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Council adds to open space

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff at 118 Oakleigh Road, Carnegie. The property will soon be returned to parkland.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Glen Eira residents will soon have access to more open space at Packer Park, following the recent acquisition of 118 Oakleigh Road, Carnegie.

The house on that site was demolished late last year and the property is being returned to parkland.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the former owner of the property passed away and Glen Eira City Council indicated to the executor that it wanted to acquire the land.

"At a Council Meeting on 23 February 2010, Council authorised the purchase of the property at 118 Oakleigh Road," Cr Esakoff said.

"There have been some delays on the side of the estate, however these issues have now been resolved and Council can move forward in providing the local community with better park access and recreational opportunities."

In addition, the former lawn bowls area will be incorporated into the park.

At a Council Meeting late last year, Council approved the rehabilitation of the site, including ideas from community consultation.

Lawn bowls and bocce facilities are included in the development. The bowls area will be surrounded by an orchard of pears, while a grove of olive trees will be planted around the bowls area.

A new sealed pedestrian path, surrounded by high-canopied shade trees will be built and the existing perimeter fence and hedge will be removed.

Cr Esakoff said during the consultation process, residents indicated a strong preference to return the site to publicly accessible open space.

"This plan will create a unique recreational space that can connect with all ages and be enjoyed by the whole community," Cr Esakoff said.

Cr Esakoff said following a second round of community consultation, which took place between

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118 Oakleigh Road, Carnegie.

Photo: Sharon Walker.
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September and November last year, residents indicated that the area should also include a rotunda, barbecue facilities and additional seating.

"These items have not been costed as part of the concept plan, however when funding becomes available, they will be included as part of the improvements," Cr Esakoff said.

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New Mayor for Glen Eira

Cr Margaret Esakoff was elected as the 15th Mayor of Glen Eira for 2010–11 at a Special Council Meeting in December last year.

Witnessed by residents and family members, Cr Esakoff was elected through a nomination process involving all Glen Eira Councillors.

Cr Esakoff said she was honoured to be elected to represent Council in this role.

"I take a keen interest in all issues and aim to be accessible and responsive to all residents," Cr Esakoff said.

"I believe it is an honour and a privilege to serve the community and it's a role I take very seriously."

Cr Jamie Hyams, who is serving his fifth year on Council, was elected Deputy Mayor.

About Cr Esakoff

This is Cr Esakoff's eighth year on Council and third term as Mayor.

Married with two children, Cr Esakoff was raised and educated in Glen Eira and is an active member of the community.



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Deputy Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

In between Council duties, Cr Esakoff volunteers at Caulfield Hospital's Helmsmen Kiosk and delivers Meals on Wheels.

She also sits on the Community Information Glen Eira Committee and the Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Research Ethics and Ethics Committee.

Mayor's column



Welcome to the first edition of *Glen Eira News* for 2011. I hope everybody had a happy, safe festive season and a refreshing break, fully recharging your batteries for the year ahead.

To celebrate our national day, Council held its annual *Australia Day Breakfast* on Friday 21 January. I had the pleasure in presenting the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* awards. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and to all those who were nominated.

On Wednesday 26 January, Council held its first *Citizenship Ceremony* for 2011. I also attended the running of the *Glen Eira Cup* at Caulfield Racecourse, which has become an annual event for Council.

Council's *Party in the Park* series continues this month at Allnutt Park, Bentleigh on Sunday 6 February and Packer Park, Carnegie on Sunday 20 February. There will be something for everyone so come along between 12pm and 4pm and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and activities. Further information can be found on page eight.

An electronic waste (e-waste) collection day will be held on Sunday 27 February at Glen Eira Town Hall. I encourage residents who have any old televisions, computers or other e-waste to take advantage of this free service, which was established to meet the growing need for disposal of e-waste. If you are unable to attend, a further collection day will be held on Sunday 15 May at Moorleigh Community Village.

I look forward to meeting the many challenges the year will bring and trust it will be a successful year for both Council and the community.

Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the April edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 2 March for delivery 28 March–1 April.

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

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Outstanding achievement and leadership

Glen Eira City Council presented its annual *Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* Awards during an *Australia Day Breakfast* at the Town Hall on Friday 21 January.

The awards, which were presented by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, recognise residents and community groups in the City of Glen Eira who have significantly contributed to the local community.

Guest speaker at the breakfast was Health Commissioner, Beth Wilson.

Twenty-five individuals and community groups were nominated for the awards.

Citizen of the Year

Since 1985, *Citizen of the Year* winner Abram (Abe) Goldberg has been a volunteer guide at the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick. Abe is a permanent fixture at the Centre, guiding visitors and thousands of students through the museum exhibits, discussing artefacts, as well as his experience during the Holocaust years. Abe has been an executive board member since 1989 and has held the portfolios of Treasurer and Survivor Volunteer Representative. Abe continues to provide hands-on support to the Centre, its volunteers and management, volunteering for at least six hours per week. Over 25 years this equates to some 7,000 hours of voluntary work.

Other finalists in this category were Susie Ehrmann and Geoff Garty.

Young Citizen of the Year

Glen Eira College student and *Young Citizen of the Year* winner Lawrence Hinrichs has worked tirelessly



Citizen of the Year Abram Goldberg, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Catherine Cini from Griefline Services Inc. and Young Citizen of the Year Lawrence Hinrichs. Photo: Kirsty Chalmers.

throughout the last few years, working with his teachers to improve and lift the standard of the College in the community. He has been an active member of the Student Representative Council, Radio Club, Year 12 Executive and was also School Captain. Lawrence has been an excellent role model, with many students looking up to him. He is always willing to assist with school performances and plays and has helped organise the Year 10 and 11 formal, where he took it upon himself to be the official photographer. Outside of the school community, Lawrence spends many hours umpiring cricket and AFL. He has also participated in the *AFL Mentoring Program*, giving up his free time to mentor young adults about the benefits of umpiring.

Other finalists in this category were Jessica Bahn, Victoria Baker and Marija Tomic.

Community Group of the Year

Community Group of the Year winner Griefline Services Inc. has been providing an invaluable community service for more than 23 years. The not-for-profit organisation provides anonymous, compassionate and professional support to members of the community who have encountered a significant loss. Griefline Services Inc. offers online and telephone counselling, face-to-face counselling for individuals and families and group and creative therapy. The Griefline Services Inc. team comprises of a trained family therapist, a qualified bereavement counsellor and hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

Other finalists in this category were Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club Inc and Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central.

Motorists urged to slow down around schools

Safety is of paramount importance to Glen Eira City Council, especially where children are concerned.

With the 2011 school year underway, motorists are reminded to comply with speed limits, parking and stopping laws in the vicinity of schools or risk facing a hefty fine.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said a zero tolerance approach will be adopted, particularly where safety is compromised.

"Council's traffic safety officers, in conjunction with Victoria Police, will be monitoring all school crossings and streets near schools and will not hesitate to issue a fine if a motorist is doing the wrong thing," Mr Russo said.

"With an increased amount of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic expected,

it is vital for all motorists to ensure they are not putting children's safety at risk."

Mr Russo said it is unlawful to double-park, stop in a No Stopping area, stop within 20 metres of a school crossing or stop within 10 metres of an intersection.

"Parents are also reminded that the timed zones near schools are for everybody's benefit, particularly when it comes to dropping off and picking up children," Mr Russo said.

"If you need to walk your child into school and you may be longer than the time allowed on the sign, parents are advised to park elsewhere to avoid receiving an infringement notice."

The 40km/ph speed limit applies from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days.

Council donates to flood relief

Glen Eira City Council is donating \$20,000 to flood relief — \$10,000 to the Victorian Floods Appeal and \$10,000 to the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the cash donation was Council's way of showing its support during this devastating time.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who has been affected by the horrendous events of the past weeks," Cr Esakoff said.

"Council would also like to acknowledge members of the volunteer and emergency services who have worked around-the-clock to help those in need."

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Dandenong Rail Corridor Project and grade separation

VicRoads has advised Council that the *Dandenong Rail Corridor Project* is investigating short-term and long-term measures to improve the operation of the roads intersecting the Dandenong railway line. Community engagement is likely to occur in the first half of 2011.

VicRoads has also advised Council that the new Government's policy includes planning for grade separation projects including North Road, Ormond (project cost \$150 million, \$12 million allocated in the first term) and Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena (project cost \$150 million, \$2.5 million allocated in the first term).

Future Roads 2040

VicRoads has provided feedback to Council regarding *Future Roads 2040* and the reports in the local media regarding plans for a road link between Warrigal Road and the Eastern Freeway. The map featured in media articles is not sanctioned in any way and has not been elevated for approval or review within VicRoads or the State Government.

Engaging our community

Further consultation on proposals in the Racecourse precinct

Council will convene a further consultation meeting to hear views on two proposals in the Racecourse precinct. One relates to rezoning of land north of the racecourse (Amendment C60) and the other is an application to provide recreation facilities in the centre near the lake. The meeting will be advertised.

Responsible pet ownership

A Council animal management officer attended a session of the Bayside Companion Dog Training School in Higgins Road, Bentleigh to update new members on responsible pet ownership. Council will continue to work with the School and provide guest speakers upon request.

CEO's column



Transport will be a high priority in 2011. The new State Government has commitments to planning for grade separation at two road/rail intersections at North Road, Ormond

and Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena.

VicRoads is studying all the Glen Eira intersections on the Dandenong line.

Glen Eira City Council and residents need to have full input into these studies and the solutions to the current problems.

In our own area of responsibility, Council will implement the next stages of its *Bicycle Strategy*, involving on-road and off-road improvements, as well as its *Road Safety Strategy*.

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) will open in late 2011. For the first time, Council will provide all year round aquatics, indoor netball basketball, warm water for rehabilitation, a fully equipped gym and much more — all with child care and other facilities.

GESAC will provide excellent opportunities for residents to be healthier and more active.

Information about memberships and other ways for residents to make the most of the new facilities will be available soon.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Stay active over 50

Being active plays an important role in maintaining health and wellbeing throughout our lives, reducing the likelihood of health issues such as obesity, heart disease and diabetes.

Statistics show that people over the age of 65 require interaction with other older people to avoid social isolation.

Glen Eira City Council offers a range of physical activity programs for older residents that are fun and provide opportunities to make new friends.

The over 50s chair-based exercise class is designed to improve balance and is particularly suited to participants who have arthritis or other complaints that may result in restricted movement. Transport to and from these classes is offered by Council for just \$2.40 per person.

The over 50s ladies keep fit classes include standing and floor-based callisthenics classes. Stretching and relaxation is also included in the session.

Seniors interested in strength training can take part in classes designed for people aged 50 and older. Strength training classes provide a range of benefits including increasing muscle strength, improved balance and assisting in preventing bone fractures from osteoporosis.

Council also offers both male and female residents an opportunity to keep fit and healthy with fit active exercise to music classes. Classes consist of standing and floor-based exercises, strength training, stretching and relaxation. The classes are fun and social and aim to encourage a better sense of wellbeing.



The walkers group offers a great opportunity to stay healthy and make new friends. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

The walkers group takes place in two locations in Glen Eira and offers a great opportunity to stay healthy and make new friends. A qualified instructor accompanies walkers, providing motivation and giving advice on proper warm-up and cool-down techniques.

A medical clearance is required from your medical practitioner for any of these programs. Participants must

also fill out Council's enrolment and health assessment form, which will be provided by the class instructor.

For further information regarding classes, times and locations, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Over 50s classes are also run at YMCA Caulfield, 6 Maple Street, Caulfield South. Contact 9519 7500.

Reminder for motorists not to misuse disabled parking spaces

Glen Eira City Council would like to remind motorists if they use a disabled parking space and don't have a permit, they will be fined.

More than 190 motorists were fined \$119 during 2009–10 for misusing disabled parking bays.

Council's Manager Traffic and Parking Carl Russo said disabled parking spaces are conveniently located close to local shop fronts and amenities to allow people with a disability or low mobility easy and close access.

"Disabled parking spaces are larger to allow safe and appropriate access to and from vehicles for people with low

mobility or who are using mobility aids such as wheelchairs or walkers," Mr Russo said.

"When disabled parking spaces are misused, people with a genuine need for the space are unable to access local shops and amenities.

"There are already limited disabled parking spaces in Glen Eira, so motorists are asked to show some consideration by not parking in the bays allocated for people with a disability."

Council's Disability Reference Committee member Sally Jamieson said people with a disability required wider

and longer parking spaces, especially in shopping centre and supermarket car parks.

"When able-bodied people park in a designated disabled parking spot, they are preventing a disabled person from doing vital everyday tasks such as shopping and banking or accessing leisure activities such as the cinemas or restaurants," Ms Jamieson said.

To report misuse of a disabled parking space, contact Council's Traffic and Parking Department on 9524 3333.

To apply for a permit, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira News photos



Have you been photographed at a Glen Eira City Council event and would like a copy of the photo?

Photos that are published in *Glen Eira News* are now available for sale by contacting Sarah Finlay on 9524 3333.



GESAC construction update

Despite the wettest Melbourne spring in 18 years, construction of 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 indoor stadium is taking shape with the structural steel and roofing complete and wall cladding underway. In the main building area, the basement and ground floor slab is finished and the level one floor slab and structural steel is almost complete. In the main pool hall, each pool is at different stages. The learn-to-swim pool is 95 per cent complete and work has commenced on the retaining wall next to the external 50 metre pool area.

Glen Eira City Council Pools Committee Chair Cr Michael Lipshutz said the wet weather continues to be a challenge.

"Rain has meant some changes to the construction program, but we have been able to keep the project on schedule," Cr Lipshutz said.

"People driving past the facility will now be noticing significant progress on the project as the building takes shape."

Information stand at Party in the Park

Want to find out more about GESAC? GESAC staff will be running an information stand at Council's *Party in the Park* events. A staff member will be on hand at the Allnutt Park and Packer Park events to talk about GESAC's programs and services and answer any questions you may have. Staff will also be able to add you to the GESAC database so you can take advantage of its foundation membership specials.

Manager GESAC Mark Collins said staff are looking forward to talking to as many people as possible about what is

an extremely exciting project that will improve the health and wellbeing of the Glen Eira community.

"There will also be the chance to win prizes just by coming to see us," Mr Collins said.

A free, three month membership will be awarded to one lucky person simply by registering your interest in buying a membership or signing up for GESAC's regular email updates.

One lucky child will also win a free term of learn-to-swim lessons by entering the competition to name GESAC's learn-to-swim mascot, which will be unveiled on Sunday 20 February at *Party in the Park*, Packer Park.

To find out further information about GESAC's facilities, services, construction updates and memberships, visit www.gesac.com.au or log on to Facebook and search Glen Eira Sports & Aquatic Centre.

Commercial leasing opportunities

Expressions of interest are currently being sought for the commercial tenancy spaces within GESAC. Leasing opportunities exist for the consulting suites, wellness centre and café areas within GESAC. Expressions of interest are requested from, but not limited to, allied health, sports medicine and wellbeing service providers and café/venue catering operators. Council has engaged Dixon Kestles to co-ordinate this campaign and interested parties should contact either John Pratt on 0412 350 828 or Brett Willis on 0415 858 394 to discuss these opportunities further.



Recycle old televisions and computers — 27 February

Glen Eira City Council will host an electronic waste (e-waste) collection day on Sunday 27 February.

To be held from 8am to 4pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, residents will be able to dispose of unwanted e-waste, including computer screens, keyboards and televisions.

Commercial quantities will not be accepted.

For further information on Council's e-waste collection service, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

More than 29 tonnes of e-waste was collected at Council's first collection day last October. Photo: Jodhi Greenshields.



Council approves stormwater harvesting project

A stormwater harvesting project at Boyd Park in Murrumbeena has been approved by Glen Eira City Council.

Stormwater will be harvested for park and street tree irrigation from a Council drain in the Outer Circle Linear Railway Park.

A 1.5 million litre underground storage facility will be built to collect and store water, as well as an underground treatment system which will cleanse the stormwater before its use as irrigation.

Filler points for tankers will also be installed on Dandenong Road.

Council's Manager Sustainability Rachel Ollivier said the Outer Circle Linear Railway Park and surrounding street and yards in the area are subject to flooding.

"This is due to the lack of capacity in the Melbourne Water drain under Boyd Park to receive water from Council's drainage network in this area," Ms Ollivier said.

"This project will not only reduce the frequency and extent of flooding in this area, but the water which will be filtered and stored, can be reused for irrigation.

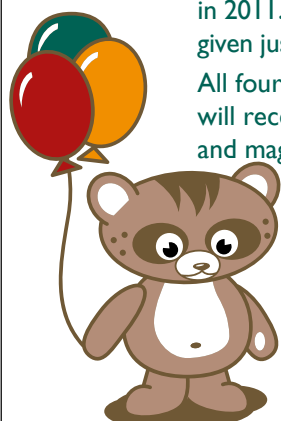
"The amount of stormwater pollution entering the drainage system will also be reduced."

The project has received \$529,000 in Federal Government funding. Council will also contribute funding through its *Drainage Improvement Program*.

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 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

Saturday 2 April
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh



Glen Eira City Council

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News in brief

Council wins Facility Management Association of Australia Award

Glen Eira City Council was announced the winner of the 2010 *Facility Management Association of Australia and Integrated Initiatives in Customer Service Excellence Award*.

Announced late last year, this is a significant achievement for Council given the category was open to both government and private sectors, with other finalists including:

- Commonwealth Bank Group Property;
- Woolworths;
- Jones Lang LaSalle;
- Brisbane City Council; and
- Foster's Group.

The specific project recognised work done by a number of Council

departments in providing improved occupational health and safety outcomes for both Council contractors and occupants of Council buildings.

Removal of graffiti from private property

Glen Eira City Council continues to assist residents by reactively removing graffiti from 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 personal graffiti removal

kits free of charge from Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Free graffiti removal kits will also be available at forthcoming community events, such as *Party in the Park*. Council staff will be available at these events to provide using the kits.

2011 Council Meeting dates

Tuesday 1 February

Tuesday 22 February

Tuesday 15 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

Census register of interest now open

The 16th Census of Population and Housing will take place on Tuesday 9 August. The Australian Bureau of Statistics will be recruiting 43,000 field staff from across Australia.

In Victoria, around 8,500 people will be needed to carry out these valuable community roles.

If you are interested in being an area supervisor or collector, sign up now at www.abs.gov.au/census

out and about



Mayoral election: Cr Frank Penhalluriack, Glen Eira Deputy Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Cheryl Forge, Cr Jim Magee, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Steven Tang. Photo: Les O'Rourke.



Consulting with the community: Cr Oscar Lobo speaking with a resident in Centre Road.



Carols by Candlelight 2010: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Steven Tang, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Cheryl Forge and Cr Michael Lipshutz.

Photo: Les O'Rourke

Community grants workshops

Glen Eira City Council's 2011–2012 Community Grants Program opens on Monday 7 March.

Grants of up to \$7,500 will be available for projects which address Council priorities and meet with funding guidelines and conditions.

Application forms and guidelines will be mailed to all organisations on Council's database.

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will be hosting information workshops on Thursday 17 March from

10am to 12pm and Wednesday 23 March from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Two further sessions specifically for senior citizens clubs, probus clubs and organisations applying for less than \$1,000 will also be held on Friday 18 March from 10am to 12pm and Wednesday 23 March from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

All sessions will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Bookings are essential.

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



As part of the 2010–11 Community Grants Program, Calvary Health Care Bethlehem allocated part of their funding towards their Creative Connections program. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Electoral representation review of Glen Eira City Council

Legislation requires every council to have a periodic independent electoral representation review. The Minister for Local Government (Minister) has given notice of a representation review for Glen Eira City Council. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) will conduct the review under State legislation.

What will the review recommend?

The VEC will make a recommendation to the Minister as to:

- the appropriate number of councillors;
- whether the municipality should be unsubdivided or divided into wards; and
- if the municipality is to be divided into wards, how many wards there should be, the number of councillors per ward and the ward boundaries.

How to make a submission

Members of the public are welcome to make submissions to the VEC about the review. You may obtain a guide for submissions by contacting the VEC on 13 18 32 or visiting www.vec.vic.gov.au

Send your submissions to the VEC by:

- posting to Level Eight, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000;
- emailing to gleneira.review@vec.vic.gov.au; or
- faxing to (03) 9629 8632.

Current structure of Glen Eira City Council

Glen Eira City Council is a subdivided municipality with a total of nine councillors. There are three councillors elected from each of the municipality's three wards — Camden Ward, Rosstown Ward and Tucker Ward. The councillors in each ward are elected by a system of proportional representation. This structure was recommended in the first electoral representation review of Glen Eira City Council which took place in February 2005.

Key steps in the review

- Step 1 Information session: Monday 14 February 2011, Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (enter via Service Centre entrance) at 7pm.
- Step 2 Preliminary submissions deadline: Tuesday 1 March 2011 at 5pm.
- Step 3 Preliminary report released: Tuesday 22 March 2011.
- Step 4 Response submissions deadline: Wednesday 20 April 2011 at 5pm.
- Step 5 Public hearing: Monday 2 May 2011, Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (enter via Service Centre entrance) at 6.30pm.
You may speak in support of your response submission if you have requested to do so in your submission.
- Step 6 Final report released: Tuesday 17 May 2011.

To receive a guide for submissions or further information, contact 13 18 32 or visit www.vec.vic.gov.au

Electoral Representation Review publications are available in large print on request.

Keeping the community safe this summer

Glen Eira Police worked diligently over the festive season, concentrating on both general duties and traffic policing.

Operation Aegis, which commenced in late December, was a state-wide traffic operation with the primary aim of reducing road fatalities and road trauma.

As of early January, police in the Southern Metropolitan Region conducted almost 62,000 random breath tests, had detected more than 200 blood alcohol concentration offences and nearly 5,000 additional traffic offences.

Glen Eira Police Service Area Manager Inspector Stephen Clark said in many ways it was disappointing to see so many alcohol-affected drivers on our roads.

"However, we will continue to work diligently to ensure these offenders are apprehended and prosecuted," Inspector Clark said.

Keep valuables locked away

In the summer months, police will be concentrating their efforts on beachside areas in addition to regular patrols.

"I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents not to leave valuables in vehicles, particularly in full view of passers by," Inspector Clark said.

"If you do need to leave valuables, particularly wallets and handbags, in your vehicle, lock them out of sight, ideally in the boot.

"Unfortunately, many of the thefts from motor vehicles are opportunistic, with perpetrators attracted to a vehicle when they can see valuables in plain sight."

Inspector Clark also encouraged people to take car keys with them and not leave them on top of one of the wheels or within the vicinity of the vehicle.

"This can also make it easy for opportunistic thieves to either steal the vehicle or something from the vehicle," Inspector Clark said.

Lock your vehicle

Vehicles should be kept locked at all times, including when parked at home in the driveway and in circumstances when the vehicle is going to be left unattended for short periods of time.

"It takes just seconds to steal from an unlocked vehicle so please be diligent at all times," Inspector Clark said.

"In addition, please do not leave spare keys to either your vehicle, or to your home, inside your car.

"Should your vehicle be broken into, this provides ready access to both your vehicle and your home.

"Unfortunately, we have had recent instances where this has occurred."

Report suspicious activity

Inspector Clark encouraged Glen Eira residents to report any suspicious activity to police.

"With your help, we will continue to work diligently to make our community as safe and crime free as possible," Inspector Clark said.

Party in the Park 2011

Glen Eira City Council brings the community together in February with free outdoor events held in two of the City's best-loved parks — 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 — Allnutt Park

Sunday 6 February

12pm–4pm

Corner Wheatley Road and Beech Street, Bentleigh

(Melway 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 interpreter 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, workshops for children, community information stalls, food stalls, art and craft market, farmers market and much more.



Craig Schneider.



Westside Circus.



Jessie Lloyd.

Pet Expo

Party in the Park at Allnutt Park will also include the annual *Pet Expo*. Bring along your pets for discounted microchipping provided by RSPCA, obedience training demonstrations and general pet health advice from an on-site vet. Why not enter your pet in the *Glen Eira Pet Parade*. Categories include *Best Trick* and *Best Dressed*. Register your pet from 12pm at the *Pet Expo* info stand to win great prizes. The event will also feature a range of pet related stall holders, as well as entertainment from 12pm to 4pm.



Photo: Angus McDonald.

Party in the Park — Packer Park

Sunday 20 February

12pm–4pm

Leila Road, Carnegie

(Melway 68 J8)



Monique Brumby.

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.

Top five exhibitions for 2010

Farrell and Parkin's survey exhibition *Topography of a Collaborative Mind* has been nominated as one of the top five exhibitions for 2010 by art critic Robert Nelson.

Mr Nelson said 'this exhibition proved that you can score that sense of great things having been achieved with local artists whose work is largely in local collections: still the air of miracle pervaded this show, where you follow in stupor, and wonder where the ideas come from.'

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery was delighted to present this feature exhibition during September and October last year, which surveyed the artistic practice of nationally and internationally renowned collaborative photographers Rose Farrell and George Parkin.

Exhibitions

Glen Eira City Council Art Gallery, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Phone: 9524 3333 Opening times: Monday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 1pm–5pm. Admission is free.

Highlights from the Glen Eira City Council art collection

Continues until Sunday February 6



Jane Burton — Glen Eira Lounge Room 1998. Type C colour photograph, 48 x 48 cm. Collection: Glen Eira City Council.

Melbourne Watercolour Show presented by Without Pier Gallery Opens 6.30pm Wednesday 9 February and continues until 5pm Sunday 20 February

To be opened by one of Australia's premier watercolour artists, Joseph Zbukvic

This is the largest watercolour show in Melbourne solely dedicated to watercolour painting and follows on from the highly successful show at Glen Eira City Council's Gallery in 2010. Featuring up to 30 premier watercolour artists from Victoria and Australia, there will be more than 100

paintings for sale. The exhibition will have something for everyone.

2011 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Opens 10am Thursday 25 February and continues until 5pm Sunday 6 March

The exhibition will be officially opened on Friday 25 February at 6.30pm

The International Baccalaureate is an alternative curriculum for schools and is administered from Geneva. Students study a diverse range of subjects and are tested on theory of knowledge.

As part of the two year Diploma course, students also undertake an extended essay and creative, community service and physical activity based programs.

This rich ground for investigation results in visual arts students producing works that have global connections and significance, personal and cultural references and a distinct and laudable individuality.

This exhibition will showcase some of outstanding works produced by the 2010 students. Diverse media will be represented including digital media, installation, sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, textiles and ceramics.

Living Together 2011

Glen Eira City Council presents *Living Together 2011*, a celebration of Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian and Russian culture.

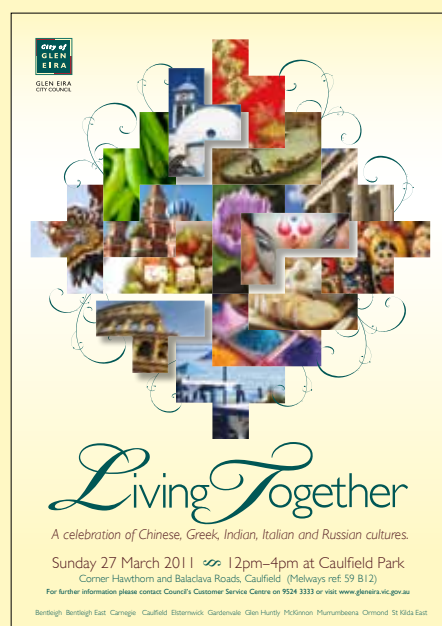
Living Together 2011 will be held on Sunday 27 March at Caulfield Park, corner Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads, Caulfield North from 12pm to 4pm.

Glen Eira is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds. The aim of *Living Together* is to present these cultural groups to the broader community and offer an insight into the community's richness and diversity.

There will be special performances by Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian and Russian community performers throughout the day.

The event will also include a selection of food from each culture with delicacies to tantalise your tastebuds.

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



Melbourne Children Chinese Choir

The *Melbourne Children Chinese Choir* (MCCC) was established in February 2008, with a vision to promote the Chinese culture, the love of music and a passion for the performing arts among a new generation. MCCC has quickly gained momentum and within months of its inception, was invited to perform at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre for an international event. They received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the 8,000 strong crowd who enjoyed their debut performance.

MCCC has been active in community events since then, participating in many festivals and celebrations organised by local civic groups and city councils.

MCCC has developed an extensive program that encompasses training in voice and dancing, as well as formal recording sessions and other activities to ensure these young talents reaching their full potential. They are currently recruiting for more talent to join the program. If you have children aged six to 15 and would like to learn more about the opportunities offered by MCCC, please contact the choir directly.



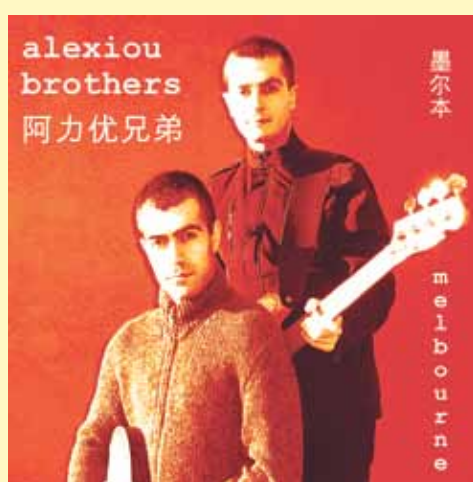
The Melbourne Children Chinese Choir.

Alexiou Brothers

Alexiou Brothers is one of Australia's most diverse multicultural pop/rock groups. Only in Melbourne would you find two brothers of Greek ancestry singing their original songs in English, Greek and Chinese.

The brothers have been performing and recording together since they were four and eight years and their songs are an exciting mix of interesting ethnic and pop influences.

Since the release of the groundbreaking debut Chinese/English EP *Melbourne*, the brothers have been enjoying many performances at multicultural festivals and private events.



Alexiou Brothers.

Tatva

Established in London and based in Melbourne since 2009, *Tatva* is an Indian contemporary dance company.

Tatva specialises in Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance form, as well as Bollywood, Folk and Indian contemporary dance. The emphasis of the contemporary dance repertoire is to interpret cultural and social

situations and issues through the idiom of dance.

Tatva's repertoire of performances include the *City of London Festival*, *Onam Festival for K.C.W.A Croydon (UK)* and the prestigious *Edinburgh Fringe Festival* (Scotland) where their production received a four-and-a-half star rating out of five. This rating resulted in *Tatva* being invited to showcase a special performance for the Indian Ambassador to the United Kingdom. They have also been associated with the prestigious Place Theatre in London.

Tatva has presented workshops and performed at many events across Melbourne, including Council's *Living Together 2009* festival, *Buddha's Day Festival* and the *Diwali Festival 2010*, which were both held at Federation Square. Prior to last year's State Election, *Tatva* also featured in now Victorian Premier Ted Ballieu's Bollywood policy launch.



Tatva.

The Viva Italia Show

Australia's youngest Italian show featuring award-winning entertainer Liz Tripodi is fast becoming one of the most popular touring corporate Italian acts in the world.

Featuring a great mix of traditional folk and modern Italian music appealing to all generations, this award-winning show brings alive the traditions and culture of the Italian music scene. The show will have something for people of all ages to enjoy and features young performers who are proud of their heritage, showcasing music that people love to hear and sing along to. There will also be plenty of surprises to keep the audience entertained.



The Viva Italia Show.

Sergei Golovko

Sergei Golokov has toured internationally, playing to audiences in England (The Royal Albert Hall), Korea, China and many other European countries. He was a star soloist with a leading Russian Orchestra and has been awarded prizes and honorary diplomas at domestic and international festivals such as the *National Percussion Content*, the *International Festival* in Korea and the *Vienna Music and Radio France* festivals in Europe.

Sergei's colourful interpretations of famous compositions, combined with master marimba technique that he has acquired, have attracted tremendous public appeal.

'A dazzling performance by a man with helium hands ... Sergei Golovko gave us percussive pyrotechnics.' (Michael J Easton — *Herald Sun*).



Sergei Golovko.

Recognise your volunteers

Nominations for the *2011 Glen Eira City Council Volunteer Recognition Scheme* will close on Friday 18 March.

Not-for-profit community based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have provided 10 or more years of continuous service.

Winners will be announced during *National Volunteers Week* in May at an awards recognition ceremony.

Further information and nomination forms are available from the Council's Service Centre or from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Mothers and babies benefit from GEMS



Following the completion of GEMS, participants are invited to attend Yumi Supported playgroups.

Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service offers a mother's group for those who may be experiencing emotional difficulties since the birth of their baby.

Glen Eira Mother's Support (GEMS) was formed in April 2008 and gives new mothers an opportunity to meet with others who are experiencing similar difficulties, such as anxiety or depression, in a relaxed environment. The eight week group covers a range

of important topics, including looking after yourself, interaction with your baby, relaxation and simple play strategies.

Following the completion of GEMS, participants are invited to attend Yumi Supported Playgroups, facilitated by Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health.

GEMS sessions for 2011 will commence in March. For further information, contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3333.

Breastfeeding support service for new mothers

The Glen Eira Breastfeeding Support Service was developed in response to a growing need for additional support for new mothers caused by shorter hospital stays.

The service, which operates on Wednesdays, provides assistance and information to enhance a mother's ability to successfully breastfeed.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said Lactation Consultant Alison Lloyd visits mothers and babies in their home, offering support and advice on breastfeeding issues.

"If needed, she can also consult over the phone," Ms Jolliffe said.

"Since the introduction of the service in March last year, Ms Lloyd has assisted more than 140 mothers.

"The feedback we have received so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

"The mother's have appreciated being seen at home and learning to feed their babies in a familiar environment."

Council supports breastfeeding

Ms Jolliffe said Council supports and encourages breastfeeding to optimise health outcomes for families in accordance with

recommendations from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"Over the next three years, Council is aiming to improve breastfeeding rates by three per cent through the Glen Eira Breastfeeding Support Service," Ms Jolliffe said.

Other Council initiatives to support breastfeeding include:

- partnerships with neighbouring councils and Sandringham Hospital to produce a DVD promoting breastfeeding to families attending antenatal classes;
- promoting maternal and child health centres as drop in centres for breastfeeding;
- establishing a private breastfeeding parenting room at Carnegie Library and Community Centre; and
- partnerships with the Australian Breastfeeding Association for support groups at Glen Huntly and Bentleigh maternal and child health centres.

"There will also be professional development for Council's maternal and child health nurses to meet the Baby Friendly Health Initiative — for breastfeeding support in community health settings," Ms Jolliffe said.

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

Young mums' group to continue in 2011

Following on from its success last year, a program for young mums will continue in 2011.

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

Commencing on Wednesday 2 February from 1pm to 3pm, the eight week program will be held at Council's Youth Information Centre, Robert Street, Bentleigh.

The program is free and 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 Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said

the new program is tailored to meet the needs of young mums.

"The program will assist them in learning new parenting skills, while at the same time having fun and making new friends," Ms Jolliffe said.

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Youth Social Worker Rachael Kegen said a variety of guest speakers and visitors attend the sessions.

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

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



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

Professional development for childcare educators



Training and professional development helps educators to keep up-to-date with current early childhood practises and ideals. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Childcare educators from Glen Eira City Council's four children's centres have been developing their skills through high levels of training and professional development.

Over the last 12 months, the educators attended a number of sessions which focused on the health, wellbeing and development of the children and families accessing the centres. They also attended first aid training and continued to participate in the State Government's *Kids — Go for your life* program.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said training and professional development helps educators to keep up-to-date with current early childhood practises and ideals.

"Ongoing training also supports the educators in developing children's learning programs, through individual portfolios, learning stories and projects," Ms Jolliffe said.

The programs at the children's centres are based on the *National Early Years Learning Framework* and *Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework*.

"Our educators use these frameworks to develop high quality learning programs that foster a sense of belonging, being and becoming," Ms Jolliffe said.

"The educators work in conjunction with the children's families to determine what each child enjoys and use both frameworks as a guide to further develop their individual needs."

2011 education calendar

An education calendar for parents and early childhood educators is now available on Glen Eira City Council's website.

The calendar will increase knowledge, skills and confidence as well as improve the quality of services provided to families within Glen Eira.

The calendar is just one of the many initiatives and recommendations identified in Glen Eira City Council's *Municipal Early Years Plan 2010–13*.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said through consultation with families and early years service providers it was identified that there was a need to increase the knowledge and support opportunities available to parents and guardians, grandparents and early childhood educators.

"Parents need support to care for their children in recognition that a young child's emotional, social and physical wellbeing provides a strong foundation for their future adult life,"

Ms Jolliffe said.

This year, 16 information sessions are planned. Topics to be covered include:

- understanding and guiding children's behaviours;
- toilet training;
- school readiness;
- the amazing toddler;
- promoting resilience in children;
- baby sleep;
- blended families;
- grandparenting in the 21st century;
- caring and creative children's programs; and
- supporting children with additional needs.

There will also be six sessions aimed at early childhood educators.

Speakers for the sessions have a wide range of expertise and range from early childhood university lecturers to published authors and early childhood education consultants.

Documenting learning and development

Staff at Glen Eira City Council's four children's centres document children's learning and development through portfolios, a collection of organised, purposeful information and items by and about individual children that provide insights and an overview of learning and development over time.

Portfolios can include observations, photographic records, learning stories, conversations, reflections, artefacts, descriptions, questions and analysis.

For early childhood educators, portfolios are selective and structured collections of information about practice, gathered for specific purposes evidencing accomplishments. What you value and why you value it.

For children and families, portfolios can offer the chance to become part of a collaborative process where all contributions are welcomed and add to the understanding of children learning in family and community contexts.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said the portfolios are a fabulous way of documenting children's learning and development in a format that is visually appealing and reflective of the learning process.

Portfolios portray possibilities and future pathways that provide opportunities to scaffold, transform, monitor, review and evaluate learning and development in partnership with others.

Source: *Portfolios: Documenting a Journey*. Andrea Nolan and Bronwyn Reynolds, 2008 Early Childhood Australia.



Portfolios are a fabulous way of documenting children's learning and development. Photo: Carnegie Children's Centre.

Family Day Care high quality accredited child care

Glen Eira City Council's Family Day Care Scheme has achieved high quality ratings from the National Child Care Accreditation Council.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Kathryn Bergroth said Glen Eira Family Day Care has worked consistently to achieve high quality practices in the six key areas — children's experiences, learning and development, health, hygiene, safety and wellbeing, management and administration.

Glen Eira Family Day Care currently meets the needs of 328 children who are cared for in the homes of 36 registered carers/educators.

Council is now seeking applications for carers/educators who would like to be part of its successful team. Carers/educators involved in the Family Day Care Scheme undergo an application process that

includes orientation and each educator undertakes a police record check, a Working with Children check, a home safety check and a medical assessment.

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



Glen Eira Family Day Care currently meets the needs of 328 children.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

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.
Contact Trevor: 9305 7125
or 0407 800 719.

Oakdale Angling Club meets fortnightly on Wednesday nights from 8pm at Murrumbeena Park Hall.
Contact Mike: 9578 8172
or 0429 400 367.

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 needle workers.
Contact Merrill: 9578 1117.

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

The Ladies Probus Club of Elsternwick meets on the first Monday of each month from 10am at 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.

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

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

Bentleigh Mens Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at 10.30am at Bentleigh RSL Club, Centre Road, Bentleigh.
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.

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.

Glen Eira University of the Third Age offers seniors a selection of activities, including courses in painting, drawing, wine appreciation, calligraphy, computing, 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.

Kiwanis Community Service Club meets for dinner on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm at The Elsternwick Club.
Contact: 0417 342 860.

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.

The Melbourne Begonia Society meets on the third Saturday of each month (except December) from 12.30pm at Tucker Road Primary School, 16 Tucker Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9570 6822 or 9787 7838.

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.

Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle is offering free Scottish country dancing classes every Friday during March from 8pm–10pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond.
Contact Helen: 9555 7421
or Bev: 9579 5532.

The Moorabbin Historical Society opens Box Cottage, Joyce Park, Jasper Road, McKinnon on the last Sunday of each month (February to November) from 2pm–4pm. Admission by donation.
Contact: 9578 9131.

EVENTS

Nirkoda Israeli Dancing offers an eight week course for beginners starting 14 February. Circles/lines and partners. Classes held in Ormond and Caulfield, day and night. Cost of \$40.
Contact Judi: 0407 517 865
or Denise: 0450 926 303.

Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club will hold its annual registration days on 19 February and 6 March from 10am–12pm at Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 0418 316 492
or visit www.gleneira-jsc.com.au

The Melbourne Begonia Society Annual Begonia Show will be held on 26 February from 10am–4pm and 27 February from 10am–3pm at the Wishart Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin.
Contact: 9570 6822 or 9787 7838.

St Peter's Anglican Church invites you to attend *World Day of Prayer* on 4 March from 10am at Ormond Uniting Church, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond.
Contact Jennifer: 9568 5527.

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 Strings is looking for new members. Bring along your violin, viola, cello or double bass and let music enrich your life. Amateurs, professionals, young and old string musicians all welcome. Membership fees minimal.
Contact Sonia: 0405 570 045.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 February and Monday 7 March 9.30am–11am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 1 February and Tuesday 1 March 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 8 February and Tuesday 8 March 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 16 February and Wednesday 16 March 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Wednesday 23 February and Wednesday 23 March 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 26 February and Saturday 19 March 9am–11am
Wednesday 9 February, Thursday 24 February, Wednesday 9 March and Thursday 24 March 5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park
Leila Road, Carnegie
Monday 14 February and Monday 21 March 9.30am–11am



傑出的成就和領導能力

Glen Eira 市政府在1月21日星期五於市政廳舉行的澳洲國慶節早餐會上頒發了“年度最佳公民獎”、“年度最佳青年公民獎”及“最佳社區團體獎”。

這些獎項的被提名者共有25個個人和團體。

最佳公民獎

1985年以來，“最佳公民獎”獲得者 Abram (Abe) Goldberg 一直在位於 Elsternwick 的猶太人大屠殺紀念中心擔任義務講解員。Abe 已如同該中心的固定人員，他帶領參觀者和數以萬計的學生觀看展品，講解文物，並敘述他在大屠殺期間的個人經歷。

這個類別的其他候選人有 Susie Ehrmann 和 Geoff Gartly。

最佳青年公民獎

本年度“最佳青年公民獎”獲得者為 Glen Eira 中學學生 Lawrence Hinrichs。近幾年來，他不知疲倦地埋頭苦幹，與老師一起改進和提升學校在社區中的水準。他是學生會和電台俱樂部的積極成員，也是12年級執行委員會成員。

這個類別的其他候選人有 Jessica Bahn、Victoria Baker 和 Marija Tomic。

最佳社區團體

本年度“最佳社區團體獎”獲得者 Griefline 服務公司23年多來一直在提供極為重要的社區服務。此非營利機構提供為社區中不幸遭遇重大損失的人提供不具名的人道專業支持。

這個類別的其他候選機構有 Glen Eira 老年華人俱樂部和 Bentleigh Moorabbin Central 扶輪社。

Σημαντικό επίτευγμα και ηγετικός ρόλος

Ο Δήμος Glen Eira απένειμε τα ετήσια *Βραβεία Δημότη και Νέου Δημότη της Χρονιάς* και *Κοινοτικής Ομάδας της Χρονιάς* του Δήμου κατά τη διάρκεια ενός ειδικού Προγεύματος της Ημέρας της Αυστραλίας στο Δημαρχείο την Παρασκευή 21 Ιανουαρίου.

Είκοσι πέντε άτομα και κοινοτικές ομάδες είχαν προταθεί για τα βραβεία.

Δημότης της Χρονιάς

Από το 1985, ο νικητής του βραβείου *Δημότης της Χρονιάς* Abram (Abe) Goldberg υπήρξε εθελοντής ξεναγός στο Εβραϊκό Κέντρο του Ολοκαυτώματος στο Elsternwick. Ο Abe είναι ένα μόνιμο προσάρτημα του Κέντρου, ξεναγώντας επισκέπτες και χιλιάδες μαθητές μέσω των μουσειακών εκθεμάτων, μιλώντας για τα τεχνουργήματα, καθώς επίσης και για την εμπειρία του στα χρόνια του Ολοκαυτώματος.

Άλλοι φιναλίστες της κατηγορίας αυτής ήταν οι Susie Ehrmann και Geoff Gartly.

Νέος Δημότης της Χρονιάς

Ο μαθητής του Λυκείου Glen Eira College και νικητής του βραβείου *Νέος Δημότης της Χρονιάς* Lawrence Hinrichs έχει εργαστεί ακούραστα καθόλη τη διάρκεια των περασμένων λίγων χρόνων μαζί με τους καθηγητές του, για να βελτιώσει και να ανεβάσει το επίπεδο του Λυκείου στην κοινότητα. Υπήρξε ενεργό μέλος του Συμβουλίου Μαθητικής Εκπροώπησης, της Ραδιοφωνικής Λέσχης και του διοικητικού συμβουλίου της 3^{ης} Λυκείου.

Άλλοι φιναλίστες της κατηγορίας αυτής ήταν οι Jessica Bahn, Victoria Baker και Marija Tomic

Κοινοτική Ομάδα της Χρονιάς

Ο νικητής του βραβείου *Κοινοτική Ομάδα της Χρονιάς* Griefline Services Inc.παρέχει μια ανεκτίμητη κοινοτική υπηρεσία για πάνω από 23 χρόνια. Ο μη κερδοσκοπικός οργανισμός παρέχει ανώνυμη, στοργική και επαγγελματική υποστήριξη σε μέλη της κοινότητας που έχουν βιώσει κάποια σημαντική απώλεια.

Άλλοι φιναλίστες της κατηγορίας αυτής ήταν ο Σύλλογος Κινέζων Ηλικιωμένων Glen Eira Inc και η Λέσχη Ροταριανών Bentleigh Moorabbin Central.

Eccezionali successi e leadership

Il Consiglio Comunale di Glen Eira ha tenuto venerdì 21 gennaio presso la Sala Comunale nell’ambito dell’ *Australia Day Breakfast* le premiazioni annuali denominate *Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year e Community Group of the Year*.

Venticinque candidati, tra persone e gruppi comunitari, sono stati nominati per la premiazione.

Cittadino dell’Anno

Sin dal 1985 Abram (Abe) Goldberg, vincitore del premio *Citizen of the Year*, opera in qualità di guida volontaria presso il Centro dell’Olocausto Ebreo a Elsternwick. Al Centro Abe, di cui è considerato un’istituzione permanente, si occupa di guidare i visitatori e le migliaia di studenti tra le varie esposizioni, discutendone i manufatti e raccontando le esperienze vissute durante gli anni dell’Olocausto.

Susie Ehrmann e Geoff Gartly sono due dei finalisti nella stessa categoria.

Giovane Cittadino dell’Anno

Lawrence Hinrichs, studente del Collegio Glen Eira e vincitore del premio *Young Citizen of the Year*, ha lavorato instancabilmente durante gli ultimi anni cooperando con i propri insegnanti al miglioramento ed incremento dello standard del Collegio nell’ambito comunitario. Si è distinto come attivo rappresentante del Consiglio Studentesco, del Radio Club e dell’esecutivo dell’Anno 12.

Altri finalisti nella stessa categoria sono Jessica Bahn, Victoria Baker e Marija Tomic.

Gruppo Comunitario dell’Anno

Il Griefline Services Inc., vincitore del premio *Community Group of the Year*, fornisce da più di 23 anni un prezioso servizio nell’ambito comunitario. Questa organizzazione senza scopo di lucro fornisce infatti sostegno anonimo, compassionevole e professionale a membri della comunità che hanno subito una perdita significativa.

Altri finalisti nella stessa categoria sono il Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club Inc. ed il Rotary Club di Bentleigh Moorabbin Central.

Выдающиеся достижения и лидерские качества

В пятницу, 21 января, в таун-холле состоялся торжественный завтрак, посвященный Дню Австралии, где также происходило вручение наград *Гражданин года, Молодой гражданин года и Общественная организация года*.

На получение наград были номинированы двадцать пять общественных организаций и отдельных лиц.

Гражданин года

Гражданином года стал Abram (Abe) Goldberg, который с 1985 работает общественным гидом в Центре памяти жертв Холокоста (Jewish Holocaust Centre) в районе Elsternwick. Abe один из старожилов Центра, и за эти годы ознакомил тысячи посетителей и школьников с экспонатами музея, а также со своим личным опытом в годы Холокоста.

Susie Ehrmann и Geoff Gartly также стали финалистами в этой категории.

Молодой гражданин года

Lawrence Hinrichs, учащийся школы Glen Eira College, получил награду *Молодой гражданин года* за свои усилия по укреплению репутации школы в течение последних нескольких лет. Lawrence также является членом Совета школы, клуба “Радио” и исполнительного комитета 12-го класса.

Остальные финалисты в этой категории – это Jessica Bahn, Victoria Baker и Marija Tomic.

Общественная организация года

Награду *Общественная организация года* получила некоммерческая организация Griefline Services Inc, которая вот уже в течение 23 лет оказывает конфиденциальную, профессиональную поддержку и помощь людям, потерявшим кого-то из близких.

Другие финалисты в этой категории – это клуб для пожилых людей из Китая (Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club Inc) и отделение Rotary Club (Bentleigh Moorabbin Central).

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
Racecourse precinct	Meeting	To be confirmed

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Dog off-leash area review	Public forums	Wednesday 1 December,Thursday 2 December and Wednesday 8 December
Marlborough Reserve redevelopment	Comments/submissions	Closed Friday 10 December

BusEd Program 2011



Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program* helps local business grow their business by linking them with specialist skills from students

studying in the areas of:

- website development;
- database construction;
- graphic design;
- market research;
- marketing plans; and
- other business related disciplines.

If you are interested in learning more about what projects are available in 2011, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Expressions of interest: Get Online Project 2011

Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program* is seeking expressions of interest from local business to take part in the

Get Online Project 2011. This program provides business with an opportunity to take the first step forward into the world of www — the world wide web.

Council's Manager Business Development Lynda Bredin said with more and more consumers conducting their market research and spending their disposable income online businesses can no longer afford not to connect with the web.

"It is time for local business to look at extending their operation to online and fight back as many off-shore companies are currently benefiting from our local economy," Ms Bredin said.

"Our aim in 2011 is to encourage Glen Eira companies to grow their businesses by extending their operation online.

"This program is a perfect opportunity for businesses with limited resources, which have no web presence and don't know how to kick-start their online exposure to get started.

"Monash University has indicated that it has a larger contingent of students

looking for projects in 2011 and it is our wish to see them all taken up by Glen Eira businesses."

Monash University third year undergraduate student projects are team-based projects. The students are technically trained and are available to develop web-based business tools for local businesses, including websites, content management systems and business management tools.

For projects to be accepted by Monash University, they must provide a technically challenging component, ie. database, inbuilt ability to update information, etc. The projects will not be accepted if they are a simple display page.

The students operate their projects under the guidance of a team of lecturers, reporting regularly on their progress. After the initial briefing between the student team and business, the business is asked to sign off on a detailed scope of works.

There is no cost to businesses for the student service, however you must make sure that your business and your IT hardware has the capacity to support the online product. Businesses must also be willing to commit their time and be available to respond to student

requests to ensure the best result.

A briefing with Monash University staff will be held in early 2011.

To register your interest, contact Council's Business Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Testimonials from 2010 *BusEd* web based projects

'The team delivered a truly marvellous website, with a sophisticated back-end content management system which far exceeded my expectations in terms of appearance and functionality. The results enable me to market my business more effectively and to operate it more efficiently.' (Unfurl Urban Gardens).

'To say our expectations have been met is an understatement. As well as having had a positive experience working with a wonderful group of young people 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.' (ARDS Media).

Online Business Directory

Glen Eira business owners are invited to register their details on Glen Eira City Council's *Online Business Directory*.

Businesses listed in this *Directory* generally appear on the first page or a high-ranking position in a Google name search.

Google maps is also available to be linked to business listings.

We encourage businesses to take this opportunity to use the *Directory* to advertise their business freely.

Registration can be completed online at:

www.businesses.gleneira.vic.gov.au/directory

For businesses which have previously registered their details, please check your entry to ensure it is up to date and request any changes to businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Online marketing for small businesses

Google, Mobile Searches, Facebook. Knowing where to start can be overwhelming.

This event will focus on these new trends and the practical ways you can utilise this technology to boost sales for your business.

Learn how to use these current technologies to your advantage and help your business stand out from the rest.

The knowledge you gain from this workshop will cost little or nothing to implement. It will take no longer than 30 minutes a day to integrate into your business and will work alongside your current marketing strategies.

Google

Google aims to create the best user experience for its customers — meaning the local search results are Google's top priority. This spells opportunity for small businesses — you can now take on the big boys without having their budget.

Switched-on businesses are already making more sales from this single marketing opportunity.

Mobile searches

Businesses need to understand the new mobile device phenomenon.

Forty per cent of Apple's revenue now comes from the iPhone, which means when your website is being accessed, it is being accessed through a mobile device, not a laptop or desktop.

Is your website user-friendly to browse through a mobile? Most are not. If you know how to set them up properly, you can easily stand out from your competition when people are searching for you.

Facebook

Facebook is now taking on Google as the number one website in the world. And it is not just about catching up with friends and finding out about everything they're doing.

The implications are far greater for small business. The ability to target your specific market through Facebook is possibly one of the best opportunities the internet has ever produced — if you know how to use it.

About the presenter

Elliot Hayes from About Time Management Solutions is an industry training consultant who has worked across several different industries — ranging from telecommunications, education, film and television to corporate training and development. He has featured in BRV and his clients have included Australia Post, Swinburne University, Telstra, Department of Justice and Optus. Elliot also consults and trains in the areas of productivity, time management, innovation in the workplace, sales and marketing. He is a qualified tai chi instructor, as well as a professional actor.

Date: Monday 28 February

Time: 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start (networking and light supper on arrival)

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Thursday 24 February

Get online project 2011 — seminars and workshop

Glen Eira City Council is encouraging local businesses to look at online technology to help grow their operation this year.

An Access Economics report on household e-commerce activity and trends in Australia during 2009 estimated Australians spent between \$19 and \$24 billion online. Of that amount, around 30–50 per cent was spent with overseas retail outlets which are aggressively marketing to our local consumers.

Council will be running workshops and facilitating student web-based projects throughout the year to encourage and assist businesses to get online.

Volunteer business mentoring — a rewarding experience

Glen Eira and Kingston City councils' *Mentor Partners Program* has supported nearly 300 small businesses since its inception in 2002.

Experienced business professionals volunteer their time to assist local small business owners to overcome challenges and develop and grow their business.

Mentors do not act as formal advisors or consultants, but provide guidance, an experienced sounding board and an opportunity for small business owners to reflect and take considered action. The service is free and mentors are accredited through Glen Eira and Kingston City councils. Mentors are also provided with access to business resources, events and support materials.

Long-time resident of Glen Eira Barry Spanger has been a mentor since 2007 and in that time has mentored nine businesses with excellent outcomes. Barry has more

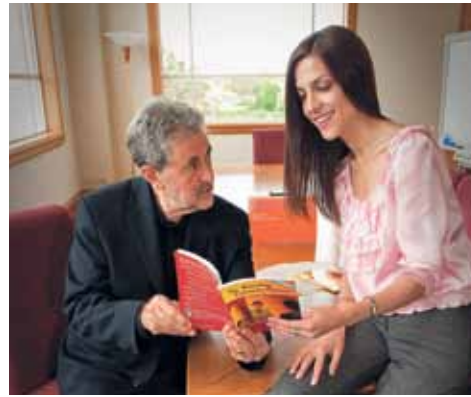
than 40 years experience in building and managing small and medium sized businesses. Although he retired from business several years ago, he continues to consult professionally to small businesses, as well as mentoring through the *Mentor Partners Program*.

"By mentoring, I am able to help businesses in the local community," Barry said.

"It is a good feeling to be able to contribute and give back to my community."

Barry said he has gradually come to understand the challenges facing businesses in the Glen Eira area compared to the rest of Melbourne.

"It gives me a lot of pleasure seeing mentorees improve themselves and use the tools and guidance I have given them to help improve their profitability and their quality of life — and I also enjoy working with the Council staff who run the program," Barry said.



Barry Spanger and Sandy Brouvalis.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Mentor Partners Program Co-ordinator Sandy Brouvalis said while there are 30 mentors currently actively involved in the highly successful program, more mentors are required to keep up with the increased number of businesses applying each year.

"Our *Program* mentors are valued for the contribution they make to our business community," Ms Brouvalis said.

"They not only offer their experience and time, but also their enthusiasm and commitment to helping local small businesses.

"We imagine there are many experienced business people in the community who would make excellent business mentors and would find mentoring a rewarding experience."

If you have a strong business background and relationship building skills, enjoy motivating and helping others, have an interest in small business and would like to give something back to the community, contact *Mentor Partners Program* Co-ordinator Sandy Brouvalis on 9524 3333 or visit www.mentorpartners.com.au

The value of design when planning your website

If you are going to invest your time and resources into extending your business onto the web or updating your website, then you need to get the most out of your investment.

Portable Studio Managing Director Simon Goodrich will show you how to create a dynamic easy-to-use website that stands out from the rest.

Topics to be covered include:

- the value of design;
- why many online businesses fail; and
- how you will be found.

Real business cases will be presented.

About the presenter

Simon Goodrich is co-founder of Portable Studio, a New York and Australian based company that creates innovative products and experiences using portable and digital technology. Portable merges mobile technology, video and the web to create products that can be taken anywhere and experienced anytime by people all over the world. Portable TV is one of the leading channels for fashion, music, film, art and design video internationally.

Simon is the President of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Interactive Media Industry Association. He is also a judge and Australian ambassador for the US based *Webby Awards* — *The Online Oscars*. Simon sits on the board of the Mobile Enterprise Growth Alliance and Design Victoria. He has also been recognised as one of Australia's leading entrepreneurs under 30 by *Anthill Magazine*.

Date: Monday 7 March

Time: 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start (networking and light supper on arrival).

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Thursday 3 March

Using adversity to hone business skills

Gillian Franklin is recognised as one of Australia's most innovative marketers with a passion and commitment to supporting women in business.

She is passionate about supporting women and is a highly regarded and frequent speaker on women's issues.

Gillian has walked the walk, growing her own business from five employees working out of a coffee shop, to a robust, well-resourced company of 90 employees. Complete with its own warehouse and distribution facility, The Heat Group, is one of Australia's leading personal care companies, currently distributing some of the world's biggest cosmetic brands in just eight years.

The portfolio includes Max Factor and Covergirl from Procter and Gamble and more recently added Bourjois (Chanel), Ulta 3, Essence and Elite beauty accessories. She has driven an increase in sales of Max Factor and Covergirl by 86 per cent in Australia, in a market that has only grown by half that rate in the same period. Both Max Factor and Covergirl now rank in the top five brands in the Australian cosmetic market and Heat has a turnover of over \$72 million.

Having held Managing Director and General Management positions for some of Australia's leading consumer companies, including creative brands (Australis and Le Tan) and Revlon. Gillian was influential in shaping the lives of young women when she created and launched the *Australis Self Made Girl* workshops, designed to motivate and inspire young women to seek financial independence.



Gillian Franklin.

Gillian's expertise and success was acknowledged when she was inducted into the *Australian Business Women's Hall of Fame* in 1998. She won the *Telstra Business Women's Award Victoria* in 1996 and was awarded *Global Entrepreneur of the Year — Australia* at the *Business Women's Leaders Summit* in Washington DC in October 2000. More recently, Gillian has been acknowledged in *BRW Magazine* as one of the next 20 most powerful women in Australia and in October 2004, *The Age Melbourne Magazine* listed her as one of the new breed of powerbrokers — the next generation that will shape Melbourne.

In addition to running her own business, Gillian is on the Board of the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association of Australia (CTFA/ ACCORD), the Microsurgery Foundation, the Australian Formula One Grand Prix and the Melbourne Theatre Company.

Presenter: The Heat Group Managing Director, Gillian Franklin

Date: Thursday 17 February

Time: 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

Cost: \$15

The Glen Eira Women's Business Network is a local business network to assist in supporting women in business with education, knowledge, and networking to enhance their business skills and build confidence.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

These events create a perfect opportunity for attendees to build local connections, support system, and promote their own local goods and services. Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of the promotional — networking table to display and promote their marketing material.

2011 dates

- Thursday 17 February;
- Thursday 17 March;
- Thursday 14 April;
- May (included in *May Small Business Month*. No separate meeting);
- Thursday 16 June;
- Thursday 21 July;
- Thursday 18 August;
- Thursday 15 September;
- Thursday 27 October; and
- Thursday 17 November.

Battle of the Bands 2010 review

More than 250 people attended Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Battle of the Bands 2010*.

The event, which was held late last year, was organised and hosted by the Youth Leadership Team.

From the very beginning the crowd was enthusiastic as the first of eight bands, *After Dark*, kicked off the night — and the entertainment didn't stop there!

With a wide range of music genres represented there was something for everyone to enjoy.

'A fantastic range of young talent. I'm looking forward to seeing some of these bands headlining future festivals.' (Aiden, 24).

With great prizes up for grabs, the bands left nothing out of their performances to impress the judges — and it turned out to be one of the closest events yet. It was tight from the onset and at the end of the night the final three bands did battle on the score sheets, with all winning positions hanging in the balance until the final band had played.

First place — Tanya & Jordan

\$500 gift voucher from World of Music

With a soulful voice and great backing acoustic guitar and down to earth lyrics, *Tanya & Jordan's* performance was beautifully raw and enchanting.



Tanya & Jordan. Photo: Madi Saylor

Second place — Forgotten Assault

\$300 gift voucher from World of Music

A performance *Battle of the Bands* had never seen before. This metal group had their audience captivated from the start of their performance until the end. It was music theatre at its very best and no one could deny these guys knew how to get the crowd pumped.



Forgotten Assault. Photo: Madi Saylor



After Dark. Photo: Madi Saylor

People's Choice Award — After Dark

\$200 gift voucher from World of Music

With a strong lead vocal performance and high on-stage energy, these guys kicked off the night like no one else has — and the votes proved this.

Congratulations to all of the performers on the night, who once again have shown the community the depth of young talent in Glen Eira.

The night would have not been so successful without the huge contribution from major sponsor World of Music which generously donated all of the prizes.

If you would like to be a part of the Youth Leadership Team and get the chance to plan and run *Battle of the Bands* and other youth events, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Urban Zoo. Photo: Madi Saylor.



The Brass Monkeys. Photo: Madi Saylor.



Mako. Photo: Madi Saylor.

2011 Youth Leadership Team

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is currently recruiting participants for its 2011 Youth Leadership Team (YLT). The YLT is open to young people aged 14 to 25 from the local community.

The YLT is a group of dynamic young volunteers from the Glen Eira community who are interested in developing their leadership skills. Between February and December, they actively plan and facilitate youth events in the City of Glen Eira, including *Battle of the Bands* and *National Youth Week* events.

Members are trained in event management and leadership. They also participate in personal development workshops. Participants are encouraged to use their skills to be leaders in their local communities.

Ogi, 19, was part of the 2010 YLT.

"A lot of the skills we learnt during our training were put to good use while running the events," Ogi said.

Recent graduates from the 2010 Youth Leadership Team, including Marika, 19, spoke very highly of the program.

"We have learnt skills that will help us in the future and we were given the opportunity to meet new people," Marika said.

If you are passionate about your local community and would like to learn



2010 Youth Leadership Team: Amelia, Lauren, Ogi, Yalenka and Marika.

Photo: Madi Saylor.

how to host great youth events, Youth Services would love to hear from you.

Young people who are interested in becoming a member are asked to nominate themselves and complete a nomination form, available from Youth

Services. Spaces for this program are highly sought after, so young people are encouraged to apply early.

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

Youth Services now on Facebook

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is now on Facebook. The Facebook page includes information about programs and upcoming events, as well as photos from our most recent *Battle of the Bands*. To find our page, search for Glen Eira Youth Services in the search area of Facebook. If you would like to be kept up-to-date with Youth Services news and events, become a fan of the page. If you do not have access to Facebook, you can always find out up-to-date information via www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youthservices

Calling all youth artists



Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is seeking art entries for its annual *Youth Art Expo*.

To be held during the first week of April to celebrate *National Youth Week*, entries can comprise of all different mediums including, paint, stencil, photography or text.

The *Youth Art Expo* gives young artists aged 12 to 25 the opportunity to exhibit their creative talents to the wider community and win some fabulous prizes. Prizes will be awarded in junior and senior sections and winners will be announced on the night.

For further information or for a registration form, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Plugged In 2011

Interested in sound engineering? Keen to see what skills are needed to record music? Are you passionate about music? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then why not consider Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Plugged In* music program.

This free program will run from the Glen Eira Youth Information Centre, where students will learn the basics of sound, acoustics and general recording principles. Participants then move to a studio environment where they will begin to explore microphone techniques, recording fundamentals and eventually manage a recording session with a live band.

To register your interest, email youth@gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Cleaning out? Book a free hard rubbish collection.

- 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 or bundled branches collections every year.
- Council will collect up to four cubic metres of rubbish in each collection.

Guidelines apply. To book, contact Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, Monday–Friday, 8am–5.30pm and Tuesdays 8am–7.15pm.



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Playgrounds with shade in Glen Eira



Joyce Park, McKinnon. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Taking a trip to the local playground is a very exciting time for all children. However more than ever before the need for protection from the sun, especially in summer, is important.

Glen Eira City Council has been proactive in installing shade sails and providing shade at numerous playgrounds throughout the municipality. Where possible, playgrounds have also been designed to utilise the existing natural shade, while some have benefited from the planting of new trees that will grow to provide an effective shade canopy in the future.

When visiting playgrounds we encourage all park users to:

- slip on appropriate clothing;
 - slop on sunscreen;
 - slap on a hat;
 - slide on sunglasses; and
 - seek shade protection.
- Above all be sun smart. Avoid heading out in the heat of the day to reduce your exposure to the harmful stronger UV rays.
- Below is a list of playgrounds with shade. Please note: The natural shade will vary depending on the time of day.

Name of park	Type of shade
Allnutt Park, McKinnon (Melway 68 C11)	Shade sails
Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh (Melway 68 K12)	Shade sails
Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh (Melway 77 F1)	Shade sails
Boyd Park, Murrumbeena (Melway 69 C5)	Shade sails
Carnegie Library playspace, Carnegie (Melway 68 J4)	Shade sails
Caulfield Park — aviary gardens, Caulfield (Melway 59 C12)	Shade sails
Caulfield Park — Park Crescent, Caulfield (Melway 59 C12)	Natural shade
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East (Melway 78 B3)	Shade sails
Dega Avenue Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway 77 H4)	Shade sails
Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena (Melway 68 K9)	Natural shade
EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond (Melway 68 E7)	Shade sails
East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield East (Melway 68 G2)	Natural shade
Garden Avenue Park, Carnegie (Melway 68 F6)	Some natural shade
Gardenvale Park, Gardenvale (Melway 67 H7)	Shade sails
Glen Huntly Park, Caulfield East (Melway 68 E3)	Shade sails
Greenmeadows Gardens, St Kilda East (Melway 58 G12)	Natural shade
Halley Park, Bentleigh (Melway 77 E3)	Shade sail
Harleston Park, Elsternwick (Melway 67 H2)	Some natural shade
Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (Melway 67 H4)	Shade sails
Joyce Park, McKinnon (Melway 68 F9)	Shade sails
King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway 77 K4)	Shade sails
Koornang Park, Carnegie (Melway 68 H6)	Shade sails
Mackie Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway 69 C12)	Shade sail
Marlborough Street Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway 69 A11)	Shade sails
McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon (Melway 68 G11)	Shade sails
Packer Park, Carnegie (Melway 68 J8)	Natural shade
Princes Park, Caulfield South (Melway 68 B6)	Shade sails
Victory Park, Bentleigh (Melway 77 C2)	Shade sails

Upcoming events at Carnegie Swim Centre

Family Fun Day
Sunday 27 February

Carnegie Swim Centre is offering exciting and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy this summer, including a *Family Fun Day*.

There will be live music, a jumping castle and a free sausage sizzle.

Open Doors barbecue fundraiser
Saturday 19 March

YMCA *Open Doors* aims to ensure that no one is denied access by raising funds to cover the cost of YMCA programs and services for people experiencing disadvantage.

Aquathon Series
Thursday 3 March

YMCA *Aquathon Series* is an annual summer event which aims to promote the health and wellbeing of everyone in the community. Aquathons combine both running and swimming and are divided into four categories — primary aged children, short course, open and families.

Carnegie Swim Centre
Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie (Melway 68 H6)
Open from 1 November to 31 March each year

Opening hours
Monday to Friday: 6am to 7pm
Saturdays: 7am to 6pm
Sundays and public holidays: 8am to 6pm

- Facilities**
- 50 metre, eight lane heated pool;
 - learners pool;
 - dive pool;
 - toddlers pool
 - beach volleyball; and
 - shaded areas and barbecue facilities.

For further information about these events or for general pool enquiries, contact Carnegie Swim Centre on 9571 8143.



Carnegie Swim Centre is offering exciting and fun activities. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Swimming after hours

Glen Eira City Council is reminding residents that swimming after hours at Carnegie Swim Centre is not only dangerous, but illegal.

In recent months, people have been illegally gaining access to the Centre after hours and Council is now pleading with residents to adhere to the Centre's opening hours.

YMCA Manager Troy Walker said using the facilities after hours was dangerous.

"The person may injure themselves or get into trouble in the water," Mr Walker said.

"There are no lifeguards on duty after hours so who is going to help them?"

Residents should note that following busy days, the pools are treated

with high levels of chemicals to sanitise the water (super dosing).

"The chemical levels during super dosing can be harmful to your health," Mr Walker said.

"Entering the water after the pool has closed is not only extremely ill advised, but is also unsafe for the illegal night swimmers."

Security at Carnegie Swim Centre has been increased and CCTV is currently in operation.

Council is working closely with Caulfield Police to address the issue.

YMCA Manager Troy Walker.

Photo: Tracy Cassidy.



Dog off-leash area review

Glen Eira City Council is currently undertaking a review of dog 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.

To date, the review has included the release of a discussion paper, three community forums, discussion with key

stakeholders and in-park surveys. A draft report will be completed shortly and released for public comment.

The consultation process will be advertised on Council's website and *Leader* newspapers.

For further information or to be notified when the draft report is available, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Help us to help our local community

Do you enjoy people and are you a good listener?

Do you believe access to information and practical assistance are important?

Would you enjoy a short training course and working with a great group of people?

Could you spare half a day a week?

If this sounds like you contact Laurel Thompson from Community Information Glen Eira on 9571 7644.

Responsible Service of Alcohol training

Thursday 24 March

6pm–10pm

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

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training provides people with the knowledge and awareness necessary to serve alcohol responsibly. This free training session is ideal for sporting and community groups. Light refreshments provided. Bookings are essential. RSVP by Friday 11 March.



Glen Eira TravelSmart maps now available



Bicycle trips into Melbourne grew 42 per cent between 2001 and 2006.

TravelSmart maps are now available from Glen Eira City Council, local bicycle shops and Council's website.

The pocket-sized maps contain information on local train, tram and bus routes, as well as a map of bicycle routes and paths.

The maps were developed by the Department of Transport and Council to provide sustainable transport information.

TravelSmart is an initiative of the Victorian Government and aims to reduce people's dependency on cars by encouraging them to choose sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Did you know?:

- In Melbourne, 50 per cent of all weekday trips are less than 4.7

kilometres long and 41 per cent are car trips — these distances can be covered in up to 20 minutes by bicycle or up to 50 minutes by brisk walking.

- The average car produces 4.36 tonnes of greenhouse gas each year.
- RACV estimates the daily cost of driving a car is between \$16 and \$43.
- Forty per cent of Australians commute less than 10 kilometres to work.
- Bicycle trips into Melbourne grew 42 per cent between 2001 and 2006.
- More than half of Australian adults (54 per cent) are not sufficiently physically active.

For further information or advice on how to travel more sustainably, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333.

Back to school – library services for students



The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm–6pm during the school term. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Glen Eira City Council's four library branches are committed to supporting local students and schools.

Seven days a week, after school hours and on weekends, students can access a library. Library membership is easy and free. If you are under 18 years, a parent or guardian will need to sign you up.

Librarians are ready to help students locate information for homework or a school project or to help them find a great book to read.

Our librarians can find the best sources to answer student questions, using the book collections, online databases and trusted internet sites.

With books on every subject, there is a wealth of information in the libraries' reference collections as well as thousands of books to borrow and use at home.

The internet provides access to a lot of information, but making sense of it all can be difficult. Our librarians know how to navigate through the online information world and can help students find their way.

Online databases are interactive and full of information for homework and projects which can be accessed at any time or day by library members at home — great for finishing last-minute homework projects!

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie Library is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm–6pm during the school term. The Centre provides students with a quiet, distraction-free zone to complete homework and school assignments. Tutoring is not available, but staff will guide students to the right resources to help them complete their school work. This is a friendly environment for students at both primary and secondary levels. It is a free service and bookings are not required. The Centre will re-open for 2011 on Monday 14 February.

Computers are available for use at all the libraries — all with free internet access. WiFi access is also available.

The libraries offer a range of services especially for local schools, including:

- qualified staff to help schools find books and materials to complement the curriculum;
- school memberships with an extended borrowing period;
- class visits to the libraries; and
- special programs and events throughout the year.

For further information, go to www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on Library. Schools can contact any library branch to enquire about class visits.

Virtual librarian

Got a question? Need help to locate information for a school project or just for general interest? Visit one of Glen Eira City Council's four library branches or go online to Ask a Librarian at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and click on Library.

A librarian will respond to your request and direct you to the most appropriate resource to help you with your enquiry.

You will need to enter your library membership number and PIN to use this service.

Does the library have this book?

Looking for a particular book? First, check the library's online catalogue in the library or from home, school or the office. If the library does not have the book you want, why not suggest that it be purchased?

Talk to the librarian at the library information desk or make your suggestion online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au by clicking on Library.

A positive start to reading

As the new year begins, many parents turn their attention towards the start of school and kinder. Glen Eira City Council library *StoryTime* sessions are one way to help prepare your preschool child for this important step. The fun and interactive sessions help prepare young children for the joys of reading and assists with other skills required at kindergarten and school including listening, participation and sitting in a group.

StoryTime sessions are held at each of Glen Eira's four library branches and are free. Sessions run for approximately 30 minutes and are often developed around a particular theme. Along with a selection of books, the sessions may include music, songs and rhymes suitable for preschool children. The sessions are fun and relaxed with the opportunity for parents and guardians to listen and participate. Following the session, children have time to borrow picture books that they can share with the family at home.

StoryTime is an excellent way to start youngsters on their reading path.

Session times

Bentleigh Library

Thursdays at 11am

Carnegie Library

Wednesdays and Fridays at 11am

Caulfield Library

Thursdays at 11am

Elsternwick Library

Wednesdays at 11am



Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

The 24/7 library

New information databases are regularly being added to Glen Eira City Council's website available to library members 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Fun, interactive, with videos, maps and special features, they cover a variety of areas, including:

- art and music;
- multi-media encyclopaedias;
- environment;
- health;
- literature and literacy;
- news and magazines;
- people and places; and
- science and technology.

Take a look at some of the newest additions.

Mango languages

This self-paced language learning program teaches practical conversation and cultural awareness for the world's most popular languages. It's a fun, easy and effective way to learn to speak a language — great for travellers.

in2Era

This online selection of popular children's books, plus fun and educational activities, will help make reading fun. Especially designed for children from kindergarten to primary school.