you don't have to work too hard.
7. Pedal with the ball of your foot. Start off with the pedal where you can push it easily — at about two o'clock.
8. For more power in your pedal, have the seat up high enough so that your leg is almost straight on the down pedal.
9. Avoid braking or turning suddenly on loose gravel. Wearing gloves will save your hands if you do fall off.
10. Relax, take it easy, and slow down before you get out of control. Keep your eyes and ears open, and be prepared to stop.

Improved access and safety for cyclists



Station Street, Caulfield East. Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.

Glen Eira City Council is continually looking at ways to provide improved bicycle networks throughout the municipality. Recently, new on-road bicycle lanes have been installed in the following locations:

- Station Street, Caulfield East (between Kambrook and Normanby Roads);
- Kambrook Road, Caulfield North (between Normanby and Glen Eira Roads); and
- Neerim Road, Caulfield (between Bambra and Booran Roads).

Parts of the Station Street bicycle lanes have also been marked with a green textured surface to clearly differentiate

between the general traffic lane and the bicycle lane.

Council is also currently investigating whether new bicycle lanes could be installed in McKinnon, Murrumbeena, Caulfield East and Bentleigh.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said the new facilities will provide improved safety and access for cyclists.

"It will also help realise the vision of the *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy 2010* to promote and encourage cycling as a safe physical activity for leisure and as a legitimate transport option," Mr Russo said.

Bentleigh Cricket Club's new internationals

Bentleigh Cricket Club has signed Papua New Guinea (PNG) cricketers Rarua Dikana and Sese Bau for the upcoming 2010–11 season.

Rarura has been the national captain of the PNG national team (ranked 23rd in the world) since his appointment in 2002 as a 24 year old. In May 2010, he was named *PNG Sportsman of the Year* and was voted *East Asia Pacific Cricketer of the Year* in 2009. Dikana is a Cricket Australia level three accredited high performance coach and is a full-time employee of Cricket PNG as National High Performance Manager.

Sese is an 18 year old prolific left-handed batsman who plays for the United Club in Port Moresby. He compares his style of play to Adam Gilchrist, who is his cricketing hero. His ambition is to represent Papua New Guinea's senior team at an ICC Cricket World Cup.

In addition to playing, both help coach a number of junior Bentleigh Cricket Club teams.

This is the first time either player has toured Australia and both love their new home. Rarura and Sese are on a scholarship program learning about curating wickets in partnership with Glen Eira City Council Park Services.



Rarura Dikana and Sese Bau receive their Bentleigh "Baggy Blue" 1st XI caps. Photo: Bentleigh Cricket Club.

Marlborough Reserve redevelopment consultation

Glen Eira City Council is seeking community feedback on redevelopment plans for Marlborough Reserve. Highlights include a native plant garden in the place of the tennis courts and a dog agility training area in the north-western corner.

The native garden showcases water-wise native plants in a semi-formal garden setting. New all-weather paths, garden beds and trees will assist to integrate the space into the park while the playground, picnic and barbecue area and sportsground will be zoned separately.

The proposed dog agility park would be the first dog-specific facility in Glen Eira. It is divided into two fully enclosed sections accessible by self-closing gates and contains a range of simple, purpose-built equipment including a sandpit, jumping hurdles, walking bars and mounds. Owners are not forgotten with a number of seats and shade trees within each enclosure.

You can provide feedback on the plan at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Click on the consultation tab on the right hand side, then the *Have your Say* link where you can download plans, provide feedback and participate in online discussions about the project.

Comments and submissions close Friday 10 December.

For further information, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Dog off-leash area review

Glen Eira City Council is currently undertaking a review of dog on-leash and off-leash areas in the municipality.

The review aims to achieve the most equitable outcome for all park users.

Council is being assisted in the review by Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd — experienced open space and animal management consultants.

Residents have the opportunity to provide feedback and comment at a public forum on Wednesday 8 December at 7pm at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre — Higgins Road, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 77 E2).

For further information, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Healthy ageing — stay physically active

Did you know that only one in 10 Australians over the age of 50 exercises enough to gain any cardiovascular benefit? Some estimates suggest that about half of the physical decline associated with old age may be due to a lack of physical activity. It has also been suggested that people over the age of 65 require adequate fitness levels to help them maintain independence, recover from illness and reduce their high risk of disease.

The human body responds to exercise, no matter what its age, and there are many health benefits.

Here's how you can get active:

- choose activities you find interesting. You are more likely to keep up with an exercise routine if it's fun rather than a chore;
- exercise with friends. Make physical activity an enjoyable social occasion;
- walk or ride along the Rosstown Rail Trail. The Trail charts the original course of the private rail line between Elsternwick and Oakleigh. The route begins in Riddell Parade (Mel Ref: 67 F3);
- take a dip at Carnegie Swim Centre. The pool is open from 6am–7pm on weekdays, 7am–6pm on Saturdays and 8am–6pm on Sundays. Don't forget to slip, slop and slap (Mel Ref: 68 H6);
- play tennis or hit some golf balls in one of Glen Eira City Council's birdie cages. For locations, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333;



Ruth, Lorna and Pat enjoying a game of croquet at Elsternwick Croquet Club. Photo: Minn Stewart.

- join a gym. Weight training can increase your muscle mass — programs as short as six to eight weeks can be beneficial;
- kick a football, play soccer or throw a ball on one of Glen Eira's 45 sportsgrounds; and
- discover and learn about unusual trees at the Hopetoun Gardens Interpretive Tree Walk (Mel Ref: 67 H4).

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business news

Reap the rewards — BusEd Program 2011

Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program* helps local business owners grow their business by linking them with specialist skills from students studying in the areas of website development, IT, advertising, graphic design, market research, and other business related disciplines

In 2010, with the support of their lecturers, Monash University third year undergraduate students have developed web-based business tools for local businesses, including websites, content management systems and business management tools.

The year long project culminated in a *Business Expo* held at Monash University where both students and 20 local businesses showcased their new web-based business tools.

Expressions of interest are now being sought from local business that would

like to participate in the *Get Online Project* in 2011.

Council's Business Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said the *Program* would suit businesses with limited resources, who have no web presence and don't know how to kick-start their online exposure.

"We want to encourage Glen Eira companies to grow their businesses by extending their operation online," Ms Bredin said.

With the Australian dollar experiencing parity with the US dollar, consumers have an accessible selection of products and quality available to them. Many consumers do their research online and are spending their disposable income overseas.

Ms Bredin said many web-based businesses operating out of the USA

and UK are presently taking our local opportunities.

"Therefore, local businesses need to think further than their own backyard and take advantage of the broader markets available to them," Ms Bredin said.

"Through Council's *BusEd Program*, Monash University student projects offer businesses the chance to take that first step forward!"

Joe Gregory from ARDS Media said working with the group of young students was a positive experience.

"To say our expectations have been met is an understatement," Mr Gregory said.

"We have ended up with a website we believe to be as good, if not superior to many of our competitors.

"I found that the more feedback and contributions we made, the better the outcome became for us and the team."

For further information and to register your interest in the *Get Online Project 2011*, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.



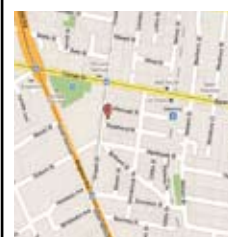
The year long project culminated in a Business Expo held at Monash University. Photo: Albert Hariyadi Iskandar.

Holiday hours for Council's libraries

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Friday 24 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Saturday Christmas Day	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 26 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 27 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 28 December	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 29 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday 30 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	1pm–6pm
Friday 31 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Saturday 1 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 2 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 3 January	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Normal hours resume Tuesday 4 January				
Borrowed items can be returned using the after hours return chutes during the times libraries are closed.				

Homework Centre @ Carnegie

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie will close for the year on Wednesday 1 December and re-open for the 2011 school year on Monday 14 February.



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Festive stories

Saturday Shakers — Jingle Bells

11 December, 2pm
Carnegie Library



Join in the celebrations with *Jingle Bells*, a wonderful collection of Christmas tales. Each child will receive their own Santa hat to take home.

Christmas StoryTime

Between 15 and 17 December, *StoryTime* will take on a festive spirit with stories and songs about the joy of Christmas. Each child will receive a Christmas star to have fun making at home.

Christmas *StoryTime* will be held on:

Wednesday 15 December, 11am
Elsternwick and Carnegie libraries

Thursday 16 December, 11am
Bentleigh and Caulfield libraries

Friday 17 December, 11am
Carnegie Library

No bookings are required for any of these *StoryTime* sessions.



Climb the pyramid of books

The excitement begins on Monday 6 December at Glen Eira City Council's four library branches. This year, Eira the bookworm is in Egypt building a pyramid of books. You can help him by reading 10 books for the chance to win a great prize.

Remember, the more you read, the more chances you'll have to win.

For school children, there is the chance to win the latest iPod Nano Multi-Touch or an iPod Shuffle.

Preschool children can also be part of the fun. By reading together with their parents or family they have the chance to win a VTech Challenger Laptop or LeapFrog My Pal Scout reading system to help them start their reading journey. In addition, there are rewards for everyone to collect along the way.

Start by collecting your reading record from any Glen Eira library branch from Monday 6 December or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on Library to download a copy. *Eira's Pyramid of Books* is open to all children 15 years and younger. Entries close Sunday 6 February.



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