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Investing in services for children



The new outdoor play area provides children with the opportunity to discover and explore, sit and watch, listen and observe.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Glen Eira City Council has made considerable progress in renewing its assets, which includes infrastructure, public areas and other facilities.

Maintaining these facilities and assets (with a replacement value of almost \$1 billion) over the long-term is one of Council's most important responsibilities.

Services for children are just one of the areas which Council is responsible for.

Community facilities such as maternal and child health centres are integral to a well functioning and safe community.

Council's seven centres provide more than 15,000 consultations each year.

The Elsternwick Maternal and Child Health Centre is being upgraded this year at a cost of \$600,000.

A similar project was completed at Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre in 2009 and during 2009-10, five other centres were also refurbished.

In mid-March, the Centre will relocate temporarily to 274 Glen Eira Road in Elsternwick.

It will return to a new larger Centre on the ground floor of the Elsternwick Library building in Staniland Grove.

The Orrong Road Preschool will also be upgraded while the Elsternwick Maternal and Child Health Centre is temporarily relocated.

Other projects completed in recent times include:

- upgrading Carnegie Children's Centre outdoor play area;
- landscaping works at Murrumbeena Children's Centre;
- kitchen upgrades at Caulfield Children's Centre/Maternal and Child Health Centre;
- bathroom refurbishments at Caulfield South Kindergarten;
- installation of sunblinds at all four children's centres; and
- expansion of the children's area at Bentleigh Library.

New outdoor play area

In 2011, a major project has already been completed at Caulfield Children's Centre.

Since returning to the Centre in late January, children, staff and parents

watched the outdoor play area transform.

Extensive renovations completed by Haylen Group include tiered seating, timber decking, an arched bridge with a pebbled creek and new plants.

The play area has also been resurfaced with a softer and safer surface for children to play on.

Glen Eira News spoke to some of the children to see what they thought of the new play area.

Jackson — 'Very fantastic.'

Dianne — 'I like the garden.'

Isabelle and Christian — 'I like the water feature.'

Caulfield Children's Centre Team Leader Lyn Cramp said the new play area provides children with the opportunity to discover and explore, sit and watch, listen and observe.

"The best place to find a challenge and fulfil a child's sense of wonderment is in the garden," Ms Cramp said.

"This new play area offers all of this to the children who attend the centre."

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Neighbour Day — Sunday 27 March

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community.

Held on the last Sunday in March each year, *Neighbour Day* aims to break down community barriers and build safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.

Glen Eira City Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said getting to know your neighbours was particularly important.

"There are a significant number of vulnerable people that live within Glen Eira," Mr Saunders said.

"Statistics indicate that in Glen Eira 25 per cent of people live alone, more than 25,000 have a disability and 24,000 residents are aged over 60.

"These members of our community are vulnerable, especially during periods of extreme weather, particularly heat waves."

Mr Saunders said *Neighbour Day* was the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and to check in and see if they're okay.



Statistics indicate 24,000 residents in Glen Eira are aged over 60.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

"When you are connected with your neighbours, you are directly helping to ensure your community is safer, healthier and happier," Mr Saunders said.

"Connecting with your community makes people feel cared for and valued."

Mr Saunders suggests you go out and introduce yourself to your neighbours if you do not know them already.

For further information about *Neighbour Day* visit www.neighbourday.org

Mayor's column



The intense storm event in early February brought much heartache to some homes. I hope and trust that recovery is well under way for those affected.

On a happier note, our community had not one, but two 100th birthdays to celebrate in February. Congratulations to Gerda and Lillian on your remarkable milestones.

Tuesday 8 March marks the centenary of *International Women's Day*. What a great opportunity to recognise and thank the contribution of women past and present and a time to encourage those who will make a difference in the future — the younger generations.

Speaking of those making a difference, Council is calling for nominations for its *Volunteer Recognition Scheme* (closing 18 March). Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and make an invaluable contribution through a variety of organisations.

A recognition ceremony will be held in May.

Further information can be found on page five.

A celebration of Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian and Russian culture will be held on 27 March.

Living Together 2011 will be held on at Caulfield Park from 12pm to 4pm.

Further information can be found on page 16.

Finally, Glen Eira Mother's Support (GEMS) sessions for 2011 will commence in March.

GEMS was formed in 2008 and gives new mother's 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 topics, including looking after yourself, interaction with your baby and relaxation.

For further information, contact Council's Maternal and Child Health Service on 9524 3333.

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 6 April for delivery 2–6 May.

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

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Applications open 7 March for community grants program

More than \$300,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2011–2012 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the Program open on Monday 7 March and close on Friday 6 May.

The Program supports and assists not-for-profit community based groups within the municipality to implement projects and activities.

In 2010–11, 139 not-for-profit community groups received a grant, including:

- Brady Road Kindergarten — received \$6,000 to assist with the purchase and installation of wooden playground equipment;
- Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group Inc. — received \$5,000 to assist in the annual running of the organisation;
- Glen Eira Tennis Club Inc. — received \$4,260 to assist with the purchase and installation of seating benches around the tennis courts; and
- Murrumbeena Relay for Life — received \$5,044 to assist in running the fundraising event at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve.

Community grants workshops

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will be hosting information workshops on:



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff with children from Brady Road Kindergarten. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

- Thursday 17 March, 10am to 12pm; and
- Wednesday 23 March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Two further sessions, specifically for senior citizens clubs, probus clubs and organisations applying for less than \$1,000 will be hosted on:

- Friday 18 March, 10am to 12pm; and
- Wednesday 23 March, 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

The workshops will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room Glen Eira Town Hall. Bookings are essential.

For further information about the 2011–2012 Community Grants Program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Application assistance

During April, Council's community development officer is available by appointment to assist not-for-profit organisations with their community grants applications.

Bookings are essential. To arrange an appointment, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Community column

Engaging our community

Flooding

In 2000, Melbourne Water (MW) produced a map of areas which would experience 'overland flows' during intense rainfall because the capacity of MW drains would be exceeded.

The flooding of housing and businesses on 4 February 2011 closely matched this map.

MW had the planning scheme changed so future construction in those areas would have to be built above the predicted flow levels

The effect was not to remove the water from the housing and businesses but, over time, to remove the housing and businesses from the water.

That change to the planning system was exhibited from November 2000 to January 2001. Notices were published in local newspapers and 10,500 owners and occupiers were notified. Following the statutory process, the new requirements became law in late 2002. Some 9,000 properties are in the areas identified by MW.

MW's approach aimed to reduce the risk of flooding to houses built after 2002 and make information available to potential purchasers after 2002 — but it did not reduce risk to housing built before 2002.

Council has made representations in the past to MW asking it to improve capacity in order to avoid flooding of housing and businesses during intense rainfall and we have done so again after the events of 4 February.

Speaking up for our City

Oak Avenue footbridge

Metro Trains has advised Council of its intention to replace the Oak Avenue footbridge over the Sandringham line at Elsternwick.

Council has advised Metro Trains that the footbridge should be upgraded to provide disability access in accordance with relevant standards.

Council has requested Metro Trains to provide further details about the proposal.

Residents reminded to register four-legged friends

Registration is the best form of identification for pets and acts as a safeguard for pet owners if they lose their animals.

It also makes it easier for Glen Eira City Council civic compliance officers



Council's Civic Compliance Officer Bruce Allen uses a scanner to read Angie's microchip number.

Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services

to identify and return your pet if it becomes lost.

Renewal notices for 2011–12 will be sent out in March to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April 2011.

Once a pet is registered, a new registration tag is provided which the pet must wear whenever it is outside its owner's property.

Owners of existing registered animals should also consider a permanent microchip implant as a secondary means of identifying their pet should the pet lose its collar.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said all dogs and cats three months of age and over must be registered.

"Anyone who registers a new pet by law must now have the pet microchipped before it can be registered by Council," Mr Bordignon said.

"Dogs and cats which have been microchipped and desexed will be eligible to have the annual registration fee for the second year of registration waived."

Mr Bordignon said that owners who have had their dog trained through an approved dog obedience training organisation will also be eligible for reduced registration fees.

"The annual registration fee for the second year of registration will be waived for certified trained dogs," Mr Bordignon said.

"Owners will also receive a 50 per cent reduction off the standard reduced fee for subsequent years."

Failure to register dogs and cats can result in a \$239 fine per animal.

If you have recently taken ownership of a new dog or cat, registration forms are available from Council's Service Centre or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

GESAC update



February 2011: On-site at GESAC. Photo: Martin Snell.



Expressions of interest are currently being sought for the tenancy spaces within Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC). Leasing opportunities exist for the consulting suites, wellness centre and café areas. Expressions of interest are requested from, but not limited to, allied health, sports medicine and wellbeing service providers and café/venue catering operators. Glen Eira City 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 further.

Sign up now

GESAC will soon be launching its foundation membership and learn-to-swim campaigns. The earlier you join, the better the deal you will receive. If you haven't already registered your interest, do so

now. To register, visit www.gesac.com.au and click on Membership and swim school. Those that register their details will be the first to be contacted and offered never-to-be-repeated foundation specials.

GESAC is recruiting

GESAC has welcomed its first batch of initial staff and will continue to recruit throughout the year in the lead up to its opening. If you are interested in a position at the venue, keep an eye on our website and follow the links on the Employment page. We are keen for local community members to become staff, so look out for the local media campaign.

Road rules for foot scooters

Foot-propelled scooters are a popular recreational device enjoyed by children in Glen Eira. However, the use of scooters on public roads and footpaths can be dangerous without the proper precautions.

Council's Co-ordinator Traffic Engineering Matthew Harridge said scooters are a popular gift for children and help to encourage healthy physical activity.

"However, parents should take the time to familiarise themselves with the relevant road rules and advise their children before allowing scooters to be taken on the streets," Mr Harridge said.

"Doing so will help to ensure the safety of scooter riders as well as pedestrians and other road users."

Under the Victorian road rules:

- Scooters must have at least one effective brake and a bell or horn.
- Scooter users must wear an approved bicycle helmet.

- Scooters used at night must have a white light (flashing or steady) at the front, a red light (flashing or steady) at the back and a red reflector on the back.
- Scooters must not be used on roads with dividing lines or median strips or that have a speed limit of more than 50km/ph.
- Scooter users on a footpath or shared path must keep to the left of the path unless it is impracticable to do so and give way to any pedestrian who is on the footpath or shared path.

Additional rules, as well as exceptions to the above rules, can be viewed at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/SafetyAndRules/RoadRules

Source: www.travelsmart.vic.gov.au

Look out for con men

Glen Eira City Council is calling on residents to be on the look out for con men knocking on their door.

The call follows an incident in February when a resident received a visit from a gentleman claiming to be from Council.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the gentleman informed the resident he was visiting to see if she was safe in her home.

"The resident let the man inside her home and he proceeded to ask her questions about her living arrangements, family and also enquired about her mobility," Mr Jones said.

Mr Jones said the gentleman was not from Council and no Council officer had visited the area on that particular day.

"Council's aged care support workers do not turn up unannounced," Mr Jones said.

"All clients are informed as to what day and time their support worker is attending.

"Residents who also use Council's delivered meals service and home maintenance service are also advised as to when they will receive a visit."

Mr Jones said before letting a person into a household, ask the person to identify who they are and where they're from.

"If in doubt, ask them to show some form of photo identification.

"Do not let strangers in under any circumstances and avoid telling people your personal details.

"If you still have concerns, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333."

Glen Eira Police Crime Prevention Officer Leading Senior Constable Peter Stefaniw said if anyone in the community receives a similar visit, or knows of anyone who has experienced a similar incident they should contact their local police station.

"These bogus operators prey on vulnerable people, particularly the older population," Mr Stefaniw said.

"Council has set procedures in place and incidents, like this will come to our attention.

"I encourage all residents to be vigilant and on the look out and if they see or hear anything to contact police.

Travelling tradies

Travelling tradies go door-to-door offering cheap, home repair services, such as roof and driveway repairs or painting.

According to Consumer Affairs, after pressuring people — in particular the elderly and people with disabilities for cash upfront — these travelling con men disappear, leaving the job unfinished or poorly done, leaving consumers to pay a real tradesperson to finish or fix the work.

What to look for

- travelling con men door knock in regional towns, offering their services;
- they often stay in large groups in local caravan parks;
- they often drive late model vans and utes, sometimes hired; and
- they usually work in pairs.

If you suspect you may be the target of travelling con men, obtain as much information as you can, including vehicle details and contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 558 181 or email travelling.conmen@justice.vic.gov.au

The amazing world of the toddler

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

Toddlers are amazing individuals. They inhabit a world full of belonging, being and becoming. Now a walker, they can venture further than ever before. Now a talker, they can tell others what they are beginning to know themselves — it is a time of extraordinary growth and learning. We are privileged to watch this transformation and our support is critical. This session will explore our understandings of the way toddlers learn, what they need from the adults around them and how we can offer opportunities that will support their capacity to understand themselves, others and the world around them.

Presenter: Catharine Hydon

Tuesday 8 March

7.30pm–9.30pm (registration 7.15pm)

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

Cost: \$5

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session. To book online visit

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



Four-year-old kindergarten 2013 enrolment reminder

Glen Eira City Council operates a central enrolment system for the 14 community based kindergartens within the municipality.

There are also funded kindergarten programs provided by 23 private providers, including early learning centres and some long day care centres.

Parents wanting their child to attend one of the 14 community based four-year-old kindergartens in 2013 are reminded that enrolments open on Monday 2 May.

Families interested in securing places in one of the 23 private services should apply directly to them

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2008 and 30 April 2009 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2013.

Please ensure you submit your application early as applications are



Four-year-old kindergarten enrolments for 2013 open on Monday 2 May. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

taken in date of receipt order from Monday 2 May. Applications will not be accepted prior to this date.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre

on 9524 3333. An application fee of \$15 applies.

Three-year-old kindergarten enrolments are taken directly by the kindergartens and do not have any influence when enrolling for four-year-old kindergarten.

Recognise your volunteers



Volunteers are an important part of Glen Eira. Photo: in2uitionphotography.

Nominations are now open for Glen Eira City Council's 2011 Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

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.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said Council is proud to provide a program that recognises the significant contribution that volunteers make within the local community.

"Volunteers are an important part of Glen Eira and make an invaluable contribution through a variety of organisations, including sporting clubs, senior citizens clubs, arts and culture, community support, family, youth and community services," Cr Esakoff said.

"Volunteers assist the elderly, work with our youth, run sporting clubs, bring our senior citizens together and care for people with a disability."

Cr Esakoff said 328 volunteers from 65 community groups were nominated last year for the Volunteer Recognition Scheme.

"These volunteers have provided around 148,500 hours of service to the community," Cr Esakoff said.

"This is equal to about 78 people working full-time for a year or a contribution of more than \$2 million a year."

Nominations for the 2011 Volunteer Recognition Scheme close on Friday 18 March at 5pm.

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

Police operation exceeds expectations



Operations in Centre Road targeted traffic and street offences and anti-social behaviour. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

A number of operations on major highways and in the Glenhuntly Road and Centre Road shopping precincts have been conducted by Glen Eira Police.

Glen Eira Police Service Area Manager Inspector Steve Clark said the recent use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology has assisted police to apprehend a number of motorists driving unlicensed, driving unregistered vehicles and driving with outstanding warrants.

"The use of this technology allows police to check large numbers of vehicles simultaneously," Inspector Clark said.

"The success of the recent ANPR operation conducted on the Nepean Highway in Elsternwick exceeded our expectations.

"We will continue to use the latest technology to remove unlicensed drivers and traffic offenders from our roads."

Inspector Clark said the operations in Glenhuntly Road and Centre Road targeted traffic and street offences and antisocial behaviour.

"Whilst most people do the right thing, we regularly concentrate on shopping precincts and transport hubs as these areas can attract large groups, particularly during the holiday season," Inspector Clark said.



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.



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Improved safety for traffic management treatments

To improve the safety of existing traffic management treatments across the municipality, Glen Eira City Council has recently completed a number of renewal projects.

Council's Co-ordinator Traffic Engineering Matthew Harridge said it's important for existing road infrastructure to be reviewed.

"A number of existing traffic management treatments were constructed long ago and require alteration to accord with current standards and practises," Mr Harridge said.

"This results in improved safety and access for all road users including cyclists, pedestrians and public transport services."

The works included the following intersections:

Chesterville Road and Chesterville Drive, Bentleigh East

This project involved the conversion of a confusing traffic island arrangement which now provides a right turn lane into Chesterville Road, a pedestrian refuge on Chesterville Drive and the removal of existing slip lanes which encouraged increased vehicle

speeds. These works have assisted in controlling vehicle speeds at the intersection, made the intersection less confusing for motorists and improved pedestrian access and safety across Chesterville Drive.

Molden Street and Murrong Avenue, Bentleigh East

This project involved reconstruction of the existing roundabout to current design standards and practices, to assist in controlling vehicle speeds and improving pedestrian safety.

Aileen Avenue, Mercury Street and Heather Road, Caulfield South

This project involved replacing a confusing island treatment with a conventional roundabout, making the intersection easier to understand and lowering vehicle speeds.

Joy Street, Hemingford Road and Roselyn Crescent, Bentleigh East

This project involved reconstruction of the existing roundabout to better direct vehicles and control speeds. A new splitter island was also constructed on the eastern approach to improve pedestrian access and safety.



Joy Street, Hemingford Road and Roselyn Crescent, Bentleigh East. Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.



It's important for existing road infrastructure to be reviewed. Photo: GECC Traffic Engineering Department.

Caring for the Glen Eira community

Glen Eira City Council's in home support workers undertake a range of caring roles in the community, providing services for clients of all ages.

Services include personal care (showering and dressing), home care (cleaning and household duties) and respite (time out for carers).

These services help the City's older and disabled residents remain independent in their own homes for longer.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr said services were provided when frailty, disability or illness prevented a person from undertaking necessary daily tasks for themselves.

"Council provides more than 120,000 hours of home care, personal care and respite care every year," Ms Marr said.

"We have a strong team of dedicated staff who work together to provide these services.

"They come from all walks of life and are of various ages, but they have one important thing in common — their commitment to caring for others."

Join the team

If you want to work flexible hours and seek a feel good job that offers opportunities for professional development, then why not consider working for Council's Community Care Unit as a Support Worker.

You will be able to use your communication skills, empathy and initiative to assist frail older people and people with disabilities to live independently at home.

A range of positions are currently available.

All prospective support workers must have a desire to work with older

people and people with disabilities, good physical fitness, an ability to carry out the required duties, a car for work purposes and a current Victorian driver's licence.

All applicants will also be required to undergo a police check and a work-based medical check.

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



Respite care support worker Charlie with Andrew and Wesley.

Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

Glen Eira Senior Citizens Register

Caulfield Police and Glen Eira City Council are encouraging residents over 60 who are not registered on the *Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register* to take advantage of this successful initiative.

The *Register*, which has around 1,000 residents listed, is maintained by trained and police accredited volunteers who contact registered residents regularly to check on their welfare, discuss any security issues and general concerns.

Sergeant John Woodward said the *Register*, which is overseen by Victoria Police, is an important community safety initiative.

"The *Glen Eira Police Senior Citizens Register* gives older residents peace of mind," Sergeant Woodward said.

"It's a great way for our more vulnerable residents to stay in touch with the community.

"Caulfield Police is very keen to ensure the continued success of the initiative and we see it as an ideal way of ensuring the continued safety of our older citizens."

Residents who provide their details have their next of kin and emergency contact secured into the *Register's* database. All personal information is securely held.

Residents who register will be provided with an identity card. Referrals will also be made to the appropriate service providers if assistance is required or asked for.

To register your details, contact Sergeant John Woodward on 9556 6577.

News in brief

China National Committee on Ageing visit

Glen Eira City Council hosted a visit by 16 members of the China National Committee on Ageing in late January.

The committee delegates were from diverse locations across China including Tianjin City, Fujian, Chifeng City Inner Mongolia and Beijing Council was chosen for the visit as it is held in high regard for its aged care services, including residential care which provides accommodation for 173 residents across three residential care facilities.

The service also includes community care, which provides a range of support services to assist residents to remain living independently at home, including home care, property maintenance and delivered meals.

The visit commenced with a tour of the social support and delivered meals facility at Leila Road in Carnegie, followed by presentations and a tour of Warrawee Residential Community.

Council's Manager Community Care Michelle Marr and Council's Manager Residential Aged Care

John Brooks presented the committee with an overview of contemporary Local Government, community and residential care practise and also the Australian aged care system.

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 6 March is the day when hundreds of thousands of Australians will take to the streets for *Clean Up Australia Day*. Registrations are now open and people can get involved or find out more by visiting www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au or by calling 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329).

Responsible Service of Alcohol training

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training provides people with the knowledge and awareness necessary to serve alcohol responsibly. A free training session will be held on Thursday 24 March from 6pm to 10pm at Glen Eira Town Hall. The session is ideal for sporting and community groups. Bookings are essential. RSVP: Friday 11 March.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day celebrates its centenary this year.

Every year on 8 March, women are celebrated around the world

with an aim to inspire others and commemorate achievements.

Wear your purple colours on Tuesday 8 March to celebrate the achievements and success of women in the past, present and future.

Earth Hour 2011

Glen Eira City Council will join thousands of people and hundreds of businesses across Victoria in the fight against global warming during *Earth Hour* on Saturday 26 March.

Earth Hour is a global climate initiative calling on individuals and businesses around the world to turn off their lights from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

Turning the lights off for *Earth Hour* is a great first step, but if you really want to make a difference, then make *Earth Hour* part of your everyday life.

Simple things like turning off lights and appliances while not in use and switching your light globes to energy efficient globes will help in reducing carbon emissions.

For further information on sustainable living, visit the Environment and waste section of Council's website.

Wills and estate information session

Parents and carers of people with a disability are invited to attend a wills and estate information session on Thursday 7 April.

To be held from 7pm to 9pm in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield the session will cover:

- how to make a will;
- the different trusts, including disability trusts;
- Powers of Attorney; and
- consequences of not having a will.

There will also be a question and answer about pensions.

Peninsula Community Legal Centre's Education and Policy Lawyer Quinn McCormack will speak at the session, as well as a financial information co-ordinator from Centrelink.

Bookings are essential by Friday 1 April.

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

out and about



Australia Day Breakfast: John O'Callaghan and Cr Frank Penhalluriack.

Photo: Kirsty Chalmers.



Party in the Park — Allnutt Park: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Oscar Lobo, Cr Neil Pilling and Cr Jim Magee.

Photo: Fiona Basile.



Party in the Park — Princes Park: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Cheryl Forge and Cr Frank Penhalluriack.

Photo: in2uitionphotography.

Four-year-old immunisation sessions

Due to the popularity of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions, Glen Eira City Council will again be conducting monthly sessions in 2011.

All children who are immunised at the free sessions will receive a show bag and helium balloon and will be entertained with magic tricks and face painting.

Since the introduction of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2007, between 60 and 70 children are immunised at each session.

Jennifer and her daughter Sophia attended a session at Carnegie Library and Community Centre late last year.

"I was really impressed with the experience we had," Jennifer said.

"The simple little details like the balloons and direction signage made it easy and welcoming for an anxious mum and daughter.

"The show bags, face painter and entertainer were also effective distractions for the children."

Jennifer said the nurse took the time to provide her with information on what to expect.

"She also ensured that Sophia was at ease by asking about her day and where she went to kinder," Jennifer said.

"The injections were administered with skill and to my delight Sophia did not shed one tear! I really appreciate the care taken to ensure immunisations are not traumatic."



Amiel has her face painted. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

The *National Immunisation Program's* current schedule for four-year-olds includes vaccination boosters for:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (whooping cough)/Polio; and
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella.

These vaccinations should be given as soon as the child has turned four.

Any child who has not received their vaccinations by the time they are four years and one month will be considered overdue on the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

A child who is not quite four years of age at the time of a special four-year-old session can still attend

the session and receive their required vaccinations.

Council's Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon said once a child has received the scheduled four-year-old vaccine, your immunisation provider will report the vaccinations to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

"The Register will automatically generate an immunisation statement and it will be mailed to the current address you have listed with Medicare Australia," Ms Gannon said.

"This statement can then be used as your child's school entry certificate."



Jennifer and her daughter Sophia attended a session late last year.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

The importance of immunisation



Council encourages all children to be vaccinated on time. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Immunisation protects children and adults from harmful infections.

It is important because:

- it is the safest and most effective way of protecting against disease; and
- if enough people in the community are immunised, the number of infectious diseases will be reduced and may be eliminated.

How does immunisation work?

All forms of immunisation work in the same way.

When someone is injected with, or swallows a vaccine, their body produces an immune response in the same way it would following exposure to a disease but without a person contracting the disease.

If the person comes into contact with that disease in the future, the body is able to make an immune response fast enough to prevent the person getting sick.

When should my child be immunised?

Glen Eira City Council Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon said under the *National Immunisation Program*, it is important for children to be vaccinated at the birth, two months, four months, six months, 12 months, 18 months and four years.

"Recent statistics show a high level of immunity within the City of Glen Eira," Ms Gannon said.

"However, in the continued effort to prevent infection and disease, Council encourages all children to be vaccinated on time."

Council immunisation sessions

Glen Eira City Council conducts 10 free community immunisation sessions at various venues throughout the municipality each month.

All vaccines recommended by the *National Immunisation Program*, as set by the National Health and Medical Research Council, are offered free of charge.

Council's Immunisation Officer Anne-Marie Gannon said the sessions have been designed to meet the needs of all families, from the stay at home parent to those who work full-time.

"We want to make our immunisation sessions accessible to everyone in the community," Ms Gannon said.

There are four morning sessions, one afternoon session, four evening sessions and one Saturday morning session.

What to bring to an immunisation session

When attending, you must bring the following:

- infant health record book;
- a valid Medicare card, which includes your child's name; and
- any other immunisation records, including records from overseas.

No bookings are required to attend these sessions.

Council's 2011 immunisation schedule is available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 and www.gleneira.vic.gov.au All Council immunisation sessions are advertised monthly in *Glen Eira News*.



Council conducts 10 free community immunisation sessions each month.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Protect yourself and your newborn from whooping cough

With an increase in whooping cough cases, Glen Eira City Council is urging parents to not only vaccinate their newborns against whooping cough, but also themselves.

Until Thursday 30 June 2011, the vaccine Boostrix® is free to parents of newborn babies and can be administered at one of Council's monthly immunisation sessions or your local healthcare provider (your doctor may charge a consultation fee).

Vaccination protects you from catching and passing on the infection to your baby.

Council's Manager Public Health and Community Development Mark Saunders said the vaccine, which also contains protection against diphtheria and tetanus, should be given as soon as possible after the birth.

"Whooping cough is a distressing illness causing bouts of coughing which can last for a few months," Mr Saunders said.

"The main source of whooping cough infection in babies are the parents and family members."

Department of Health statistics indicate that between 1 January 2010 and 1 December 2010, there were 5,986 notified cases of whooping cough in Victoria. Of the 5,986, more than 4,000 (67 per cent of the cases) were aged 20 years and over.

In the first three weeks of 2011, there were 600 notified cases in Victoria. Around one in every 200 babies under six months who catches whooping



Vaccination protects you from catching and passing on the infection to your baby. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

cough will die and some may suffer permanent disability from brain and lung damage.

Vaccination boosters for whooping cough are given to children at two, four and six months, four years and finally when the child begins Year 10.

For further information about whooping cough, contact Council's Immunisation Service on 9524 3333, the Department of Health Immunisation Program on 1300 882 008 or visit www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

Children immunised overseas

Children who have been immunised overseas should have their vaccinations recorded on a purple immunisation history form.

The history form enables the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register and Medicare to keep track of immunisations children have received overseas.

The purple form can be completed by a doctor or by Glen Eira City Council.

Parents are encouraged to scan and email their child's overseas records to agannon@gleneira.vic.gov.au so that Council can complete the purple immunisation history form. Alternatively they can be faxed to the immunisation team on 9524 3332.

Parents must bring a record of the immunisations given overseas, as well as a valid Medicare card, which includes your child's name.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2011

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

Parents please note: The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register recommends that all childhood vaccinations are completed by four years. If your child is not vaccinated by four years and one month, they will be considered overdue and you will receive reminder letters from Council.



Glen Eira City Council

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

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Wednesday sessions
4pm-6pm

**2 March, 4 May, 6 July,
7 September and
9 November**

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Saturday sessions
9.30am-11.30am

**2 April, 4 June, 6 August,
8 October and
3 December**

Immunisation payments

The Maternity Immunisation Allowance (MIA) is a non-income tested payment to encourage parents to immunise their children.

The MIA is paid as two separate amounts of \$125.50 each for children who have been fully immunised and are aged between 18 and 24 months and between four and five years.

Please note: Claims for MIA must be lodged on or before your child's fifth birthday.

For further information about the MIA, contact the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday or visit your local Medicare office to lodge your claim.

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: 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: 9822 2064.

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

Ormond Angling Club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8pm at 462 North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9305 7125 or 0407 800 719.

Oakdale Angling Club meets fortnightly on Wednesday nights from 8pm at Murrumbeena Park Hall. Contact: 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: 9557 2562 or 9555 6008.

McKinnon Needlepointers meets every second Thursday from 1pm at McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. Contact: 9578 1117.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

Glen Eira City Choir welcomes new singers to join choir for forthcoming concerts. Rehearsals Monday nights from 7.45pm at Indonesian Uniting Church, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North. Contact: 9578 1947.

EVENTS

Parents as career transition support workshop will be held on 3 March from 10am–12pm in the Percival Room at Carnegie Library, 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. The free workshop will provide information about education and training pathways available to young people today. Contact: 9557 6233.

St Paul's Catholic Church invites you to attend *World Day of Prayer* on 4 March from 10.30am at 122 Jasper Road, Bentleigh. Contact Patricia: 9557 8621.

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.

Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club will hold its annual registration days on 6 March from 10am–12pm at Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East. Contact: 0418 316 492.

Bentleigh Organ Club will host *Bayside Swing* on 7 March from 8pm at Coatesville Bowling Club, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East. There will also be a music trivia quiz. Cost: members \$5 and visitors \$10. Contact: 9528 2539.

Hughesdale Art Group is holding a demonstration on studio techniques on 16 March from 7.30pm, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. Rosa Nerin will host the session. Cost is \$5.

Murrumbeena Playgroup Open Day will be held on 19 March from 10am–2pm, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena. Come and enjoy stalls, sausage sizzle, animal farm, raffles and children's entertainment. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Parents as career transition support workshop will be held on 31 March from 10am–12.30pm in the Phoenix Park kitchen meeting area, Rob Roy Road, East Malvern. The free workshop will provide information about education and training pathways available to young people today. Contact: 9557 6233.

Caulfield Hospital will host an advance care planning information session on 6 April from 2.30pm–4pm at the Ashley Ricketson Centre, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield. Advance care planning is about planning for future healthcare. RSVP essential. Contact: 9076 6642.

Murrumbeena Community Market is looking for local stallholders to sell products or merchandise on 16 April from 9am–2pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Contact: 9568 7190.

Multicultural and contemporary dance concert will be held on 17 April from 2pm in the Auditorium at Glen Eira Town Hall. Are you a community based multicultural dance troupe or group of contemporary dance students who would enjoy performing at a community concert? Contact: 9568 7190.

COMMUNITY

Glen Eira Strings welcomes new members. Bring along your violin, viola, cello or double bass and let music enrich your life. Amateurs, professionals, university students and high school students are welcome. Contact Sonia: 0405 570 045.

Social Support and Monitoring Service is looking for volunteers to assist the elderly or people with disabilities living in the Glen Eira area. If you enjoy the company of older people and are available for a couple of hours a week or fortnight, we would like to hear from you. Volunteers required to have a car. Contact: Susan 97571 8622.

Murrumbeena Playgroup, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena is open Monday–Friday from February–December, including school holidays. First two visits are free. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Washington Drive Preschool, 3 Washington Drive, Oakleigh South is offering extended kinder programs to children aged three to five on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact: 9570 6565.

Immunisation sessions

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 March and Monday 4 April
9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 1 March and Tuesday 5 April
6pm–7pm

Tuesday 8 March and Tuesday
12 April 9.30am–11am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community
Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 19 March and Saturday
16 April 9am–11am

Wednesday 9 March, Thursday
24 March, Wednesday 13 April and
Thursday 28 April 5.30pm–7.30pm

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child
Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale
Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 23 March and Wednesday
27 March 9.30am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community
Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 16 March and Wednesday
20 April 1.30pm–2.30pm and
5.30pm–7.30pm

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 21 March and Monday
18 April 9.30am–11am



社區撥款計劃開始接受申請

Glen Eira 市政府將通過《2011 - 2012年社區撥款計劃》向社區機構撥款逾 \$300,000。

該撥款計劃於3月7日星期一開始接受申請，申請截止日期為5月6日星期五。

撥款計劃旨在支持和協助本市政區中非營利社區團體開展項目和活動。

社區撥款信息會

為了協助各機構團體理解撥款的指導方針和資格條件，市政府將舉辦信息會，具體日期如下：

- 3月17日星期四 — 上午10.00 - 中午12.00;
- 3月23日星期三 — 下午 6.30 - 8.30

此外，還為申請小額撥款\$1,000以下的老年公民俱樂部、客車俱樂部及團體專設兩場信息會：

- 3月18日星期五 — 上午10.00 - 中午12.00;
- 3月23日星期三 — 下午 2.30 - 4.30

信息會將在 Glen Eira 市政廳的 Caulfield Cup 室舉行。

參加信息會須預訂。

如需《2011 - 2012年社區撥款計劃》詳情，請與市政府服務中心聯繫，電話9524 3333，或登入網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

申請協助

在4月份期間，市政府社區發展官可通過預約協助非營利社區團體填寫社區撥款申請。

參加信息會須預訂。如想安排預約，請與市政府服務中心聯繫，電話9524 3333。



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Άρχισε η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το πρόγραμμα κοινοτικών επιχορηγήσεων

Θα δοθούν πάνω από \$300.000 σε τοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Επιχορηγήσεων 2011-2012 του Δήμου Glen Eira.

Η έναρξη υποβολής αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα είναι από τη Δευτέρα, 7 Μαρτίου μέχρι την Παρασκευή 6 Μαΐου.

Το Πρόγραμμα στηρίζει και βοηθά μη κερδοσκοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες του Δήμου Glen Eira για να υλοποιήσουν έργα και δραστηριότητες.

Εργαστήρια κοινοτικών επιχορηγήσεων

Ο Δήμος για να βοηθήσει τους οργανισμούς να καταλάβουν τις προδιαγραφές χρηματοδότησης και τα κριτήρια επιλεξιμότητας, θα πραγματοποιήσει ενημερωτικά εργαστήρια την:

- Πέμπτη 17 Μαρτίου, 10:00 έως 12:00, και την
- Τετάρτη 23 Μαρτίου, 18.30 έως 20.30.

Δύο επιπλέον συνεδρίες, ειδικά για συλλόγους ηλικιωμένων, λέσχες probus και οργανισμούς που ζητούν λιγότερα από \$1000 θα γίνουν την:

- Παρασκευή 18 Μαρτίου, 10:00 έως 12:00, και την
- Τετάρτη 23 Μαρτίου, 14:30 έως 16.30.

Τα εργαστήρια θα γίνουν στην αίθουσα Caulfield Cup Room στο Δημαρχείο Glen Eira.

Οι κρατήσεις είναι απαραίτητες.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το Πρόγραμμα Κοινοτικών Επιχορηγήσεων 2011–2012 επικοινωνήστε με το Δημοτικό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πολιτών στο 9524 3333 ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Βοήθεια με τις αιτήσεις

Κατά τη διάρκεια του Απριλίου, ο Υπάλληλος Κοινοτικής Ανάπτυξης του Δήμου θα δέχεται επισκέψεις με ραντεβού για να βοηθήσει μη κερδοσκοπικούς οργανισμούς με τις αιτήσεις τους για κοινοτικές επιχορηγήσεις.

Οι κρατήσεις είναι απαραίτητες. Για να κανονίσετε ένα ραντεβού, επικοινωνήστε με το Δημοτικό Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Πολιτών στο 9524 3333.

Aperto il termine di presentazione delle domande per il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie

Il Comune ha stanziato una cifra superiore a \$300,000 da assegnare a gruppi comunitari locali tramite il programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie per l'anno in corso *Community Grants Program 2011–2012*.

Il termine per la presentazione delle domande di partecipazione al *programma* si aprirà lunedì 7 marzo e si chiuderà venerdì 6 maggio.

Il programma si propone di sostenere e assistere gruppi non a scopo di lucro a base comunitaria che operano all'interno della municipalità nell'implementazione di progetti e attività.

Workshop Sovvenzioni Comunitarie

Allo scopo di assistere le organizzazioni interessate a comprendere le linee guida ed i criteri di eleggibilità relativi alle sovvenzioni, il Comune terrà sezioni informative nei seguenti giorni:

- Giovedì 17 marzo dalle 10:00 alle 12:00; e
- Mercoledì 23 marzo dalle 18:30 alle 20:30.

Due ulteriori sessioni specificatamente inerenti a club per cittadini senior, club probus ed organizzazioni che partecipano con una richiesta inferiore a \$1,000 saranno tenute nei seguenti giorni:

- Venerdì 18 marzo dalle 10:00 alle 12:00; e
- Mercoledì 23 marzo dalle 14.30 alle 16.30.

Le sessioni informative si terranno presso la Caulfield Cup Room nella sala comunale di Glen Eira.

È necessario prenotare.

Per ulteriori informazioni sul programma *Community Grants Program 2011–2012*, rivolgersi presso il Centro servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333 oppure visitare il sito www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Assistenza per la presentazione delle domande

Durante il mese di aprile, sarà disponibile per appuntamento un Funzionario incaricato dal Comune allo scopo di assistere le organizzazioni non a scopo di lucro nella presentazione delle domande.

È necessario prenotare. Per fissare un appuntamento rivolgersi presso il Centro servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333.

Принимаются заявления на гранты для общественных групп

Муниципалитет Glen Eira выделил \$300 000 на программу грантов для общественных групп в 2011-2012гг.

Заявления на гранты принимаются с понедельника, 7 марта, до пятницы, 6 мая.

Цель этой программы – помощь и поддержка некоммерческих общественных групп в муниципалитете для осуществления их проектов и инициатив.

Информационные семинары по поводу получения грантов

Для разъяснения правил и критериев выделения грантов общественным группам, муниципалитет проводит специальные информационные семинары:

- 17 марта, четверг, 10.00 – 12.00
- 23 марта, среда, 18.30 – 20.30

Кроме того, проводятся два дополнительных семинара для клубов пожилых людей, профессиональных клубов, и групп, подающих заявление на гранты менее \$1000:

- 18 марта, пятница, 10.00 – 12.00
- 23 марта, среда, 14.30 – 16.30

Семинары будут проходить в помещении Caulfield Cup Room в здании Glen Eira Town Hall.

Участие в семинарах по записи.

Дополнительную информацию о программе грантов для общественных групп на 2011-2012гг. можно получить в Центре обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333 или в интернете: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Помощь в подаче заявлений

В апреле специальный сотрудник муниципалитета (Community Development Officer) будет помогать общественным группам в подаче заявлений на гранты.

Чтобы назначить встречу с этим сотрудником, звоните в Центр обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333.

Community consultation

Council sees community consultation as a vital part of its decision making process. Consultation involves the community in Council's planning and activities and helps Council to understand the community's priorities and issues. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

Council continues to fight graffiti

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

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 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.



Graffiti represents a huge cost to the community. Photo: Dion Montassi.

Partnership with Victoria Police

Council is working in conjunction with Victoria Police to investigate and prosecute those responsible for graffiti vandalism.

Any person with information regarding

graffiti vandalism should contact Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000.

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

Create a Kids' Book

Always wanted to write or illustrate for children?

Attend a Create a Kids' Book workshop with artist Jo Thompson and Dr Virginia Lowe

Saturday
26 March
Workshop
Ormond
10am-4pm



Saturday
30 April
Workshop
Ormond
10am-4pm

Bookings: virginia@createakidsbook.com.au
Contact Dr Virginia Lowe
PO Box 2, Ormond, Victoria 3204
ph: 03 9578 5689 mob: 0400 488 100
www.createakidsbook.com.au

Stories, Pictures and Reality: Two children tell by Virginia Lowe (Routledge)
The Glasshouse - Illustrator: Jo Thompson, Author: Paul Collins (Ford St)

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library news

April Holiday Mania at Council's libraries

Holiday Mania will be back with more fun activities for the April school holidays for children aged four to 14.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday 29 March at 8am and can be purchased online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au under the Library section. Tickets are also available Monday to Friday, 8am to 5.30pm and Tuesday evenings until 7.30pm from Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

Tickets will sell fast so book early to avoid disappointment. There are no refunds on tickets.

Events are age specific so please ensure you only book children of a suitable age.

Introduction to Manga

Wednesday 13 April

1.30pm-3.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room, level one

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Manga is Japanese comic book art that has such a distinctive style. Learn Manga history and aspects of Manga and comic creation including drawing basic faces and anatomy, use of perspective and elements of storytelling.

All art materials supplied. This session is strictly for children aged nine to 14. Tickets cost \$10.

Quizzical

Thursday 14 April

**Session one: 2.30pm-3.30pm
(suitable for children aged four to six)**

**Session two: 3.45pm-4.45pm
(suitable for children aged seven to nine)**

Elsternwick Library

4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick

Join author Leanne Davidson as she talks about her books and then be part of the Quizmaster game and see if you can answer the questions just like Brain Davis in her book *Quizzical*. There will be prizes up for grabs. Copies of Leanne's books will be for sale at the special price of \$5 each. Tickets cost \$8.

Backyard diversity

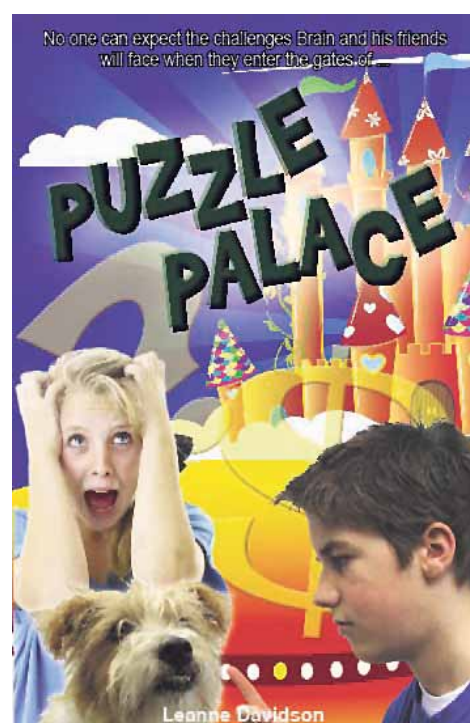
Tuesday 19 April

11am-12pm

Bentleigh Library

161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh

You don't have to go to the Amazon rainforest to discover a rich biodiversity — just explore your own



local environment. Discover how some animals have adapted to our suburban environment and learn how to promote and conserve a healthy bio-diverse backyard. You may be surprised by some of the creatures that inhabit your community!

This session is suitable for children aged six to nine. Tickets are \$8.

Story favourites

Wednesday 20 April

11am-11.40am

Caulfield Library, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Join this entertaining, engaging and interactive musical story session packed with favourite stories and fairytales.

Suitable for children aged four to seven. Tickets cost \$8.

Youth Art Expo

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. To be held from Friday 1 April to Sunday 10 April, the event gives young people across Australia the opportunity to share their views and showcase their talents. It also provides the opportunity for them to take part in youth focused events and celebrations.

In celebration of *National Youth Week*, Glen Eira City Council's Youth Leadership Team is hosting its annual *Youth Art Expo* — the teams first event for 2011.

The expo celebrates the diversity and artistic talents of young people in our community. Budding young artists are encouraged to enter their art works for the public exhibition on Thursday 7 April at Caulfield Park Pavilion.

Young people who enter their work will be judged according to their age group — junior section (10 to 15 years) and senior section (16 to 25 years).

All art works entered will be in the running to win some fabulous prizes and the public are encouraged on the night to vote for their favourite artwork in the *People's Choice Award*.

For further information about the *Youth Art Expo* or to enter your artwork, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



2010 junior section winner Elisa Jung. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



2010 senior section winner Elizabeth Lakatosh. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.



2010 People's Choice Award winner Elana Hain. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

A day in the life of a youth worker



Youth worker Bree. Photo: David Grant — John Brown Photography Services.

With 2011 now underway, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services has been busy planning another great year ahead. Here is a snapshot into the day of Bree, one of Youth Services youth workers.

While having my trusted morning coffee, I check my emails and get ready for a meeting to make some activity plans for our Young Mums' Group.

Later in the morning, I make some finishing touches to an article for our parent information night in April.

Prior to my lunch break, I meet with a local service provider to discuss an exciting new jobs program, which will be held at the Youth Information Centre in Bentleigh.

After lunch, I chat with a young person in our support room and help out with some information about how to get in contact with Centrelink. I also assisted a young person who came into the centre

seeking some information on housing options in the local area.

In between my day-to-day tasks, I have a laugh with Nat (one of the other youth workers). We think we're really good singers! I don't know if the rest of the office agrees.

Later that afternoon, the Youth Leadership Team has their fortnightly meeting. The room is buzzing with activity, while everyone shares their ideas for the next youth event poster.

Home time. Another busy day at Youth Services is over. What will tomorrow bring?

For further information about the wide variety of programs and services that Youth Services provides, contact 9524 3676 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth

Parent information evening

What happens when you don't love your body and how family and friends can help is the topic for Glen Eira City Council Youth Services free parent information evening.

Hosted in conjunction with Eating Disorders Victoria (EDV), the evening will be held on Tuesday 5 April — as part of *National Youth Week*.

Guest speaker for the evening is Dr Naomi Crafti who hopes to raise awareness in the community about eating disorders and body image issues.

To be held in the Theatrette at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield from 7pm to 8.30pm, issues to be discussed include:

- what is body image;
- contributors to negative body image;
- bullying and weightism;
- what to say and how to help; and
- how EDV can help.

According to EDV, eating disorders can arise from a variety of different causes. While they sometimes begin with a preoccupation with food and weight, they are often about much more than food.

Eating disorders occur in both males and females before puberty, with the ratio of males to females approximately one in 10 during adolescence and one in 20 during young adulthood.

Younger adolescents tend to present with anorexia, while older adolescents may present with either bulimia or anorexia. Sufferers typically deny they have an eating disorder.

The night will be an informative evening for both parents and young people. Bookings are essential as seats are limited. Contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 to book your place.

Source: www.eatingdisorders.org.au

New wooden art sculptures in Caulfield Park

If you have visited Caulfield Park recently, you may have noticed some new park creatures that are now calling the area home.

Wooden art sculptures have recently been installed in the park as part of a plan to incorporate more art into our open space areas.

Glenn Romanis is the talented artist behind the wooden handcrafted art sculptures and is well-known around Victoria for his large-scale art work.

Mr Romanis has been appointed by a number of local councils and companies to design art pieces for public spaces and local attractions.

Some of Mr Romanis work can be seen at the Royal Botanic Gardens in the Ian Potter Children's Gardens, Melbourne Aquarium, Victoria's Open Range Zoo and numerous local parks throughout Victoria.

The four handcrafted sculptures that have been installed in Caulfield Park include a snail, caterpillar, ladybug and slater.

These sculptures can be found in Caulfield Park (Melway 59 B12) near the Balaclava Road entrance next to the Caulfield Park Bowls and Sports Club.

So if you are in the area, make sure you take the time to visit these new creatures and enjoy some of Glen Eira's open space art.



Margarita and one of the new wooden art sculptures. Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

Pool season to finish soon



Carnegie Swim Centre will close for the summer season on Thursday 31 March. Photo: Tracy Cassidy.

Carnegie Swim Centre will close for the summer season on Thursday 31 March. There is still time to have a swim before the pools close for the season, but you better be quick.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday, 6am to 7pm

Saturdays, 7am to 6pm

Sundays and public holidays, 8am to 6pm

The respective closing times will be extended until 8pm on days where either:

- the forecast temperature for Melbourne is 30 degrees celsius or above; or

- the temperature reaches 30 degrees celsius or above by 3pm on the day.

Carnegie Swim Centre

Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie (Melway 68 H6)

For further information, contact Carnegie Swim Centre on 9571 8143.

Please note: The new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is scheduled to open in late 2011. For updates and further information, visit www.gesac.com.au

Get involved this winter

Glen Eira is fortunate to have many sporting clubs for residents to be active in. These clubs can help you increase your fitness levels and meet new friends while enjoying sport.

For those who don't wish to play sport but still want to be involved, many clubs also welcome new members to be involved as a volunteer. Sports clubs have a wide variety of needs for volunteers — from team managers and first aiders to canteen helpers. So this winter, why not take time out to get involved in a sports club near you.

To find out where your nearest sports club is, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and follow the links to the sports section of the *Community Resource Guide*.

Beyond Blue to Green

A study has revealed that there is a significant relationship between people's mental health and their local environment.

Beyond Blue to Green: The benefits of contact with nature for mental health and wellbeing was commissioned by *beyondblue: the national depression initiative*.

Whether it's a young person kicking the footy or an older person taking a daily walk with a friend, green spaces are crucial to people's overall mental health.

The range of psychological benefits for people who visit green, open spaces is vast and includes:

- a place to escape to away from school/university or the workplace;
- changes of scenery;
- improvements in mood;
- lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression; and
- increased physical activity.

Glen Eira City Council makes a significant commitment in encouraging residents to be active through undertaking a wide variety of capital projects, including the provision of barbecues, toilets, playgrounds, shelters and walking paths.

Parks in Glen Eira are generally rated amongst the best in Melbourne.

For further information about depression, anxiety and related disorders or to download a copy of *Beyond Blue to Green: The benefits of contact with nature for mental health and wellbeing*, visit www.beyondblue.org.au

Ride2School Day

Make sure you put Wednesday 16 March in your diary — *National Ride2School Day*. Parents and teachers are encouraged to leave the car at home on this day and get students walking, riding, skating or scooting to school.

Organising a *Ride2School Day* provides an opportunity for student leaders to practise their skills and schools to get involved with their community. Best of all, *National Ride2School Day* is a chance for brand new riders, parents and teachers to experience riding and walking to school for the first time.

They might find that it is quicker, more interesting and lots of fun to ride or walk to school.

Ride2School Day is a chance to celebrate riding and walking on a large scale and to prove it can be done. Following the event, families are encouraged to keep the momentum going throughout the year.

Registrations can be made through the Bicycle Victoria website: www.bv.com.au

Summer sports finals

March is a great time to take a walk through Glen Eira's parks, especially those where cricket is being played on weekends. You'll most likely be watching a finals match of local cricket. Whether it's a junior or senior match, it's worth taking time out to watch the game. It may even be a neighbour or friend playing at the local park.

A lot of training and effort has gone into teams playing in the finals, with many volunteers assisting clubs in the hosting of these finals. So wander down to your local park on the weekend and with a bit of luck you may see some great cricket in action.

Glen Eira Women's Business Network — passion plus goals equals success

If you want to be inspired and lock in some goals for the remainder of 2011, Glen Eira City Council encourages you to attend this workshop.

Passion leads to energy and motivation. Clear goals provide clarity, focus and a sense of purpose.

Guest speaker Rachael Pickworth will take you on a journey with her personal story, demonstrating the power of passion and goal setting in business.

You will leave the workshop with a clear idea about your aims and how to confidently set powerful goals for the rest of the year — both professionally and personally.

During the workshop, you will learn:

- how to connect with your passion;
- understand the value and power of effective goal setting;
- the process to define goal areas and refine them to specific, inspiring goals; and
- how to be inspired by the possibilities goal setting will bring in 2011.

About the presenter

Rachael Pickworth is a trainer, presenter, business coach, business women and entrepreneur. She has provided training to teams both small and large including L'Oreal Professionel, Quix Foodstores, Bayer Crop Science, Sensis, 3M, Link Recruitment, Crabtree & Evelyn and Orica.

Rachael began her corporate gift business from her mother's lounge room in 1996. Gifted grew over five years to include a business partner, two city retail stores and a showroom, enjoying an annual average growth in turnover of 300 per cent. After five years of operation, Gifted was sold to Wishlist Holdings in 2000 to form part of their growing corporate gift and reward strategy.

Due to the success of the venture, Rachael was the recipient of numerous awards, including Victorian finalist in the 1999 Telstra Small Business Awards, winner of the 2000 Business Bulletin's Young Entrepreneur of the Year, was profiled in the 1998 and 1999 Business Class Magazine's Female Entrepreneurs under 30 and was inducted into the Business Women's Hall of Fame in 1999.

Rachael now works with others to achieve success in their businesses.

Date: Thursday 17 March

Time: 6.30pm start

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

RSVP: Tuesday 15 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Bookings are essential.

Cost: \$15

The value of design when planning your website

If you are going to invest 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



Simon Goodrich.

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).

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

Cost: \$20

RSVP: Thursday 3 March

Time management with MS Outlook®

Email has become the most popular mode of business communication in the workplace today. The conundrum we all face is that in addition to making communication easier, the sheer volume and immediacy of email has made it a source of stress for many managers and staff.

This workshop will introduce you to the important aspects of skilful email management using MS Outlook™ — sorting, organising and the art of effectively writing and responding to an email.

Module 1 — Getting a grip on your time

- Feel in total control from the moment you start using a five-step daily planning system.
- Understand why prioritising your urgent and medium to long-term tasks and projects is critical for gaining a sense of direction each day.
- Take control of daily interruptions.

Module 2 — Freeing up your inbox

- Power tips — how to speed up your email messages and how to get to the point ... faster!
- The process behind de-cluttering and organising your inbox and your email.

- Creating distribution lists to email groups of people efficiently. The three-minute, one-touch rule.
- Setting up an effective filing and archiving system using the three-minute rule philosophy.

Module 3 — Outlook and getting things done

- Prioritising short and long-term tasks.
- Customising the task list to help prioritise and categorise tasks effectively.
- Creating and using rules.
- Organising meetings and keeping track of other people's schedules using the calendar.
- Using the 'drag and drop' technique to convert emails into task and calendar appointments.
- Final strategies — 10 new ways to save time and increase your email productivity.

About the presenter

Fiona Newton has 10 years experience in the training industry. As an expert in productivity processes and tools such as Outlook, Ipaq, Palm and Lotus Notes, she has consulted with many of the top government and private



Fiona Newton.

organisations in Australia to design greater structures and systems for their productivity. Her understanding of the issues that are inhibiting employees from achieving their best results in the workplace has enabled her to give specialised coaching and training in the areas of time management, IT skills, presentation skills, customer service, telephone etiquette and team building. Numbers are strictly limited.

Bring your own laptop and wireless connection.

Date: Friday 4 March

Time: 9am arrival for 9.15am start to 1pm

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

Cost: \$50

RSVP: Friday 25 February to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

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:

<http://business.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Directory/s1.asp>

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

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 of 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 at 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 reach their full potential. They are currently recruiting for more talented children 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 them directly.

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.

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.

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.

Sergei Golovko

Sergei Golovko has toured internationally, playing to audiences in England (The Royal Albert Hall), Korea, China and many other European countries. Sergei 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 (check spelling) gave us percussive pyrotechnics.' (Michael J Easton — *Herald Sun*).



Chinese Masonic Society Lion Dance.

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.

2011 Victorian and Tasmanian International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Continues until 5pm Sunday 6 March

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 exhibition will showcase some of the outstanding works produced

by the 2010 students. Diverse media will be represented including digital media, installation, sculpture, photography, drawing, painting, textiles and ceramics.

Alexandra and Leigh Copeland 2011 Exhibition: Recent Ceramics and Tribal Carpets

Opens 10am Thursday 10 March and continues until 5pm Sunday 27 March

Opening night: 6pm Wednesday 9 March

Alexandra and Leigh Copeland will be presenting three separate exhibitions:

1. Contemporary blue and white porcelain by renowned ceramicist Alexandra Copeland. Alexandra's work is held by major public collections in Australia, and was exhibited in London in 2010.
2. Rare and colourful antique Central Asian textiles from the Copeland's personal collection gathered since 1972.
3. Collectable and practical hand woven tribal carpets and rugs.

**Alexandra Copeland —
Grasshoppers with Frogspawn.
Porcelain vase. Height: 37 cm.**

