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## Dog off-leash restrictions eased



**Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and Ella at King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East.** Photo: Nico Photography.

Glen Eira City Council has agreed to ease its dog off-leash provisions in parks, reserves and sportsgrounds across the municipality. The agreement follows the adoption of a *Dog Off-leash Area Review* which was undertaken by experienced open space and animal management consultants, Harlock Jackson.

As part of its review, Harlock Jackson examined all parks to ensure that off-leash areas were appropriate.

The Review incorporated input received from three community forums, stakeholder questionnaires and in-park surveys undertaken between November 2010 and January 2011.

Public consultation for the draft Review was undertaken between 16 March and 21 April 2011.

Acting Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said the Review was a great result for more than 11,000 dogs and their owners.

"These improvements will not only make more off-leash areas available for dogs to enjoy, but ensures all other park users still have plenty of space for recreational activities," Cr Hyams said.

Cr Hyams said the Review has assessed the on and off-leash suitability of all parks in Glen Eira with regards to both the 50 metre rule and Council's *Domestic Animal Management Plan*.

"Council has agreed to reduce the 50 metre rule — that requires dogs to be leashed around playgrounds, sportsgrounds, major sporting facilities and picnic areas — to 20 metres," Cr Hyams said.

"We believe this distance, which will also increase the space available to dog owners on sportsgrounds, can be better judged by people."

### New off-leash spaces

Cr Hyams said because of the shortage of open space and opportunity to run dogs off-leash in the north-west of the municipality, two new off-leash areas will be established.

"New off-leash areas will be available at Harleston Park and Hopetoun Gardens in Elsternwick between 6am and 9am," Cr Hyams said.

"Greenmeadows Gardens in St Kilda East will also be off-leash between 6am and 9am."

### Other variations to existing off-leash areas

Cr Hyams said due to the limited availability of sportsgrounds for owners to run their dogs off-leash, the number of off-leash ovals in three Glen Eira parks will be extended.

"Ovals three, four and five in Caulfield Park will be made available for off-leash exercise, as will the second oval in Victory Park, Bentleigh and both ovals in King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East," Cr Hyams said.

Other variations recommended in the Review and approved by Council include:

- making shared paths at Caulfield Park and EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond on-leash;
- making oval one at Princes Park, Caulfield South on-leash, as well as the shared path between ovals one and four; and
- making additional spaces on the north side of Packer Park, Carnegie outside the oval and velodrome available for off-leash exercise.

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## Council calls on government to reinstate funding for occasional child care

Glen Eira City Council has written to Federal Minister for Employment Participation and Childcare Kate Ellis and Victorian Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Wendy Lovell requesting the government to reconsider their decision to withdraw funding for occasional child care.

Six services in the City of Glen Eira will no longer receive government funding through the *Take a Break (TAB)* occasional child care program.

Caulfield Occasional Care Centre (which is operated by Council); Caulfield South Community House; Godfrey Street Community House; McKinnon Occasional Care; Moongala Women's Community House; and Murrumbeena House Occasional Care will be affected.

Occasional child care provides respite for parents and guardians of children up to six years.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff is urging both the State and Federal Governments to continue funding the TAB program.

"TAB funding enables some of the most vulnerable families in our community



**Occasional child care provides respite for parents and guardians of children up to six years.** Photo: Sharon Walker.

to access affordable, quality care for their children," Cr Esakoff said.

"The services provide care for more than 300 children per week and will lose a total of \$31,000 funding per annum."

Cr Esakoff said service providers do not feel they have the ability to make up

this funding shortfall and the impact on services and families will be profound.

"The funding shortfall can only be recouped through higher fees for families or increased fundraising," Cr Esakoff said.

## Mayor's column



I recently had the pleasure in attending a milestone event for Mrs Pasqualina Macciocca, who celebrated her 100th birthday — congratulations and best wishes.

Speaking of celebrations, children attending Bentleigh East Child Care Centre and Kindergarten have every reason to smile, with the opening of its redeveloped outdoor play area.

The once run-down playground has been transformed into an outdoor wonderland, which now includes a cubby house, adventure trails, sand pits and a vegetable garden. Congratulations to all whose dedication and commitment saw this project come to fruition.

I also attended the opening of a new building project at St Patrick's School in Murrumbeena. This magnificent building provides plenty of big bright spaces for the school community to enjoy.

On 11 August, the *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival* will commence with a screening of *Jane Eyre* at Elsternwick Classic Cinema.

The *Festival* runs until 26 August and will be a celebration of stories and the writers, filmmakers, musicians and artists who tell them.

The 2011 *My Brother Jack Literary Awards* have also been incorporated into the *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival*. Entries open 11 August and close 16 September.

Finally, Amendment C60 to rezone land to the north of Caulfield Racecourse to a Priority Development Zone has been approved by the Minister for Planning, but only after the Minister accepted Council's changes to restrict building heights, restrict student housing and with the inclusion of higher levels of on-site car parking.

Amendment C60 does not authorise any construction and any future development will need to satisfy Council requirements.

**Cr Margaret Esakoff**  
Mayor

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### Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (September) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 August for delivery 29 August–2 September.

#### Coming deadlines

The deadline for the October edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 31 August for delivery 26–30 September.

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

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,  
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## GESAC signs up 1,000th member

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) has signed up its 1,000th member.

Membership sales have exceeded expectations for stage one of the foundation memberships, which closed in mid-June.

Dimi Pachiyannis of Carnegie was the 1,000th person to sign up and has received a 12 month stage one foundation membership for free.

This membership will give Dimi full access to the gym, group fitness classes, all pools, the spa, sauna and steam room, as well as discounted rates for various other services at the facility.

Stage two foundation memberships and aquatic memberships are now available.

An aquatic membership will give members full access to all pools, the spa, sauna and steam room, as well as discounted rates for various other services at the facility.

These memberships are being offered for a limited time.

GESAC is currently on target to open in time for summer 2011 and founding members will be kept up-to-date once the official opening date of the venue is finalised.

To book an appointment with a consultant or to enquire about joining, contact GESAC on 9570 9200 or call in to our membership office which is located at GESAC in the Bailey Reserve car park opposite the skate ramp at 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.



**Council's Pools Steering Committee Chair Cr Michael Lipshutz congratulates Carnegie resident Dimi Pachiyannis.** Photo: Frank Amato.

## Every body welcome at GESAC

The countdown is on until Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) in Bentleigh East opens.

The new centre is currently on track to open in time for summer 2011.

Thanks to the support of the State Government's *Community Facility Redevelopment Initiative* and Marriott Support Services, GESAC will offer a larger range of facilities and programs for people of all ages and abilities.

As part of the *Initiative*, Marriot Support Services has received a \$500,000 grant to provide better access, programs and facilities at GESAC for people with a disability.

GESAC Assistant Manager and Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator Paige Buse said people with a disability and people with mobility issues will all be able to use the state-of-the-art facilities.

"The health club, which will be able to be accessed via a lift, will have equipment suitable for older people,

people in wheelchairs and for those who have mobility issues," Ms Buse said.

"There will be two pool ramps — one for the 25 metre pool and one for the warm-water pool. Additionally, the leisure pool will have a beach entry point.

"There will also be aquatic-based wheelchairs to allow people to access the pools, as well as a hoist."

Ms Buse said in the aquatics area, the outdoor 50 metre pool will be accessible for everyone via a hoist and the outdoor spectator area will have ramp access.

"The learn-to-swim program will have qualified instructors who will cater for the needs of all ages and abilities," Ms Buse said.

"Members will also have access to a range of health and wellness facilities.

"This will include more than 80 classes, three group fitness studios, an outdoor training terrace and specialised dry and

aquatic based programs for seniors, teenagers and children."

GESAC Sports and Operations Co-ordinator Jacqui Hawkins said access to the centre and its facilities was a priority.

"GESAC members who have a disability or mobility issues will be able to enter via a gate at reception just by swiping their wristband," Ms Hawkins said.

"They will also be able to use this band to access lockers if required." Ms Hawkins said GESAC will have accessible changerooms with rails and an overhead hoist and disabled parking will be available.

"GESAC staff will also complete disability awareness training with a trained staff member from Marriott Support Services," Ms Hawkins said.

For further information, contact GESAC on 9570 9200 or visit [www.gesac.com.au](http://www.gesac.com.au)

## Community column

### Speaking up for our City

#### Grade separation

Council officers have met with VicRoads regarding grade separation. Council lobbied for the North Road study to be expanded so that other rail crossings along the Frankston line (Centre Road, McKinnon Road, Glenhuntly Road and Neerim Roads) are also considered.

#### Customer service

Council presented to a Local Government professional special interests group about achieving high first call resolution in customer service. This presentation resulted in a number of councils from metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria scheduling appointments to come and visit Council's Service Centre to see how it is managed and how it achieves high first call resolution.

#### Dingley Bypass planning study

Council has met with VicRoads regarding the planning study for the Dingley Bypass. This 6.4 kilometre road connecting Warrigal Road, Moorabbin to Westall Road, Dingley Village will complete the fully divided 19 kilometre road link between Moorabbin and Dandenong South.

### Engaging our community

#### Transport Strategy adopted

At a Council Meeting on 28 June, Council adopted its *Towards Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011–2014*. Council would like to thank residents who contributed to the consultation process.

#### School safety projects

As part of the 2011–12 transport planning school safety budget, school crossings at Murrumbeena Primary School, Carnegie Primary School and Ormond Primary School will be upgraded.

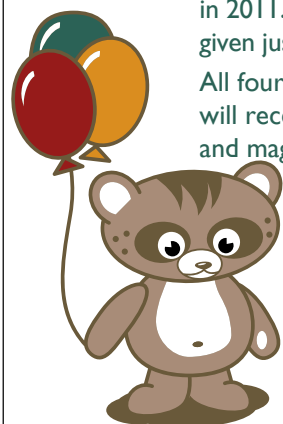
#### 2011 Community Satisfaction Survey

Results of the 2011 *Community Satisfaction Survey* have been released and are available at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## 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 6 August**  
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside  
Community Health  
Gardeners Road  
Bentleigh East

**Wednesday 7 September**  
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre  
7 Shepparson Avenue  
Carnegie

**Saturday 8 October**  
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside  
Community Health  
Gardeners Roads  
Bentleigh East



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



## CEO's column



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is currently on time and on budget to open at the beginning of summer.

So far, 1,400 people have taken out

membership, 3,000 have joined the mailing list and GESAC's website is averaging 18,000 hits each week.

Glen Eira City Council has selected Artistic Culinaire, the café operator from Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, to run GESAC's café.

Council has also appointed My Physio to provide physio and other health services.

Council has joined with Marriott Support Services to provide a wider range of services at GESAC for people with a disability. The State Government recently approved funding for this joint arrangement. Full details can be found on page three.

The three multi-use indoor courts will be used for netball, basketball, indoor soccer, disability programs, badminton and volleyball. Basketball Victoria has toured the site and is looking to ensure a good result for the whole basketball community.

The construction site is a hive of activity. The pools are being tiled and large areas of the interior are being fitted out. The occasional child care centre will be one of the first facilities finished. The water slides, which have excited much comment, will be some of the last parts to be completed. Both slides will come out of the building before re-entering for splash down.

From a financial point of view, GESAC is running to plan. The construction contract is running within budget. GESAC is also on track to cover its operating costs without requiring subsidy from rates.

Glen Eira has been one of the few councils not to offer all-year-round, indoor recreation facilities of this type. GESAC gives everybody the opportunity to improve their health and fitness — and have a lot of fun along the way.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Who makes you proud?



**The Awards recognise the contributions of outstanding Glen Eira residents and community groups.** Photo: Kirsty Chalmers.

Nominations for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* Awards open on Monday 1 August.

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

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

To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year* Award, nominees must be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2011.

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

Nominations close on Friday 23 September at 5pm.

Awards will be presented at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2012.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four libraries, Community Information Glen Eira and Council's website: [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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

## Council receives donation for life-saving equipment

Glen Eira City Council has received a \$3,000 donation from Caulfield Lions Club and the Ormond McKinnon Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank.

The donation will be used to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) unit for the new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC), which opens later this year.

This life-saving piece of equipment can significantly increase the chance of survival for those who slip into cardiac arrest.

All GESAC staff will be fully trained in how to use the unit. The step-by-step voice and visual instructions will also guide users through the entire process.

According to Australian Defibrillators, the most successful treatment for cardiac arrest is defibrillation within the first three to five minutes of the event, which can increase the chances of survival from less than five per cent to above 70 per cent.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff accepted the donation on behalf of Council and thanked Caulfield Lions Club and the Ormond McKinnon Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank for their generous support.

"This vital piece of equipment is an important community safety initiative that could potentially save a life," Cr Esakoff said.

## 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 Glen Eira'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 and/or disability 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 in assisting 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 required duties; a car for work purposes; and a current Victorian driver's licence.



**Respite care support worker Garry with Tom.** Photo: Sharon Walker.

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.



# Council's children's services receive Kids — Go for your life award



**Children at Caulfield Children's Centre proudly display their award sign.** Photo: Caulfield Children's Centre.

Glen Eira City Council's four children's centres and Family Day Care Scheme have been recognised as Kids — Go for your life award services.

The Kids — Go for your life program promotes healthy food and drink, physical activity, active transport as well as an environment that makes healthy choices, easy choices for children.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said Council has been working towards the award for the past six months.

"The award means that Council's children's centres and Family Day Care Scheme have taken action to create a healthy early childhood service," Ms Jolliffe said.

Council was required to meet the following criteria, which have been identified as making a real difference in establishing healthy lifestyle behaviours:

- ensuring that drinking water is available indoors and out at all times;
- encouraging nutritious meals and snacks;

- providing meal environments that are relaxed and social experiences;
- discouraging sweetened drinks and processed foods;
- eliminating the practice of using food as a reward;
- promoting active play indoors and out every day;
- limiting screen time;
- incorporating traffic safety education into their program; and
- reflecting health promotion practices in service policies.

Ms Jolliffe said behaviours that are founded in childhood can make a lifelong contribution to good health.

"As part of Council's Municipal Early Years Plan 2010 – 2013, Council made a commitment to improve the health and safety of children and their families," Ms Jolliffe said.

"Being part of the Kids — Go for your life program has helped us to achieve this."



**Promoting walking and traffic safety has been incorporated into daily activity at Carnegie Children's Centre.** Photo: Carnegie Children's Centre.



**Children are encouraged to have water as their drink of choice by ensuring it is readily available in doors and out.** Photo: Elsterwick Children's Centre.



**Active play and physical activity has been embedded in the program at Murrumbeena Children's Centre.** Photo: Murrumbeena Children's Centre.

## Indigenous plants for residential gardens

A diverse range of indigenous plants have been evolving in the City of Glen Eira for thousands of years.

These plants grow in the Sandbelt region, which extends along the east coast of Port Phillip Bay from the mouth of the Yarra River to Frankston and inland as far as the Princes Highway to Dandenong and the South Gippsland Highway to Five Ways.

If you are considering growing indigenous plants at home, it is important to know the plants requirements before purchasing to ensure the soil and environment will suit.

If possible, it is an advantage to grow plants from seeds collected from your area. This will help to ensure genetic diversity. Indigenous nurseries will do this where possible. A list of indigenous nurseries can be found on the internet.

### Indigenous plants in Glen Eira

Indigenous plants can be found in parks throughout Glen Eira, including Boyd Park which runs from

Dandenong Road to Neerim Road continuing through to Murrumbeena Railway Station.

Some examples of useful indigenous plants include:

#### Pale Flax Lily (*Dianella longifolia* var. *longifolia*)

Height: 30cm–80cm,  
Width: 50cm

Grows in full sun or partial shade. Attractive dark blue or purple berries follow blue flowers.



**Pale Flax Lily (*Dianella longifolia* var. *longifolia*).**

Photo: Brendan Ryan.

#### Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*)

Height: 40cm,  
Width 70cm–90cm  
Grows in full sun to partial shade.



**Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*).**

Photo: Brendan Ryan.

#### Common Tussock-Grass (*Poa labillardieri*)

Height: 30cm–80cm,  
Width 30cm–50cm  
Grows in all local moist or slightly dry soils, in full sun or partial shade. Graceful and vigorous grass.



**Common Tussock-Grass (*Poa labillardieri*).**

Photo: Brendan Ryan.

Further information about indigenous plants can be found in the book *Indigenous Plants of the Sandbelt* by Rob Scott. A copy of this book can be found in Glen Eira City Council's library branches.

### Environmental weeds in the Sandbelt area

A number of garden species have become environmental weeds in the Sandbelt area. Unfortunately, most are available from commercial nurseries. The following three environmental weeds should be removed as they are the most invasive, often self-sown from birds dispersing seed:

- Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*);
- Ivy (*Hedera* spp.); and
- Broadleaf Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*).



## Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

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

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

This valuable session will look at:

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

**Please note:** This paediatric first aid course is for families and guardians and not the level of training required by Children's Services Regulations 2009 for early childhood educators.

Presenter: Emergcare  
Wednesday 7 September  
7.30pm–9.30pm  
(7.15pm registration)

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

Cost: \$45 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session. No refunds or exchanges. To book, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



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## News in brief

### Have your say at the 2011 Community Environment Forum

Glen Eira City Council's Environment Advisory Committee will host a *Community Environment Forum* on Wednesday 31 August from 7pm to 9pm.

To be held in the Theatrette at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, the *Forum* is an opportunity to have your say about Glen Eira's plans on greenhouse gas emissions, waste and recycling, water and biodiversity.

For further information and to RSVP, contact Council's Sustainability Support Officer Sally Stewart on 9524 3333.

### Seniors Festival celebrations will inspire

The *Victorian Seniors Festival 2011* promises to once again inspire residents with music, dance, fitness and culture.

The *Festival*, which is held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Friday 23 September to Sunday 9 October with the theme: *Be Inspired*.

A highlight of the *Festival* will be a free concert on Friday 23 September. *In The Pink* will feature the lovely singing trio *The She'lars*, the dashing David Gould and the beautiful

Jennifer Lee in a show full of great music from the 50s and 60s.

Glen Eira City Council will also host a free informative seminar on Friday 7 October.

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

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

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

### Removal of graffiti from private property

Glen Eira City Council continues to assist residents by 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](http://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.

### Intergenerational music playgroup

The intergenerational music playgroup gives Glen Eira residents and their

children the opportunity to interact and share a musical experience with residents from the Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home and Montgomery Nursing Home.

The weekly sessions are facilitated by a registered music therapist, with residents and children singing and playing instruments together.

The intergenerational music playgroup is held every Tuesday at Caulfield Hospital Nursing Home and every Thursday at the Montgomery Nursing Home.

Both homes are located within Caulfield Hospital, 260 Kooyong Road, Caulfield and each session commences at 10.30am.

To get involved, contact 9076 6340 or 9076 6652.

### Green waste service

As of 1 July 2011, residents (whether tenants or owners) can participate in Glen Eira City Council's green waste services. The cost of the service is a once-off fee of \$55 to cover the cost of the bin.

The fortnightly collection cost is built in to the general waste charge on the property rates.

Bookings can be made online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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

## Census 2011

The next Census of Population and Housing is just around the corner. Census 2011 involves every person in Australia filling out a form with information about themselves and the dwelling in which they live.

The data you provide will be used to plan for infrastructure and services you use every day including hospitals, schools, public transport and roads. The Australian Bureau of Statistics will ensure the information you enter on your form is kept private. It will not be passed on to any other organisation or government department.

You can fill in the paper form or complete eCensus online.

For further information, contact 1300 337 776 or visit [www.abs.gov.au/census](http://www.abs.gov.au/census)

## out and about



**Opening of redeveloped outdoor play area at Bentleigh East Child Care Centre:** Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Bentleigh East Child Care Centre President Suzanne Ireland and Elizabeth Miller MP. Photo: Bentleigh East Child Care Centre.



**Donation for defibrillator:** Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff receives a \$3,000 donation from Caulfield Lions Club member Bob Larkin and Chairman of the Ormond McKinnon Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank Richard Simon. Photo: Nico Photography.



# Every Body Welcome.

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- huge gymnasium with large range of cardio and strength equipment;
- separate room for dynamic group exercise classes;
- body and mind studio for yoga, pilates and body balance;
- designated group cycling studio; and
- personalised training program with qualified trainer.

*Your membership also includes access to the Aquatic Centre offering:*

- eight lane, outdoor 50 metre pool;
- eight lane, indoor 25 metre pool;
- leisure pool equipped with the latest interactive water features;
- separate pool for learning to swim and aquatic exercise;
- aquatic wellness centre with warm water therapy pool, spa, sauna and steam room; and
- water slides.

\*Based on a fortnightly direct debit 12 month minimum term membership of \$881.40. Aquatic memberships also available.

*Extra facilities include indoor sport stadium, personal training, a wellness centre, learn-to-swim, consulting suites, café and crèche.*

Become part of history and make you move into a fitter, healthier future.

**Contact GESAC on 9570 9200, visit [www.gesac.com.au](http://www.gesac.com.au) or call in to 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East today.**





# Council Budget adopted

Glen Eira City Council's 2011–12 Annual Budget was adopted at a Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 June.

Council has allocated \$38.32 million (\$641 per property) for capital works projects this financial year, covering all aspects of community life, including recreation, shopping centres, roads, drains, footpaths and the care of children, youth and people with disabilities. Further information about these projects can be found on the following page.

## Rates and charges

Rates and charges will increase by 6.5 per cent to provide additional funds for capital spending, especially renewal.

Actual rates for an individual property depend on the value of that property. Please note that all properties in the City are being revalued as at 1 January 2012. This revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property. Rates are redistributed according to the shifts in property values that occur in different parts of the municipality and across different property types.

## What you pay

Average rates and charges will be \$1,289 per property in 2011–12. This is equivalent to \$25 per week. For every \$100 of rates revenue received, Council delivers the services highlighted in the illustration at the bottom of this page.

## Waste management

Waste management fees will be as follows:

- In 2011–12, first time users of the green waste bin will only be charged a once-off fee of \$55 (i.e. no ongoing annual charge).
- For properties with a green waste bin and a 120 litre bin, waste charges will drop to \$145 per annum (from \$165 in 2010–11).
- For properties with a green waste service and a 240 litre bin, waste charges will remain similar — \$310 in 2011–12 (from \$305 in 2010–11).
- For properties with no green waste bin, waste charges will increase (from \$120 per annum to \$145 per annum for a 120 litre bin and from \$260 per annum to \$310 per annum for a 240 litre bin).



**Council has allocated \$38.32 million (\$641 per property) for capital works projects this financial year, covering all aspects of community life, including parks and recreation.** Photo: Housmouse.

## Council pension rebate

To assist eligible pensioners, Council introduced the pensioner rebate in 2001. The 2011–12 Budget maintains the total pensioner rebate at \$270 per annum.

## How we compare

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities:

- Glen Eira continues to have the lowest day-to-day costs per property; and

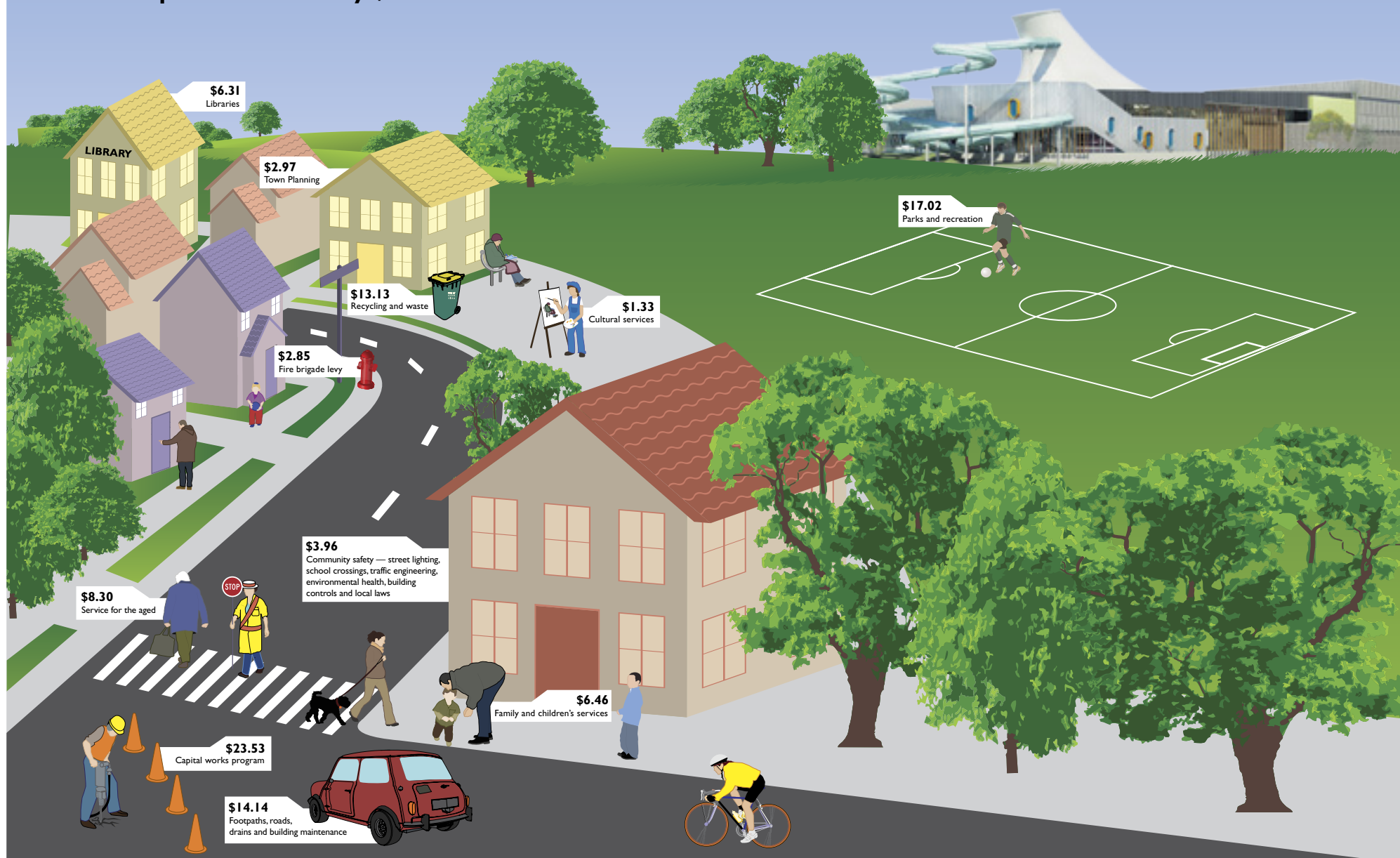
- Glen Eira's average rates and charges are estimated to be 14 per cent below the average.

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

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

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Services provided for every \$100 contributed in rates





# Capital investment — what's happening in the City

## Parks and recreation

For the 2011–12 year, \$3.62 million will be spent on open space projects, including:

- public toilet upgrades, — \$381,000;
- implementation of Packer Park West concept plan — \$370,000;
- pool maintenance at Carnegie Swim Centre — \$205,000;
- garden bed upgrades — \$190,000;
- installation of drip irrigation systems — \$115,000;
- replacement of park infrastructure — \$100,000;
- Elster Creek trail improvements — \$100,000;
- playground equipment (minor) — \$75,000;
- park furniture and infrastructure — \$75,000;
- car park upgrades — \$75,000;
- sportsground upgrades — \$70,000;
- Booran Road Reservoir consultation and master plan development — \$60,000; and
- park pathway lighting program — \$55,000.



**\$60,000 will be spent on consultation and master plan development for Booran Road Reservoir.**

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

## Environment

For the 2011–12 year, \$2.83 million will be spent on environmental projects, including:

- planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds — \$900,000;
- renewing old heating, ventilation and airconditioning plants with more energy-efficient systems — \$417,000;
- implementation of Council's *Bicycle Strategy*, including the continuation of off-road paths, extensions to the on-road network and the installation of bicycle lanes to ease traffic congestion and encourage other modes of travel rather than passenger cars — \$446,000;
- replacement of energy-saving street light globes — \$1 million;



**\$446,000 will be spent on the implementation of Council's Bicycle Strategy.** Photo: Housemouse.

- sustainability measures, including the replacement of inefficient lights, optimising heating and cooling options and replacing fridges and other appliances with more efficient ones — \$40,000; and
- installation of environmentally friendly ozone laundry system — \$30,000.

## Buildings

For the 2011–12 year, \$14.7 million will be spent on building projects, including:



**\$7.58 million will be spent on construction of Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre.**

Photo: GECC Capital Works.

- construction of Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre — \$7.58 million;
- Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion renewal upgrade — \$5.5 million;
- Glen Eira Town Hall occupational health and safety compliance and accommodation — \$480,000;
- building design and community consultation for Elsternwick Children's Centre — \$250,000;
- roof renewals — \$177,000;
- additional car parking spaces and secure bicycle storage — \$140,000; and
- office and foyer extensions — \$100,000.

## Roads

For the 2011–12 year, \$8.71 million will be spent on road projects, including:

- local road reconstructions — \$3.8 million;
- footpath improvement program — \$1.72 million;
- local road resurfacing — \$1.15 million;

- Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) renewal program — \$360,000;
- pedestrian safety, including the installation of road humps, kerb alterations and streetscape improvements — \$355,000;
- traffic signal renewal program — \$310,000;
- car park renewal program — \$285,000;
- right-of-way renewal program — \$240,000;
- kerb and channel replacement program — \$155,000;
- residential safety, including the installation of speed humps and speed cushions in residential streets — \$69,000;
- bicycle lanes — \$66,000; and
- school safety audits — \$66,000.



**\$69,000 will be spent on residential safety, including the installation of speed humps and speed cushions in residential streets.**

Photo: GECC Traffic Planning Department.

Funding has also been allocated for the City's drains (\$3.29 million), shopping centre upgrades (\$630,000) and library books and materials (\$711,000).



## MEETINGS AND CLUBS

**Australian Breastfeeding**

**Association Caulfield** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10am at Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly.

**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: 9578 8434.

**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.

**Bentleigh East Senior Citizens' Club**

**Inc.** offers tai chi, table tennis, socials, trips, bingo, line dancing and indoor bowls for people 55 years and over.

Contact: 9570 9045.

**Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club**

plays bingo every Thursday from 12.30pm and Saturday from 1.30pm at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh.

Contact: 9557 6010.

**Caulfield Combined Probus Club**

meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am at Gladys Machin Hall, 8–10 Cedar Street, Caulfield South.

Contact: 9563 5105.

**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.

**Centre Bentleigh Garden Club**

meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm at YWCA Hall, 178 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

Contact Beryl: 9570 7045.

**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 is \$7.

Contact: 9587 1092.

**English Conversation** meets every Friday from 6.30pm at the Koornang

Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. It helps recent arrivals to Australia with English and understanding local customs.

Contact Peter: 9572 1876.

**Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group**

conducts classes in watercolour, oils, pastels, acrylics, decorative art and drawing. Day and evening classes for beginners and advanced are available.

Contact Rose: 9563 7621.

**Glen Eira City Choir**

welcomes singers for forthcoming concert in September. Rehearsals are Monday nights from 7.30pm at Indonesian Uniting Church, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North.

Contact: 9578 1947.

**Glen Eira Historical Society**

meets every Tuesday and Friday from 9am–12pm at 965 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South.

Contact 9077 5395.

**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.

**Kiwanis Bayside Internet Club**

welcomes computer literate people to do hands-on community service. Online meetings are held twice a month on Mondays at 7.30pm —

www.e-kiwanisbayside.org.au

Contact: beniavallone@yahoo.com.au

**McKinnon Needlepointers**

meet every second Thursday from 1pm at McKinnon Public Hall, 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon.

Contact: 9578 1117.

**Oakdale Angling Club**

meets fortnightly on Wednesday nights from 8pm at Murrumbeena Park Hall.

Contact: 9578 8172 or 0429 400 367.

**Ormond Badminton Club**

meets every Wednesday from 8.15pm at the Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond.

Contact: 9578 1947.

**Rotary Club of Caulfield**

will host a meeting for a prospective Rotaract Club at Monash University Caulfield on 8 August at the university from 7pm.

Contact: rotaractmonash@gmail.com

**Russian speaking community** meets weekly in Bentleigh and Ormond. New members welcome.

Contact: 9578 1924.

**St John's Playgroup**

meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am–11.30am during school terms at 624 Centre Road, Bentleigh.

Contact: 9502 8050.

**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 Bentleigh Life Activities Club**

offers opportunities for seniors to meet new friends and enjoy social activities.

Contact: 9557 2562 or 9555 6008.

**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 Strings Community**

**Orchestra** is looking for a professional pianist to accompany music written for strings. Rehearsals take place every Sunday from 2pm at St John's Uniting Church community hall, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick.

Contact: 0405 570 045.

**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: 9532 7336.

**The St Georges Day Club** meets every Tuesday from 10.30am at 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick. Cost is \$12 (includes lunch and activities).

Contact: 9524 3600.

## EVENTS

**Victoria State Emergency Service**

**(VICSES) Oakleigh Unit** will be at Bunnings Warehouse, 1126 Centre Road, Oakleigh South on 20 August from 10am.

**Team of Pianists**

presents *Visitors from England* on 21 August at 6.30pm at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Jonathan Martindale and Matthew Kam will perform. Cost is \$40 or \$25 for full-time students under 25,

children and pensioners.

Contact: 9527 2851.

**Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre**

will be host focus groups on 1 and 14 September from 10 at Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield North. Come and have your say about the types of programs run at your local community centre.

Contact: 9578 8996.

**Leighmoor Tea Dance** will be held on 29 September from 1pm at Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Cost is \$10.

Contact: 9532 1094 or 0457 844 338.

**18th Annual Blessing of Animals**

will be held on 9 October from 2pm at St James the Great Anglican Church, 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East.

Contact Lorraine: 9527 8083.

## COMMUNITY

**Centenary Park Tennis Club**

140 Brady Road, Bentleigh East, holds its mixed intra-club social competition on Wednesday nights. Players ranging from A to D grade welcome.

Contact: 9579 0451.

**Glen Eira Historical Society**

965 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South is seeking volunteers to assist with cataloguing, oral history interviewing and documenting, researching, reception and clerical work.

Contact: 9077 5395.

**Marriott Support Services** has a variety of opportunities for volunteers.

Contact: 9578 7557.

**Murrumbeena House Occasional**

**Care Centre** offers short-term child care for preschoolers.

Contact: 9568 4935.

**Murrumbeena Playgroup**, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena is open Monday–Friday from February–December, including school holidays.

Contact: 0432 271 204.

**Washington Drive Preschool**

3 Washington Drive, Oakleigh South is offering an extended kinder program to children aged three to five on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Contact: 9570 6565.

## Immunisation sessions

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 1 August and  
Monday 5 September 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn  
Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 2 August and  
Tuesday 6 September 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 9 August and  
Tuesday 13 September 9.30am–11am

**Carnegie Library and Community**  
Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 17 August and  
Wednesday 21 September  
1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

**Packer Park**  
Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 15 August and  
Wednesday 19 September 9.30am–11am

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community**  
Health**Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East**

Saturday 20 August and  
Saturday 17 September 9am–11am

Wednesday 10 August, Thursday 25 August,  
Wednesday 14 September and  
Thursday 29 September 5.30pm–7.30pm

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child**  
Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues,  
Glen Huntly

Wednesday 24 August and  
Wednesday 28 September 9.30am–11am





誰令你感到自豪？

Glen Eira 市政府於8月1日星期一開始接受年度最佳市民獎、年度最佳青年市民獎及年度最佳社區團體獎的提名。

這些獎項用以表彰那些通過努力工作和無私奉獻為本地社區作出重大貢獻的 Glen Eira 傑出市民和團體。

年度最佳市民獎、年度最佳青年市民獎等被提名人必須是 Glen Eira 市民。

到2011年12月31日年齡在25歲或以下的人才可獲得年度最佳青年市民獎的提名。

非營利社區團體須至少有四名成員並在本市政區內從事工作才可獲得年度最佳社區團體獎提名。

提名截止時間是9月23日星期五下午5:00。

各獎項將於2012年1月的澳洲國慶日市政府年度早餐會上頒發。

提名表可向市政府服務中心、市政府的四個圖書館、Glen Eira 社區訊息中心索取或通過市政府網站索取www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

如需詳情，請聯絡市政府服務中心 9524 3333。

Ποιος σας κάνει περήφανους;

Οι υποψηφιότητες για τα Βραβεία του Δήμου της Glen Eira για τον Δημότη της Χρονιάς, τον Νέο Δημότη της Χρονιάς και την Κοινοτική Ομάδα της Χρονιάς ανοίγουν τη Δευτέρα 1 Αυγούστου.

Τα Βραβεία αναγνωρίζουν την προσφορά εξαίρετων δημοτών της Glen Eira και κοινοτικών ομάδων οι οποίες, με σκληρή δουλειά και αφοσίωση έχουν συνεισφέρει σημαντικά στην τοπική κοινότητα.

Οι υποψήφιοι για τον Δημότη της Χρονιάς, τον Νέο Δημότη της Χρονιάς και την Κοινοτική Ομάδα της Χρονιάς πρέπει να είναι δημότες της Glen Eira.

Για να είναι επιλέξιμοι για το Βραβείο του Νέου Δημότη της Χρονιάς, οι υποψήφιοι πρέπει να είναι 25 ετών ή νεότεροι στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου 2011.

Για να ληφθούν υπόψη, οι ομάδες πρέπει να είναι μη κερδοσκοπικές ομάδες βασισμένες στην κοινότητα που αποτελούνται από τέσσερα ή περισσότερα μέλη και να λειτουργούν στην περιοχή της δημαρχίας.

Οι υποψηφιότητες κλείνουν την Παρασκευή 23 Σεπτεμβρίου στις 5μμ.

Τα Βραβεία θα δοθούν στο Ετήσιο Πρωινό του Δήμου την Ημέρα της Αυστραλίας τον Ιανουάριο του 2012.

Αιτήσεις διατίθενται στο Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης του Δήμου, στις τέσσερις βιβλιοθήκες του Δήμου, στο Κέντρο Πληροφοριών της Glen Eira και στον ιστότοπο του Δήμου στο www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης του Δήμου στο 9524 3333.

Di chi sei orgoglioso?

Lunedì 1 agosto si aprirà il termine di presentazione delle candidature per il premio indetto annualmente dal Comune di Glen Eira per il cittadino, il giovane cittadino ed il gruppo comunitario dell'anno *Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year e Community Group of the Year*.

I premi vengono assegnati in riconoscimento del contributo dato da eminenti residenti e gruppi comunitari di Glen Eira che, tramite la loro dedizione ed il loro costante impegno, hanno significativamente contribuito al benessere della comunità locale.

I candidati per il premio *Citizen of the Year e Young Citizen of the Year* devono essere residenti di Glen Eira.

Per essere idonei al premio *Young Citizen of the Year*, i candidati devono appartenere alla fascia di età entro i 25 anni da compiere entro il termine massimo del 31 dicembre 2011.

Per essere accettati, i gruppi devono operare su base comunitaria e senza scopo di lucro, essere costituiti da un minimo di quattro membri ed agire all'interno della municipalità.

Il termine di presentazione delle candidature si concluderà venerdì 23 settembre alle 17:00.

I premi verranno consegnati nel gennaio 2012 durante *l'Australia Day Breakfast*, annuale celebrazione indetta dal Comune.

I moduli di partecipazione sono disponibili presso il Centro Servizi del Comune, le quattro biblioteche comunali ed al seguente sito Internet informativo della Comunità di Glen Eira e del Comune: [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Per ulteriori informazioni si prega di rivolgersi al Centro Servizi del Comune al 9524 3333.

Кем мы можем гордиться

Номинации на звания *Гражданин года, Молодой гражданин года и Общественная группа года* муниципалитета Glen Eira открываются в понедельник, 1 августа.

Этими наградами отмечаются усилия и энтузиазм общественных групп и отдельных лиц, которые внесли существенный вклад в местную общественную жизнь.

Кандидаты на звания *Гражданин года и Молодой гражданин года* должны проживать в муниципалитете Glen Eira.

Кандидаты на звание *Молодой гражданин года* должны быть не старше 25 лет к 31 декабря 2011г.

Кандидаты на звание *Общественная группа года* должны представлять собой некоммерческую общественную группу из четырех или более человек, деятельность которой сосредоточена в муниципалитете Glen Eira.

Номинации закрываются в пятницу, 23 сентября 2011г. в 17.00.

Награды будут вручаться на ежегодной церемонии *Завтрак в День Австралии*, которая будет проводиться в муниципалитете в январе 2012г.

Специальные формы для номинации можно получить в Центре обслуживания муниципалитета, в любой из четырех муниципальных библиотек, или на вебсайте муниципалитета: [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Дополнительную информацию можно получить в Центре обслуживания муниципалитета по тел. 9524 3333.

# Community consultation

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

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Proposed sale of former drainage reserve in Caulfield North	Comments and submissions	Closed 7 July
Proposed discontinuance and sale of road and sale of former drainage reserve in Caulfield North	Comments and submissions	Closed 29 July



# 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. Free admission**

## Twenty Melbourne Painters Society

**Continues until 5pm  
Sunday 7 August**

Jenny Pihan Fine Art is proud to present the 93rd annual exhibition of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society. The exhibition will showcase recent paintings from this renowned group of traditional realist painters. Art tours and talks by society members are scheduled during the exhibition.

## 16th Annual B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit Jewish Youth Art Competition

**Opens 10am Thursday 11 August  
and continues until 5pm  
Sunday 21 August**

The 16th Annual B'nai B'rith Shalom Unit *Jewish Youth Art Competition and Exhibition* aims to develop and enhance the artistic abilities of youth between 11 and 18 years. This important annual exhibition showcases the innovation and talent

of art by Jewish youth, including painting, sculpture, ceramics and other mediums.

## Desert Resonance

**Opens 10am Thursday 11 August  
and continues until 5pm Sunday  
21 August Opening Wednesday 10  
August at 6.30pm**

Outback Aboriginal Art will present a stunning exhibition of more than 50 paintings and artefacts, which have been

carefully sourced from the Central and Western Desert Art Centres — Kintore to Utopia Regions and beyond. The exhibition will include carved Mimihs, bark paintings and fish traps made from fibre by Maningrida artists, glass bowls and shields from Glassmob.

Established in 1993 by Jennifer Dudley, Outback Aboriginal Art continues to exhibit and promote the work of Australian Indigenous artists.



**Gloria Petyarre — Mountain Devil Lizard. Acrylic on linen, 120 x 150 cm.**

## Winter Music Series

The sixth annual Glen Eira City Council *Winter Music Series* comes to an end this month.

Come along and enjoy the following musical treats for as little as \$21.

- *Sugarbeat* — Sunday 14 August; and
- *Pearl* (Marcia & Rose) — Sunday 21 August.

To book, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Council's *Winter Music Series* is proudly supported by Yarra Trams.



**Sugarbeat.**



**Pearl (Marcia & Rose).**

# Glen Eira Storytelling Festival

The *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival* is a celebration of stories and the writers, filmmakers, musicians and artists who tell them.

For bookings and further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Literary lunch with Kerry Greenwood

Wednesday 17 August at 12.30 at Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield North. Cost of \$65 includes two course lunch, wine, coffee and tea and soft drink.



**Kerry Greenwood.**

Kerry will read excerpts from her favourite works, share insights about her writing, answer your questions and sign copies of her books

## Storytelling on film at Elsternwick Classic Cinema

### Jane Eyre

Thursday 11 August  
Function 6pm, Screening 7pm

\$20 for film admission and entry to the pre-screening event (includes drinks, finger food and choc top).

\$15 for film ticket only.

Book at [classiccineamas.com.au](http://classiccineamas.com.au) or at the Classic's Box Office.

## Snowflower and the Secret Fan

Monday 15 August, 7pm

Admission is free, however you must be on the door list to gain entry. To secure your place, email [arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au) by 5pm Friday 12 August.

## Annie Leibovitz: Life through a Lens

Friday 26 August, 7pm

\$15 adult and \$10 concession and classic members.

## Open mic sessions

Whether a poet, writer, singer, playwright, performer or any kind of storyteller, come along to a free open mic session and get your story heard.

The sessions will run for approximately two hours and will be hosted by local entertainers, Janet McLeod and Russell Fletcher on:

- Sunday 14 August and Sunday 21 August at 3pm — Mr Burch, McKinnon;
- Wednesday 17 August and Wednesday 24 August at 7pm — Goathouse Café, Elsternwick; and
- Saturday 13 August, Friday 19 August and Saturday 20 August at 7pm — Santucci's Café, Carnegie.

Readings and performances are limited to 10 minutes so everyone has a chance to participate.

Take a tram to...

# glen eira storytelling festival

A celebration of stories  
and the writers, filmmakers,  
musicians and artists  
who tell them

11-26 August 2011  
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# Children's Book Week 2011 — One World, Many Stories

Between Saturday 20 August and Friday 26 August, Glen Eira libraries invite you to join in the following activities to celebrate *Children's Book Week*.

## Read and win with Eira

Come and read with Eira for your chance to win a great prize.

Just borrow three junior books or other items when you visit the library and enter the weekly prize draw to win a voucher from a popular retail or online store. Every time you borrow three items you can enter, so the more you borrow the more chances you have to win a prize. *Read with Eira* is open to library members up to 17 years. Entries close Friday 7 October.



## Book Week StoryTimes

Join in one of our *Children's Book Week StoryTime* sessions between 22 and 26 August. These *StoryTime* sessions will feature books nominated for *Book of the Year — Early Childhood*. For session times, contact 9524 3623 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and click on Library.

## Special school activities

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



Students in Years One to Three will have the opportunity to meet award-winning Queensland illustrator Narelle Oliver.

Older students will meet and discuss writing stories with Pat Flynn author of *The Tuckshop Kid* and the popular skateboard riding Alex Jackson series.

## Reading for school with Dr Virginia Lowe

Thursday 18 August, 7pm–8pm

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

Starting to read is one of the first steps in a child's educational journey. Dr Lowe will discuss how families can assist preschoolers and children just starting at primary school to develop an interest in books and reading. Dr Lowe has been a judge for the Children's Book Council of Australia *Book of the Year Award* and convenor for the Children's Book Council of Australia *Crichton Award* for new illustrators. She has taught children's literature, English and creative writing at university.

Dr Lowe is a published poet and has also written extensively on children's education and books.

This is a free event, but bookings are required. Bookings can be made at any Glen Eira library, online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) (under Library) or by contacting 9524 3623.



## Glen Eira Kindergarten Association expressions of interest for community board members

Glen Eira City Council, the Southern Metropolitan Region of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Kindergarten Parents Victoria are currently supporting a group of volunteer parents from local, community managed kindergartens within the Glen Eira municipality to develop a non-profit association to manage these services and become the employer of staff.

Early childhood services provide important community infrastructure that supports families, provides the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills, builds social connections and strengthen communities.

Kindergarten cluster management or group management includes benefits such as the provision of consistent service management, support for teacher professional development and networking opportunities, as well as allowing parents to actively participate in their children's education, with less onerous management responsibilities.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from community members with legal, human resources and marketing, early childhood or financial experience to become founding board members of the association.

There are four positions available and it is envisioned board members will be required from October 2011 in order to assist in the final phases of development.

For further information or to send your resume, contact Kindergarten Parents Victoria Early Childhood Management Advisor Clare Brunson on 9489 3500 or email [clarebrunson@kpvc.org.au](mailto:clarebrunson@kpvc.org.au)



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## Follow the library's blog

Follow the library's new blog *Unbound* at <http://libraryblog.gleneira.vic.gov.au>. Here you can share book news and reviews, be informed of upcoming library events, look at new programs and services and obtain tips on how to make the most of library services. Join in conversations with authors and enthusiastic readers about books and genres. Comments in response to blog posts are encouraged.

## Community Information Glen Eira Inc Annual General Meeting

Community Information Glen Eira Inc will hold its 41st Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 31 August.

Commencing at 12pm, the meeting will be held in the Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

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



## Mallanbool Reserve

Mallanbool Reserve is Glen Eira's newest park and is home to an interesting cultural and botanical interpretive trail.

Glen Eira City Council developed the trail through the reserve for visitors to learn about the original inhabitants of the area, the Kulin. Walkers can take a journey to experience the Kulin way of life, which included harvesting plants, fishing and hunting. The trail also features the native plant life that was abundant prior to European settlement.

In addition to the existing series of descriptive signs throughout the trail, the reserve has now been fitted with an interactive sound system. Sounds and hand sensors will encourage park users to explore the reserve, whilst educating them about the history of the Kulin people and the botanical species that once inhabited the area.

The Kulin story and didgeridoo sounds provide interactive learning experiences for people of all ages and abilities. Visitors to the park with visual difficulties or impairments will also be able to experience and learn the Kulin way of life. The access all-abilities pathways throughout the park provide easy access for people with prams, walking aids and wheelchairs.

Primary schools, secondary schools and a wide range of community groups will also be able to use Mallanbool Reserve as an interactive teaching tool for school excursions or outings.

Incorporating this essential sound equipment into Mallanbool Reserve has now completed the park, making it a place where all members of the family and community will be able to relax and learn about indigenous culture.

## Staying fit and healthy during winter

We are all aware of the importance physical activity plays in being healthy, but as winter starts to bite, all good intentions can be replaced by a night on the couch. However, with the proper preparations, exercising in cold weather can be easy and have you fit and ready for spring.

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

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

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

## Haigh-Kershaw Reserve redevelopment

The redevelopment of Haigh-Kershaw Reserve in Bentleigh East has created a fantastic community and recreational space. Redevelopment works include a

new playground, rotunda, park furniture, all-weather pathways, plinth curbing, as well as a variety of native trees and shrubs.



**Before redevelopment.** Photo: Andrew Barden.



**After redevelopment.** Photo: Andrew Barden.

## Sportsground works

Have you ever been for a walk in your local park only to find the sportsground surrounded by a fence, with no grass and holes everywhere? Ever wondered what was happening and why?

Glen Eira City Council has been actively reducing water usage in a number of areas — the most visible being sportsgrounds and gardens. Council's rolling annual program of converting sportsgrounds to warm-season grass species, combined with sub-surface irrigation, has seen water savings of up to 60 per cent.

Warm season grass species, such as Kikuyu and Couch, require less water and are more tolerant of a dry climate than traditional summer grasses. Sub-surface irrigation reduces water lost through evaporation and encourages deep root growth, which is important for healthy turf.

Eighteen sportsgrounds in the municipality have been converted to warm-season grasses. In addition, other works such as drainage, ground shaping and wicket replacements have been completed to ensure sportsgrounds are safe and playable regardless of drought or water restrictions. Collectively, these works result in millions of litres of potable water being saved every year.

Water-saving measures have not just been restricted to sportsgrounds, with bore water often used for trees and newly grassed areas. Council also uses wetting agents and fertilisers that don't require irrigation as well as computer controlled irrigation systems. These systems have been programmed to water at night when evaporation loss is reduced and are able to be stopped when it rains.

## Share the path

Did you know what many people call bike paths are actually shared paths? Shared paths are multi-user paths used by all types of people. They are designated by a shared path sign and are covered under the road rules.

Cyclists should expect to share the space with people of all ages and paces, including those walking, rollerblading, using prams and jogging.

The main points of etiquette to observe on shared paths include:

- being considerate of other path users;
- keeping left unless overtaking (overtake on the right);
- riding at an appropriate speed — keep it at running pace or below (about 20–25km/h maximum);
- wheeled traffic giving way to foot traffic;
- ringing your bell gently, calling 'passing' and slowing when passing others; and



**Cyclists should expect to share the space with people of all ages and paces.** Photo: GECC Recreation Unit.

- moving off the path if stopped.

Obeying these rules will make shared paths enjoyable for everyone.



## Building blocks for good mental health in children

Glen Eira City Council presents this information session for parents, guardians and early childhood educators.

Increasingly research points to the importance of the early years of a child's life, when foundations are laid down for good mental health.

How the infant experiences the world in those critical years will influence their future relationships and their ongoing perception of the world.

The infant/caregiver relationship plays an integral role in this process. This presentation will explore these issues as well as some of the challenges that families may experience.

Presenter: Sue Williams

Tuesday 9 August, 7.30pm–9.30pm (7.15pm registration)

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

Cost: \$5 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session. No refunds or exchanges. To book online, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



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# Youth Services Moving Up program

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Moving Up* program assists Grade Six students with their transition into high school. The program has grown in popularity since its beginning and the three, 45 minute sessions look at a variety of issues, including:

- friendships, new and old;
- bullying — what is it, how to stop it and where to go for help;

- self-esteem — what is good about me; and
- what high school is really like — sorting out the fact from fiction.

The secondary aspect of the program is delivered the following year to Year Seven students in local public high schools.

This innovative program complimented with the encouragement of school

support services ensures the transition to secondary school is smooth and successful.

If you would like further information about the program, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

## Survival skills for parents — an evening with Andrew Fuller

In celebration of *National Mental Health Week 2011*, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will host a parent information night.

To be held on Tuesday 11 October, Andrew Fuller will present a fun and factual survival guide for parents and families with teenagers.

Andrew will look at different ways to broaden your understanding of how to develop resilience in your children and in yourself.

Andrew is a clinical psychologist and family therapist and is the author of the best-sellers *Tricky Kids*, *Life: A Guide* and *Tricky People*. He is a fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne. He is in high demand across Australia and internationally as a facilitator of learning experiences.

Andrew has been described as an interesting mixture of 'Billy Connolly,

Tim Winton and Frasier Crane' and as someone who 'puts the heart back into psychology.'

The evening will be held from 7.15pm to 9pm in the Theatre at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

This is a free event, but bookings are essential as seats are limited. For further information or to book your place, 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 and bundled branches collections each financial 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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## BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2011 BAND CALLOUT

Are you in a band?

Does your band have what it takes to be the 'next big thing?'

If so, register your interest for *Battle of the Bands 2011*

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is calling for all interested bands to submit their demo CD for the chance to compete in *Battle of the Bands 2011*. Eight bands will be selected to compete, with awesome prizes up for grabs.

Past prizes have included studio recording time and World of Music gift vouchers.

*Battle of the Bands 2011* will be held on Friday 16 September at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh. The closing date for submissions is Friday 12 August.

**Battle of the Bands 2011 is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event**

To enter your band or get a copy of the selection criteria, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



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## 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.

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, around 30–50 per cent was spent with overseas retail outlets who 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.

### Digital marketing seminar series

After the recent success of the *Leveraging search marketing to grow your business* session in May, Council is pleased to announce the launch of its

digital marketing seminar series.

Over five weeks, Head of Marketing and Product for realestateVIEW.com.au and author of *digitalmarketinglab.com.au* Teresa Sperti will reveal a series of tips, hints and insights to help you to build a digital strategy for your business.

With competition continually expanding, it is important to gain an understanding of the power of digital marketing to compete in today's market.

While this seminar series is designed to help businesses gain a holistic understanding of digital marketing, it is recommended you attend all five sessions. However, businesses can opt to attend any one of the sessions.

Bookings are essential to attend one or all five sessions.

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

### Seminar one: Understanding the importance of digital

In this session, Teresa will detail a series of trends and insights for the Australian market.

**Date:** Wednesday 24 August

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Friday 19 August

### Seminar two: Leveraging email marketing for retention

This seminar will detail key considerations to develop an email marketing strategy to grow and retain your customer base.

**Date:** Wednesday 31 August

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Friday 26 August

### Seminar three: Introduction to social media

Learn how to determine which social media channels are the most relevant for your business — and how to most effectively use them to deliver a return.

**Date:** Monday 12 September

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Thursday 8 September

### Seminar four: Best practice web design

In this session, Teresa will detail best practice techniques for establishing a website, along with key considerations for creating eCommerce sites.

**Date:** Wednesday 21 September

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Friday 16 September

### Seminar five: Leveraging search marketing to grow your business

If you missed the *May Small Business Month* session which was very well received, then this is your opportunity to learn how to increase your visibility within Google.

**Date:** Monday 3 October

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Thursday 29 September



### ATO — free seminar for BAS agents

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will conduct a free seminar for BAS agents dealing with administrative and BAS related issues which will assist with managing client obligations.

The seminar will focus on new tax legislation and the ATO services for agents. It will also include information from the Tax Practitioners Board on BAS agent education and registration renewal requirements.

**Date:** Tuesday 30 August

**Time:** 9.45am arrival for 10am start until 12pm

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

**RSVP:** Friday 26 August

Bookings are essential. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

### Glen Eira Women's Business Network: The what, why and how of blogging and twittering for business.



**Louisa Claire.**

We all know what blogging is, but how do you go about writing a blog? What do you say and how do you say it?

In this session, Louisa Claire of Brand Meets Blog will provide some clarity, bringing her experience as an effective blogger, providing case studies, discussing why blogging is an effective way to grow your brand and how to write an effective blog.

Louisa will also touch on twitter, showing you how to set up an account

and make it work as a communication tool for your business.

Louisa helps connect brands with bloggers for personal and targeted campaigns. Louisa has more than four years experience as a personal blogger and working on blogger outreach campaigns involving her own blog, *Everything Is Edible*. She is also the founder of *Mummy Bloggers Blog* which caters to the rapidly growing group of blogging mums in Australia. Louisa is married with two children and lives in Melbourne.

**When:** Thursday 18 August

**Time:** 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start

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

**Cost:** \$15

**RSVP:** Monday 15 August

Bookings are essential.

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