

glen eira news

Award for Environmental Excellence

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff with students from Bentleigh West Primary School.
Photo: Frank Amato.

Bentleigh West Primary School has been recognised for its eco-friendly initiatives, winning Glen Eira City Council's 2011 Award for Environmental Excellence in Primary Schools.

Now in its fourth year, the Award acknowledges primary schools which have demonstrated outstanding achievement and initiative in developing and implementing environmental projects for the benefit of the school or Glen Eira community.

This is the third time Bentleigh West has won the Award — it won in 2008 and was a joint winner in 2009 with Coatesville Primary School.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said Bentleigh West was to be commended for its initiative and work in addressing a range of significant environmental issues.

"Bentleigh West has come a long way since the establishment of a vegetable garden in 2002," Cr Esakoff said.

"It has presented at numerous conferences and schools to inform others about the work it's doing and

it has hosted many government and non-government organisations.

"Through an innovative curriculum and embracement of new technologies, Bentleigh West leads by example.

"The entire school community shares the same vision — to inspire, motivate and educate others about environmental sustainability."

Cr Esakoff said Bentleigh West had been recognised for its high sustainability practice and monitoring of its waste, water, energy and biodiversity.

"From the installation of a 250,000 litre water tank, solar heating panels and other energy-efficient products to the implementation of recycling programs and the planting of more than 4,000 indigenous plants in the local area, it's no wonder Bentleigh West is recognised locally, nationally and internationally as a leader in sustainability," Cr Esakoff said.

Cr Esakoff also congratulated the runners-up of this year's Award, Mount Scopus College — Fink Karp Ivany Campus, Caulfield South.



Rhy Dyball and Claire Cheesman.
Photo: Frank Amato.

"Fink Karp Ivany Campus is to be commended for the excellent work it is undertaking in relation to environmental sustainability," Cr Esakoff said.

"They should be very proud of their achievements.

"In every classroom there is a paper bin and compost bin, which are emptied daily by the students.

"There is also a bucket for students to empty any unused water from their drink bottles.

"The compost is used on the school's vegetable garden and the water is used on the trees."

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Keeping safe this summer

With summer now upon us, here are some simple safety tips to help you get through the warmer months.

Who is most at risk from heat-related illness?

- people over 65, particularly those living alone without airconditioning;
- pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers and infants;
- overweight or obese people;
- people with pre-existing health conditions;
- people with limited or poor mobility; and
- people taking medications that may interfere with the body's ability to regulate temperature.

Preparing yourself for a heatwave

- Improve your aerobic fitness by undertaking regular, moderate exercise in warmer weather prior

to severe hot weather. This will enable your body to adapt and cope better during a heatwave.

- Lose excess weight.
- Visit your doctor and make sure any pre-existing medical conditions are as well controlled as possible.

Preparing your house for a heatwave

- Have your airconditioner serviced.
- Look at the things you can do to make your home cooler, such as installing awnings, shade cloth or external blinds on the sun facing sides of the house.

Preparing for a power failure

- Think about what you would do if a heatwave caused a power outage or disrupted public transport — would you be okay?

- In the event of a power outage, ensure you have a torch, fully-charged mobile phone, battery-operated radio and sufficient batteries.

Look out for others

- Take care of yourself and look out for family, friends and neighbours who may need help coping in the heat. Help them to prepare their house for the hottest part of summer.
- Have a list of family and close friends' telephone numbers by your phone in case of an emergency.

For further information or for a copy of Glen Eira City Council's heatwave safety brochures and flyers, contact Council's Public Health and Community Development Unit on 9524 3333.

Mayor's column



It's hard to believe December has arrived and it's again time for Glen Eira City Council's *Carols in the Park*. The date for your diary is 11 December and you, your family and friends are invited to join us to celebrate the festive season.

To be held at Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, the festivities will commence at 2pm with a market, followed by an evening of entertainment from 5pm.

There will be performances by Silvie Paladino, Rob Severini Quartet, The Kazoos, The Melbourne Chorus (*Sweet Adelines*), local schools and community groups.

Another event for your diary is an exhibition showcasing the outstanding artwork created by people with disabilities. Opening at 6pm on 6 December until 18 December, *Drawspace* aims to raise awareness within the community about people living with a disability and showcase their achievements.

Congratulations to the 2011 Youth Leadership Team, which organised a number of successful events throughout the year. Thank you for your contribution and best wishes to you all in your future endeavours. Well done!

Residents will soon be able to have input into the development of Council's new *Community Plan*, which sets out the direction and work to be undertaken on behalf of the community over the next few years. The *Plan* will include strategies and actions on which Council will account to the community.

Details will be available early 2012.

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

**Cr Margaret Esakoff
Mayor**

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (February) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 4 January for delivery 30 January–3 February (weather permitting).

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the March 2012 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 1 February for delivery 27 February–2 March (weather permitting).

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

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GESAC later but cheaper

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) will not open to the community in December owing to late completion of the construction contract by the builder.

Glen Eira City Council Pools Steering Committee Chair Cr Michael Lipshutz said that Council has used every means at its disposal to have the builder comply with the timelines in the construction contract and the delay has been frustrating.

"We have wanted to get GESAC open for the community for the start of summer, but unfortunately that has not been possible," Cr Lipshutz said.

While the 'dry areas' (indoor courts, gym, physiotherapy, crèche and café) have made good progress, the pool hall has been delayed.

Council has considered whether GESAC could be opened in stages, but that is not practicable. After

the construction phase is complete, the pools and facilities need to be commissioned (eg. water quality, balance and temperature; commissioning of plant and equipment). Council cannot occupy the building until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, which is part of Practical Completion under the construction contract.

"Council has been penalising each milestone missed by levying liquidated damages and they are now approximately one million dollars. The \$41.2 million contract is now expected to cost thirty-nine-point-something million," Cr Lipshutz said.

The industry shutdown period is Friday 23 December to Friday 13 January inclusive. If works are not complete by 22 December 2011, they will not recommence until 16 January 2012. There are two options.

If construction is complete by 22 December, Council will undertake the post-construction commissioning (subject to the availability of the necessary trades), open the facility to the community as soon as it is ready and hold an official opening involving Federal and State funding bodies as soon as possible after that.

If construction is not complete by 22 December, liquidated damages will continue to accrue over the close down period and construction will resume from 16 January.

"GESAC will be opened to the community as soon as possible and there will be widespread publicity at that time," Cr Lipshutz said.

GESAC is expected to host about 2,000 visits from 6am each day and cover all its operating costs. Membership numbers have passed 3,000.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Australian HR Awards

Council was a finalist in the *Australian HR Awards 2011* in the *Employer of Choice (Public Sector and Not-For-Profit)* section. Other finalists were Break Thru People Solutions (the winner of the section), City of Melbourne, Main Roads WA, RailCorp and Translink Transit Authority.

Infrastructure improvements

VicRoads has advised that Council's Transport Planning Department has been successful in securing almost \$350,000 for the following infrastructure improvements:

- Electronic 40km/h signs for Bentleigh Shopping Centre: Transport Planning has lobbied for this project for a number of years. The 40km/h speed limit will apply in Centre Road between Cairns Grove and Arthur Street, 8am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday. Work is expected to commence in January/February 2012; and
- Glen Eira and Orrong Roads intersection: Safety concerns were raised in 2009 regarding this intersection. The lighting at the intersection will undergo a significant upgrade with work expected to be finished by April 2012.

Engaging our community

Community Engagement Strategy

Council's *Community Engagement Strategy* was adopted at a Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 October.

The *Strategy*, which was developed in consultation with residents, sets out guidance about how Council will engage with the community.

Council would like to thank residents who contributed to the consultation process.

Family and Children's Services surveys

During November, Council sought feedback on the quality of the service it provides to children and families.

Surveys were circulated to families who use Council's child care services and Maternal and Child Health Service.

Community Plan consultation

Glen Eira City Council is consulting with the community regarding the development of its new *Community Plan*.

The *Community Plan* sets out the Council direction and work to be undertaken on behalf of the community over the next few years. The *Plan* will include strategies and actions on which the Council will account to the community.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the first phase of the consultation process commenced in November, with research company ORC International undertaking 500 telephone surveys.

"Three focus groups will then be held in early December to explore themes from the survey's data," Mr Jones said.

"Upon completion of the surveys and focus groups, the outcomes of the research will be presented at a series of community workshops.

"The workshops will provide the community with the opportunity to discuss local issues and allow Council to gain an understanding of the priorities of residents and businesses."

Further details about the community workshops will be available in early 2012.

Community Plan Steering Committee

Council is establishing a steering committee to oversee the development of the *Community Plan*.

The new committee will include three community representatives. If you are interested in joining this committee, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 to obtain an Expression of Interest application form.

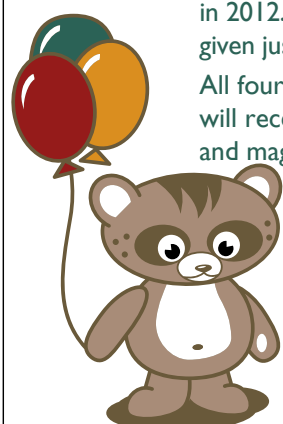
Applications close Wednesday 21 December.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2012

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2012. These immunisations are recommended to be given just prior to a child's fourth birthday.

All four-year-old children receiving their immunisation will receive a free show bag. Face painting, balloons and magic tricks will keep the kids entertained.

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



Saturday 14 January
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Saturday 4 February
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Wednesday 7 March
4pm-6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



Glen Eira City Council

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

CEO's column



Local Government is serious work.

Glen Eira City Council looks after 4,000 elderly and disabled people in their homes. Six hundred are aged over 90. Many are

able to stay in their homes among their friends and family because of the support we provide.

We see 100 babies and toddlers every working day to check that they are developing properly and see if they may need referral for any developmental needs.

We check food safety at 800 shops and businesses in order to protect the community against food poisoning.

Eleven thousand children cross our school crossings every school morning and afternoon.

Every day, our waste service picks up 16,000 bins of recycling, green waste or garbage — and in the last two years we have improved our recycling rate by 25 per cent.

Residents borrow more than a million books and other items from our library service each year.

Each year we decide on town planning applications for about 1,000 extra places for people to live.

We provide 68 parks for active and passive recreation, including some of the best in Melbourne.

Each evening, we operate 8,000 street lights. In 2012, we will convert most to lower energy, lower emitting and lower cost globes.

Each day, Council's Service Centre answers more than 1,200 calls in an average of 10 seconds — 88 per cent of calls are resolved by the first person to answer the phone.

Each year, we make grants to more than 100 community groups, recognise leadership by more than 200 volunteers and welcome 700 new citizens into the Australian community.

Thank you for supporting our work during 2011.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Local teacher wins Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award

Bentleigh Secondary College science and photography teacher Bill Thomas has won the Banksia Environmental Foundation 2011 Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award.

Announced in Sydney in late October, the Award aims to recognise outstanding contributions to a sustainable Australia or how work in the field of sustainability has contributed internationally.

As Head of Sustainable Practice at Bentleigh Secondary College, where he has taught since 1985, Mr Thomas has led major water, energy and land conservation projects at the school, including:

- the installation of a solar energy system that has reduced greenhouse emissions by 30,000 kilos since May 2007; and
- the installation of an ingenious rainwater harvesting system that has cut the college's water use by 93 per cent.

"We've also created a wetlands area on the college grounds and in May, we planted a 2,000 square metre urban forest," Mr Thomas said.

The judges said through his work with Bentleigh Secondary College, Mr Thomas has been able to both effect change in reducing the impact



Bill Thomas. Photo: Bentleigh Secondary College.

of the school and inspire the next generation of Australians to achieve real action against climate change.

"Mr Thomas is a passionate individual who is making a difference and educating not only the students but local community, and assisting with other schools' environmental journeys.

"Judges were impressed with Mr Thomas' well expressed understanding of, and linkage between, the operational activities at the school and broader educational and community outcomes now and into the future."

The real cost of driving a car

When most people consider the cost of car ownership, they think only of weekly fuel, parking and toll expenses. For many, this might cost around \$50 — the same as buying a seven day myki pass to travel on Melbourne's public transport system.

Why take public transport then? Consider this. The annual RACV *Driving Your Dollars Survey* found the cheapest surveyed car to own is a Suzuki Alto, costing \$110 per week. This figure is based on an average travel distance of 40 kilometres per day and takes into account all the costs of owning a car, including petrol, depreciation, insurance, registration, stamp duty, loan interest, servicing and maintenance. The Toyota Camry and Ford Falcon sedans were found to have operating costs of \$202 and \$252 per week respectively — significantly more than a seven day myki pass.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Transport Planning Matt Harridge said switching from a car to public transport could save thousands of dollars a year.

"Not only that, the social benefits in terms of reduced congestion and emissions can be substantial," Mr Harridge said.

Mr Harridge said an action in Council's *Towards Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011–2014* was to advocate for improved service delivery of public transport.

"This includes increasing and standardising frequencies, integrating timetables and additional services to ensure residents are provided with public transport within at least 400 metres of their residence" Mr Harridge said.

The full results of the RACV's survey can be viewed at www.racv.com.au — (search driving your dollars 2011.)

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GESAC signs up its 3,000th member

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) has signed up its 3,000th member.

Toula Mitzeliotis of Carneige, who is already a foundation member, signed up her two sons, Stephan and Christopher, for a stage one foundation Swim School membership.

Stephan, aged seven, has received a 12 month Swim School membership, which includes one swim lesson per week, unlimited access to GESAC's aquatic facilities including waterslides and leisure pool, free introductory lesson, priority enrolment opportunity, free access from opening day, no administration fee and a swim school starter pack.

Stage three memberships are now available, as well as a further range of membership options including Swim School, Activate (over 60s), Junior (age 14-18) and Aquatic and Aquatic Concession.

These memberships are being offered for a limited time.

To book an appointment with a consultant or to enquire about joining,



Christopher, Toula and Stephan Mitzeliotis and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff.

Photo: Frank Amato.

contact GESAC on 9570 9200 or call in to GESAC's sales office at 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

GESAC launches stage two Swim School memberships

With summer now upon us, now is the time to be thinking about swimming lessons for your family.

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre's (GESAC) Swim School program will launch in early 2012, providing an ideal venue to improve swimming and water safety skills. The program will cater for infants from six months through to squads and adults, with lessons available seven days a week.

As well as their weekly lesson with a qualified and caring teacher, all our Swim School members receive unlimited access to GESAC's aquatic facilities, including our two thrilling waterslides and huge Pirate's Cove Leisure pool. GESAC Swim School members can also look forward to receiving their very own copy of *Captain Swimalot's Great Adventure*. Students will be enchanted by the exciting story as they track their progress.

For further information, contact GESAC on 9570 9200, visit www.gesac.com.au or visit our membership office at 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.



Indoor sports registrations now open

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre's (GESAC) state-of-the-art stadium will be home to a wide variety of sports and competitions for all ages. GESAC will be running a number of its own indoor sports programs that will commence in early 2012. Registrations for the following programs are now open.

Netball

Whether you want to catch and giggle or play seriously, we have a netball competition for you. GESAC will be partnering with Caulfield and District Netball Association to develop a domestic netball competition for all ages and abilities. The competition will offer a range of different programs, including:

- ladies competition;
- mixed competition; and
- junior netball.

Indoor futsal

Everyone will enjoy this fast-paced, action-packed sport. While teams can nominate, individuals are welcome as we will find you a team to play in. GESAC will be partnering with Football Federation Victoria to develop a domestic indoor soccer competition for all ages and abilities. The competition will offer a range of different programs, including:

- men's competition;
- mixed competition; and
- junior competition.

Badminton

Want a hit? Badminton is often described as the most social of the



Indoor sports registrations are now open.

sports on offer in stadiums. Simply get together, have a hit, and enjoy a coffee and a catch up with your badminton buddies. Our social badminton times are open to all, and you will be made very welcome. Alternatively, you can book a court individually to play with friends.

Lunchtime sports

Do you have an hour to kill between lunch breaks or lectures? Do you want to build a sense of team spirit in your workplace? Are you looking for something fun to do in your lunch hour?

Why not get a group of friends or workmates together and compete in our lunchtime social sport competitions? With a different sport each day, there's plenty of opportunity to get involved! What a great way to meet new people, take a break from university or work and keep active! Participate in a sport you already play or try something new.

For further information and to register, contact GESAC on 9570 9200 or email info@gesac.com.au

Foundation Swim School — \$15 per week*	Flexi Swim School — \$17 per week*
One lesson per week	One lesson per week
Unlimited aquatic access	Unlimited aquatic access
Free introductory lesson	Free introductory lesson
Free Swim School starter pack	Free Swim School starter pack
No administration fee	No administration fee
Convenient, fortnightly direct debit payments	Convenient, fortnightly direct debit payments
Reduced price for 12 month commitment	Flexible, no commitment option

*Based on fortnightly direct debit 12 month minimum membership of \$780 for foundation membership. Flexi membership based on one month minimum commitment of \$34.



GESAC's Swim School program will launch in early 2012.

News in brief

Australia Day Breakfast

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

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Friday 20 January from 7.30am to 9am, Council will honour and award the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by Friday 13 January.

To make a booking or obtain further details about Council's *Australia Day Breakfast*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

2012 Council Meeting dates

Tuesday 7 February
 Tuesday 28 February
 Tuesday 20 March
 Tuesday 10 April
 Tuesday 1 May
 Tuesday 8 May
 Tuesday 22 May
 Tuesday 12 June
 Tuesday 26 June
 Tuesday 3 July
 Tuesday 24 July
 Tuesday 14 August
 Tuesday 4 September
 Monday 24 September
 Tuesday 16 October
 Tuesday 13 November
 Tuesday 27 November
 Tuesday 18 December

Pedestrians and car parks

Pedestrians have priority when crossing property access points on footpaths. This includes off-street car park access points.

To reinforce the need for vehicles to give way to pedestrians, linemarking has been installed at the exits of Glen Eira City Council's off-street car parks.

Council's Manager Transport Planning Matthew Harridge said linemarking not only reinforces the road rules, but provides yet another step to emphasise the importance of walking in our community.

"Even seemingly small enhancements like this raise driver awareness of pedestrians, resulting in improved safety and a more pleasant environment," Mr Harridge said.

Green waste service

Glen Eira City Council's fortnightly green waste service is a great way to compost your garden waste. If home composting is not practical and you have too much garden waste, this very convenient collection service is the answer.

A once-off fee of \$55 applies for a green waste bin (whether tenants or owners).

Residents are also reminded that residential recycling bins are free (additional bins incur a small charge). Recycling bins for commercial properties are \$38 per annum.

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

Graffiti removal

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 to remove graffiti from private property can be made through Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Requested works are referred to a priority list for consideration.

Glen Eira residents and traders can also obtain personal graffiti removal kits free of charge from Council's Service Centre.

Caulfield to Dandenong Rail Crossing Study Community Consultation

VicRoads would like to thank the Glen Eira community for their tremendous response to the *Caulfield to Dandenong Rail Crossing Study*. More than 150 Glen Eira residents participated in two community engagement workshops in September.

The *Study* involves the 11 rail crossings between Caulfield East and Dandenong South and investigates improvement opportunities for these crossings. There were more than 1,000 comments from the community workshops, more than 180 comments posted online, more than 60 emails and numerous letters and telephone calls. For an update on the study, visit consult.vicroads.vic.gov.au/railcrossings

out and about



Glen Eira Community Network Breakfast: Jude Rangitaawa, Julie Walker, Helen Howells, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Gemma Carman and Philippa Caris. Photo: Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre.



Recipients and judges of the 2011 My Brother Jack Literary Awards Open Category: Helen Lucas (Poetry judge), Eliza-Jane Henry Jones, Martin Bortz, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff, Ralph Genende and Carol Middleton (Short Story judge). Photo: Nico Photography.



2011 Award for Environmental Excellence in Primary Schools: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff presenting the Award to Bentleigh West Primary School. Photo: Frank Amato.

Take your business to the next step with BusEd's Get Online Projects 2012

Local businesses have once again reaped the rewards of being involved in Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program*. Monash University third year IT students, with the support of their lecturers, have developed web-based business tools for local businesses, including websites, databases and business management systems.

The year long projects culminated in a business expo held at Monash University in November, where both students and 15 local businesses showcased their new web-based business tools.

The *BusEd Program* is now seeking expressions of interest from local business owners who would like to participate in the *Get Online Projects 2012*.

These projects are ideal for businesses with limited resources, who would like to take their business to the next step via a new or upgraded web-enabled system. This system may be a public website and/or an internally used system.

The following examples from the 2011 projects, illustrate the variety of outcomes that can be achieved.

Clinic Intelligence — patient treatment management system

This web-enabled dashboard system enables physicians to monitor patient progress and the outcomes of treatments and compare this to other patients with similar conditions via a user friendly visual interface.

Adele Barnard from Clinical Intelligence is thrilled with the result.

"The students were fantastic," Adele said.

"They were very professional with excellent time management skills. I didn't feel like I was working with students at all, they were more like contract IT specialists.

"They came up with their own ideas and researched solutions to achieve the ideas. I am really impressed.

"This system was an idea that was in the pipeline at Metro Spinal Clinic, our primary business, for four years.

"We are excited that it is finally a reality thanks to the Monash students and that we can now offer it to other clinics and physicians to help them improve patient care."



Adele Barnard (centre) of Clinical Intelligence with students Heung Lok Ngan, Adrian Theodore, Alexander Chin and Jemma Shirley.

Evergreen Optical Carnegie— upgraded website with ecommerce

Khang Ta of Evergreen Optical Carnegie says he got a lot out of his involvement in the project and now has an upgraded website — www.evergreenoptical.com.au

"We now have a more professional web presence," Khang said.

"It is a good way for us to showcase our business to people who have never visited our premises and introduce ourselves to a different market, a new generation of potential customers.

"Being involved in the project was really rewarding. I was intimately involved in the process, and gave my flavour to the design. It was a long process, but I enjoyed it.

"The students listened to what I wanted and were proactive in suggesting ideas that I hadn't thought of."



Khang Ta (centre) of Evergreen Optical Carnegie with Monash students James Turner, Joshua Alati, Daniel Widjaya and Abhishek Vats.

McKinnon Cellars — new website with ecommerce

Matt Surman's business, McKinnon Cellars, now has an online presence thanks to the group of Monash IT students who took on the challenge of building a highly functional ecommerce website (www.mckinnoncellars.com.au) for the business.

Matt said more and more people are shopping online.

"With this website, I now have my toe in this market," Matt said.

"The main purpose of the website is to build awareness of my retail premises in McKinnon.

"I found the experience of working with the students very enjoyable. It was satisfying to see them achieve this daunting goal given that they had no prior industry experience.

"They have done an amazing job."



Matt Surman (second from right) of McKinnon Cellars with Monash students Xiao Yu Zhang, Sifaat Moslehuddin, Chang Yu Chai and Christopher Gottschalk.

Glen Eira Counselling Clinic — web-enabled business management system

Elizabeth Rocha of Glen Eira Counselling Clinic is very excited about the new web-enabled business management system that Monash IT students have built for her business.

"We now have more efficiency in creating and maintaining client records and managing letters and referrals with other health professionals," Elizabeth said.

"The system has also streamlined our invoicing and administration — and the room booking system is spectacular as we no longer have to manually read and reply to emails for room booking requests.

"All in all, the system helps us to work more professionally.

"When the project commenced, I was worried that the students would not understand what I wanted as I have little IT knowledge.

"But the students interpreted my needs into their own IT world and through a process of incremental feedback they tweaked the system until it was exactly as I needed it.

"I am very impressed and proud of them."



Elizabeth Rocha (centre) of Glen Eira Counselling Clinic with Monash students Chan Do Dam, Xiaoxuan Hong, Kalil Duale Gabobe and Shaun Maguire.

Planet Seafood — upgraded website with ecommerce

Manuel Parianos applied for a Monash IT Project with hope of commencing online seafood sales. He found that he got a whole lot more from his involvement in the project.

"Not only does our new website (www.planetseafood.net.au) raise our profile, but it has enabled us to venture into online selling and become more competitive against bigger business," Manuel said.

"The students were extremely helpful. They opened my eyes to a lot of things that I didn't realise were available — and the staff at Monash were also very supportive.

"Not only did I end up with a multi-functional website, I also learned a lot about how it all works through my involvement in the nuts and bolts of the project.

"The experience was fantastic and very beneficial. It has helped me to take my business to another level."



Manuel Parianos (centre) of Planet Seafood with Monash students Rin Dang, Ghadah Ishemaimry, Fatima Abdulla and Scott Brown.

While there is no cost to participate in the *Program*, the projects are a collaborative effort between client and students and businesses must be prepared to invest their time to allow for the best possible outcome.

Monash University is looking for projects with a few levels of complexity to challenge the students.

BusEd Co-ordinator Sandy Brouvalis said business owners are often not sure what they would like their system to do and the functionality that can be achieved.

"Visiting the websites developed by the students will give business owners some ideas. We encourage business owners to contact us to discuss their project idea," Mr Brouvalis.

If you would like to apply for a *Get Online Project for 2012* or discuss your project idea, contact Sandy Brouvalis on 9524 3333 or email sbrouvalis@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Celebrate your community

Buy local. Think local.

Get in the spirit — spend in your community this festive season.

Give local business a chance to serve.



Local business needs your support.



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

Dispose of dog litter responsibly

Glen Eira City Council is urging all dog owners not only to clean up after their four-legged friends, but to dispose of the waste litter responsibly.

Council's Manager Building and Civic Compliance John Bordignon said it is one of the duties of being a responsible pet owner to dispose of dog litter the correct way — by placing it in the bin.

"A major problem associated with dog litter is the contamination of waterways, especially following heavy periods of rain," Mr Bordignon said.

"When it rains, any rubbish or waste left on roads, nature strips or gutters is washed into the stormwater drainage system.

"Whether on the ground or in a bag that has not been correctly disposed of, the deadly combination of a plastic bag and dog litter will end up in the same place as other rubbish — our waterways and Port Phillip Bay."

Mr Bordignon said Council had tried to make it as easy as possible for local pet owners to clean up after their pets.

"Plastic bag dispensers are available in many of Council's parks and reserves and civic compliance officers also carry and distribute plastic bags," Mr Bordignon said.

Mr Bordignon said the bacteria contained in dog litter is a major source of E. coli and algae contamination in beaches and waterways.

"Dog litter is also harmful to people. Roundworm, which can be found in dog litter, can be passed on to people with children and people with compromised immune systems at most risk of infection," Mr Bordignon said.



Council is urging dog owners to dispose of dog litter responsibly.
Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Fences and gates protect your dog

Owning a pet is a basic right in our community, but it is also a serious responsibility.

If you intend on owning a dog, you have to take responsibility for it and make sure it is secured properly in your property.

Glen Eira City Council's Local Law 2009 (clause 427) states the owner or occupier of the property is responsible for ensuring the property is adequately fenced so as to prevent the dog from escaping.

If the owner or occupier is found not to have adequate fencing, they risk being fined.

Council's Manager Building and Civic Compliance John Bordignon said fences and gates protect dogs from the dangers of roaming, stop them from causing a nuisance in the neighbourhood and ensure pets don't hurt other animals or people.

"While many people keep dogs to protect their properties, it's important that people passing by or visiting properties with dogs in them are protected," Mr Bordignon said.

"Dogs should be confined to the backyard, allowing visitors to access your home safely.

"A straying dog can cause distress to visitors, neighbours and the community and dogs that are not kept safely behind a fence can risk being injured or cause injury to others."

Having an adequate fence protects both



Dogs should be confined to the backyard. Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

your dog and your neighbourhood.

As a responsible pet owner, it is important to ensure that your fence or dog enclosure is:

- high enough that your dog can't jump over it;
- low enough that your dog can't dig under it;
- strong enough that your dog can't push it over;
- holeproof so your dog can't escape through it; and
- designed so your dog can't get to people through it.

Enclosures and restricted breed dogs

New legislation on restricted breed dogs came into force Friday 30 September 2011.

All restricted dogs must be kept in a secure, escape-proof enclosure with warning signs. Any gates to this enclosure must be self-closing, self-latching and lockable.

Full details of the standards for enclosures can be found in the Domestic Animals Regulations 2005.

Keep your cat safe at night

With around 80 per cent of incidences or accidents involving cats occurring at night, Glen Eira City Council is urging residents to keep their cats confined after dark.

Cats are highly valued pets, however serious problems can occur if cats are allowed to roam outdoors between dusk and dawn.

Council's Manager Building and Civic Compliance John Bordignon said cats kept inside at night generally live at least three times longer than roaming cats.

"Confining your cat will help protect native wildlife, prevent cat fights and prevent territorial marking and spraying," Mr Bordignon said.

"It will also help reduce problems associated with stray cats."

Where to confine your cat

Cats can be kept in your house, flat, garage or shed, however make sure their sleeping area is well ventilated, warm and dry and that they have access to food, water and a litter tray.



Cats kept inside at night generally live at least three times longer.

Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

Another option is to purchase or build an outdoor cat enclosure. This can be a good way to allow cats adequate exercise, while ensuring the security of being on the owner's property at all times.

Cat enclosures can be separate or connected to a cat door into the house.

Cat doors are a great option as they not only can be adjusted to let cats come and go as required during the day, but they can also be adjusted to retain cats inside at night.

Cats can also be confined to their property by enclosing verandahs or cat proofing property fences with chicken wire or netting.

How to confine your cat at night

According to the Department of Primary Industries *Make sure your cat naps when you do* brochure, when training your cat to accept confinement, try skipping its morning feed and call it in at night to be fed. Only feed your cat once it's inside and then don't let it out until the next morning.

Keeping your pets safe

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

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

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

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

Fireworks and thunderstorms

Fireworks and thunderstorms can cause panic for dogs, cats and other animals. In some circumstances, this panic can result in animals escaping from their property.

Here are some tips on how to prepare for nights when fireworks have been scheduled or a thunderstorm has been predicted.

- If you know there are going to be fireworks in your area, exercise can help relax your pet. Take your pet for a walk in the afternoon to wear it out.
- Have food, water and long-lasting treats available.
- Keep your pet inside, close all blinds and leave some lights on.
- If you have an outdoor pet, the laundry or garage is a safe secure area to keep them.

- Make sure your pet is wearing identification and is microchipped.

Festive season celebrations

With the festive season just around the corner, residents are reminded about the importance of keeping their pets safe.

If you are planning on having a tree, it is advised that this is placed in a room which is off-limits to pets. This reduces the risk of pets, in particular dogs, chewing on decorations or even gifts.

If you have a 'real' tree, make sure you pick up any pine needles regularly, as if consumed your pet may fall ill.

Don't share your food with pets. Consumption of foods such as cooked bones, lobster shells, onions, grapes, raisins, macadamias, walnuts and chocolate can be fatal.

What's on in 2012

Pet Expo

Sunday 26 February, 12pm–4pm
Allnutt Park, corner Wheatley Road and Beech Street, Bentleigh (Mel Ref: 68 B11)

Bring your pets along for obedience training demonstrations and advice from animal groups and the on-site vet. Enter them in the *Glen Eira Pet Parade*. Categories include *Best Trick* and *Best Dressed*.



Photo: Fiona Basile.

Pet registration renewals

March 2012

Renewal notices for 2012–13 will be sent out in March to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April 2012. 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 Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

Animal census

Proposed commencement: April 2012

As part of its *Domestic Animal Management Plan*, Council will be conducting an animal census. Every household in the municipality should receive a visit.



Photo: GECC.

Council makes changes to off-leash areas

Glen Eira City Council has altered the off-leash provision in parks and gardens across the municipality.

The changes were made following a report developed by animal management expert Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd, which examined all parks to ensure that off-leash areas were appropriate.

Council has accepted the recommendations in the report which include:

- the 50 metre rule that requires dogs be leashed around playgrounds, sportsgrounds, major sporting facilities and picnic areas has been reduced to 20 metres;
- early morning (6am–9am) off-leash areas have been established at Greenmeadows Gardens, Harleston

Park and Hopetoun Gardens in the north western part of the municipality where there is limited open space and opportunity to run dogs off-leash;

- oval one at Princes Park will now be on-leash;
- providing additional off-leash areas at Caulfield Park;
- all shared paths to be on-leash; and
- an increase in education and enforcement activities.

As part of its education and enforcement activities, Council recently developed an *On and Off-leash Guide in the City of Glen Eira*.

The pocket-sized guide details on and off-leash locations in the municipality and is available from Council's Service Centre and Council's civic compliance officers.



How to prevent dog attacks in the community

Dog owners:

- Confining dogs to their property could prevent 80 per cent of dog attacks in public places.
- Your yard must have a closed gate, escape-proof fencing and visitors must have safe access to the front door.
- All dogs can be territorial. Most dog attacks in public occur on the footpath or road in front of the dog's property.
- You can be fined if your dog isn't securely confined or if it rushes at or attacks a person or animal.

Know what to do if approached by an aggressive dog:

- Stand still; don't run.

- Keep your hands by your side.
- Stay quiet; try not to make any noise.
- Avoid eye contact with the dog; look at the ground.
- Once the dog has lost interest, slowly back away.

Know how to approach dogs safely:

- Always get permission from the owner to pat his/her dog.
- Approach the dog from an angle, rather than directly from the front or rear.
- Slowly extend the back of your hand with your fingers curled under, and allow the dog to sniff.
- Stroke the dog on the side of the chest, the shoulders or under the

chin (not on top of the head).

- Don't continue patting the dog if it backs away or doesn't sniff your hand.

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MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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 over 55.
Contact: 9570 9045.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers social activities to meet new friends.
Contact: 9557 6337.

Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club plays bingo every Thursday from 12.30pm and Saturday from 1.30pm at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh.
Contact: 9557 6010.

Bilingual Russian Group runs activities in the Glen Eira area for children aged two to 17. Games, music, performing arts and painting.
Contact: 0421 756 063.

Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens holds social afternoons, entertainers on Tuesdays, card games on Thursdays and bingo on Fridays at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie.
Contact: 9568 2727.

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.

Centenary Park Tennis Club welcomes players for mixed social tennis on Wednesday nights from 7.15pm at 140 Brady Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9579 045.

Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month between February and November 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 including a light supper.
Contact: 9587 1092.

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre, 419 North Road, Ormond offers a range of computer classes (beginners to advanced), English and French classes, a new return to work or study program, accredited reading and writing courses, basic bookkeeping, MYOB and digital technology.
Contact: 9578 8996.

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

Glen Eira University of the Third Age offers seniors a selection of activities.
Contact: 9572 0571.

Greek Cyprian Community of Glen Eira meets every Tuesday at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh.
Contact: 0421 892 001.

Kiwanis Bayside Internet Club has online meetings 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.

Moongala Women's Community House offers a range of classes and programs including computers, ESL, digital technology, childcare, playgroups and women's support and friendship at 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9570 3468.

Moorleigh Mens Probus Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10am at Bentleigh East Sporting and Recreation Clubrooms, 62 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9579 3352.

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

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.
Contact: 9524 3600.

EVENTS

Adelphi Players Theatre Company will stage the children's pantomime *Jack and Jill* on 3 and 4 December at 2pm and 10 and 11 December at 1.30pm and 3.15pm at Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North. Cost: \$10 adults and \$8 children. Bookings are essential.
Contact: 9690 1593.

Music Lovers' Society will hold a concert on 10 December at 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Cost: \$20 adults, \$16 seniors, \$12 for pensioners, \$8 for students, \$45 for families, free for members.
Contact: 9822 7292 or 0435 997 037.

Glen Eira City Choir presents *A Christmas Celebration* featuring festive music, selections from Handel's *Messiah* and carols on 11 December at 2.30pm

at St Johns Anglican Church, 5 Finch Street, Malvern East. Cost: \$25 adults, \$22 concession, \$20 group booking (five people or more).
Contact: 0423 129 371.

Stay in Touch presents *Introduction to Computers* for seniors and over 50s for beginners on 15 December from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall. Cost: \$10.
Contact: 9596 4547.

The Melbourne Begonia Society's Annual Show will be held on 25 February from 10am to 4pm and 26 February from 10am to 3pm at the Wishart Senior Citizens Centre, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin. Entry is free.
Contact: 9570 6822 or 9787 7838.

COMMUNITY

Marriott Support Services provides day programs to adults with an intellectual disability. Make a difference and volunteer today.
Contact: 9578 7557.

Moongala Women's Community House has vacancies for under threes and over threes in its co-operative childcare program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 2012 at 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh East.
Contact: 9570 3468.

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 offers an extended kinder program to children aged three to five on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Contact: 9570 6565.

Immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 17 December and
Saturday 21 January 9am–11am

Wednesday 7 December,
Thursday 22 December,
Wednesday 11 January and
Thursday 19 January 5.30pm–7.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 14 December and

Wednesday 18 January 1.30pm–2.30pm
and 5.30pm–7.30pm

**DC Bricker — Princes Park
Beech Street, Caulfield South**

Features: Off-street car parking and
play area for the children

Monday 30 January 9.30am–11am

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

**Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield**

Tuesday 6 December and
Tuesday 10 January 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 13 December and
Tuesday 17 January 9.30am–11am

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child
Health Centre**

**Corner Royal and Rosedale
Avenues, Glen Huntly**

Wednesday 21 December and
Wednesday 25 January 9.30am–11am

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 5 December and
Monday 9 January 9.30am–11am

Packer Park

Leila Road, Carnegie

Monday 19 December 9.30am–11am

Please note: No sessions will be
held at this venue in 2012.



GESAC延期開放但造價有所降低

由於建造商工程誤期，GESAC 無法在12月向公眾開放。

市政府採用了各種手段要求建造商遵守建造合同的工期。工期延誤令人沮喪。

我們原來打算在初夏對公眾開放 GESAC，但遺憾的是這已沒有可能。

雖然“乾區” (室內球場、健身房、理療室、托兒所和咖啡廳)工程進展良好，但游泳館工程誤期了。

市政府考慮過分階段開放 GESAC，但這不可行。建造竣工後，游泳池和各種設施還有待投入使用(比如水質、酸鹼度平衡與水溫；設備的投入使用)。市政府在取得占用證書之前不能進入 GESAC，這是建造合同中“實際竣工”條款的一部分。

市政府對拖延的工期索取違約賠償金，賠償額現已約一百萬元。本來耗資四千一百二十萬元的工程現在預計只需支付三千九百萬元多一些。

12月23日星期五至1月13日星期五是停工期。如果工程到2011年12月22日仍未完，那就要到2012年1月16日才能開工。屆時有兩個選擇。

如果12月22日以前工程完工，市政府將做工程後的設備啟用工作(這要看技工能不能來)，準備妥當後立即向公眾開放，並在其後盡早舉行有聯邦和州政府撥款機構參加的開幕儀式。

如果12月22日工程還未完工，違約賠償金將在停工期間累計，然後工程在1月16日複工。

GESAC 將盡早向公眾開放，屆時會廣告通知大家。

GESAC 開放後預計每天早晨6:00之後有兩千人次來訪，完全能夠負擔所有營運開支。會員人數現已超過2,900。

Το Κέντρο GESAC θα τελειώσει αργότερα αλλά φτηνότερα

Το GESAC (Αθλητικό και Κολυμβητικό Κέντρο Glen Eira) δεν θα ανοίξει τις πύλες του στο κοινό το Δεκέμβριο λόγω της καθυστερημένης αποπεράτωσης της ανοικοδόμησης από τον εργολάβο.

Ο Δήμος χρησιμοποίησε κάθε μέσο που είχε στη διάθεσή του για να αναγκάσει τον εργολάβο να συμμορφωθεί με τις προθεσμίες που έχουν συμπεριληφθεί στο συμφωνητικό κατασκευής και η καθυστέρηση υπήρξε πολύ ενοχλητική.

Θέλαμε να έχουμε ανοιχτό το Κέντρο GESAC στο κοινό στις αρχές του καλοκαιριού, αλλά δυστυχώς αυτό δεν είναι εφικτό.

Ενώ οι «στεγνοί» χώροι (κλειστά γήπεδα, γυμναστήριο, φυσιοθεραπεία, νηπιακός σταθμός και καφετέρια) έχουν προχωρήσει αρκετά, η πισίνα έχει καθυστερήσει.

Ο Δήμος εξέτασε την πιθανότητα να ανοίξει το GESAC σταδιακά, αλλά αυτό δεν είναι πρακτικά εφικτό. Μετά την αποπεράτωση της κατασκευαστικής φάσης, οι πισίνες και οι εγκαταστάσεις πρέπει να ελεγχθούν για να τεθούν σε λειτουργία (π.χ. ποιότητα νερού, ισορροπία και θερμοκρασία, έλεγχος και λειτουργία μηχανημάτων και εξοπλισμού). Ο Δήμος δεν μπορεί να χρησιμοποιήσει το κτίριο μέχρι να εκδοθεί το Πιστοποιητικό Χρήσης Κτιρίου, που αποτελεί μέρος της Πρακτικής Αποπεράτωσης βάσει του συμφωνητικού κατασκευής.

Ο Δήμος επιβάλλει πρόστιμο για κάθε κατασκευαστικό στάδιο που δεν τελειώνει επιβάλλοντας στον εργολάβο να πληρώνει αποζημίωση που τώρα είναι περίπου ένα εκατομμύριο δολάρια. Το συμβόλαιο αξίας 41,2 εκ δολαρίων αναμένεται τώρα να κοστίζει τριάντα εννέα και κάτι εκατομμύρια.

Η περίοδος που κλείνει ο οικοδομικός κλάδος είναι Παρασκευή 23 Δεκεμβρίου έως και την Παρασκευή 13 Ιανουαρίου. Αν τα έργα δεν έχουν τελειώσει έως τις 22 Δεκεμβρίου 2011, δεν θα ξαναρχίσουν μέχρι τις 16 Ιανουαρίου 2012. Υπάρχουν δύο επιλογές.

Αν η κατασκευή τελειώσει μέχρι τις 22 Δεκεμβρίου, ο Δήμος θα προβεί στον μετακατασκευαστικό έλεγχο και λειτουργία (υποκειμένης της διαθεσιμότητας των αναγκαίων τεχνικών), θα ανοίξει την εγκατάσταση στο κοινό μόλις είναι έτοιμη και θα τελέσει τα επίσημα εγκαίνια όπου θα συμμετέχουν ομοσπονδιακά και πολιτειακά χρηματοδοτικά σώματα μόλις είναι πρακτικά εφικτό μετά την ημερομηνία εκείνη.

Αν η κατασκευή δεν τελειώσει μέχρι τις 22 Δεκεμβρίου, η αποζημίωση θα συνεχίσει να βαρύνει τον εργολάβο και για την περίοδο που θα είναι κλειστός ο οικοδομικός κλάδος και τα έργα κατασκευής θα ξαναρχίσουν από τις 16 Ιανουαρίου.

Το GESAC θα ανοίξει στο κοινό το συντομότερο δυνατόν και θα υπάρξει μεγάλη δημοσιότητα εκείνη την περίοδο.

Το GESAC αναμένεται να δέχεται περίπου 2.000 επισκέψεις από τις 6πμ κάθε μέρα και θα καλύπτει όλα τα λειτουργικά του έξοδα. Ο αριθμός των μελών που έχουν εγγραφεί έχει ξεπεράσει τους 2.900.

Il centro GESAC ritarda ma è meno costoso

Il centro GESAC non verrà aperto alla comunità nel mese di dicembre a causa di ritardi nel completamento delle opere di costruzione da parte dell'impresa.

Il Consiglio comunale si è adoperato in ogni modo possibile affinché l'impresa di costruzione ottemperasse alle scadenze come da contratto ed il ritardo nei lavori è stato causa di frustrazione.

Era nostra intenzione aprire il centro GESAC alla comunità per inizio estate, ma purtroppo non ci è stato possibile.

Mentre le aree "all'asciutto" (campi-gioco al coperto, palestra, fisioterapia, nido e caffè) hanno fatto buoni progressi, la sala piscina ha subito ritardi.

Il Consiglio comunale ha anche preso in considerazione la possibilità di aprire il centro GESAC per fasi di completamento, ma la cosa non è fattibile. **Al completamento della fase di costruzione si dovrà procedere al commissionamento di piscine e strutture (es. qualità dell'acqua, proporzionalità e temperatura; commissionamento di impianti ed attrezzature). Il Comune non può prendere possesso dell'edificio prima del rilascio del certificato di abitabilità, che rientra nella voce Completamento Pratico ai sensi del contratto di costruzione.**

Ogni ritardo nell'avanzamento lavori è stato penalizzato dal Comune tramite richiesta di liquidazione danni che si aggirano attualmente a un milione di dollari circa. Si prevede che il contratto originale da \$41,2 milioni sarà ora ridotto a trentanove milioni circa.

Il periodo di chiusura lavori per le festività sarà da venerdì 23 dicembre a venerdì 13 gennaio incluso. Se i lavori non saranno completati entro il 22 dicembre 2011, non saranno ripresi prima del 16 gennaio 2012. Due sono le opzioni:

se la costruzione sarà completata entro il 22 dicembre, il Comune intraprenderà il commissionamento fine-lavori (subordinatamente alla disponibilità delle necessarie maestranze), appena pronte le strutture saranno aperte alla comunità e subito dopo si terrà un'inaugurazione ufficiale alla presenza dei rappresentanti degli enti federali e statali finanziatori.

Se invece la costruzione non sarà completata entro il 22 dicembre, la richiesta di liquidazione danni sarà applicata anche durante il periodo di chiusura lavori ed i lavori di costruzione riprenderanno con decorrenza dal 16 gennaio.

Il centro GESAC verrà aperto alla comunità al più presto possibile e l'apertura verrà ampiamente notificata.

Si prevede che il centro GESAC accoglierà circa 2.000 visitatori al giorno con inizio dalle 6:00 del mattino coprendo tutti i costi operativi. Il numero di soci ha superato le 2.900 unità.

Дворец водных видов спорта Glen Eira (GESAC) откроется позже, но стоимость проекта будет ниже

Дворец водных видов спорта Glen Eira (GESAC) не будет готов к открытию в декабре в связи с задержками в строительстве.

Муниципалитет сделал все возможное, чтобы заставить строительную компанию завершить строительство по графику, и мы недовольны возникшей задержкой.

Мы рассчитывали, что сможем открыть GESAC в начале лета, но к сожалению это оказалось невозможным.

Хотя сооружение "сухих" зон комплекса (крытые корты, тренажерный зал, зал физиотерапии, детский центр и кафе) продвигается неплохо, строительство бассейнов задерживается.

Муниципалитет рассматривал вариант открытия GESAC в несколько стадий, но это оказалось практически неосуществимо. **После завершения строительства, по правилам, начинается стадия приема и ввода в эксплуатацию (проверка качества и температуры воды, работа оборудования, энергетического блока и т.д.) Пока, в соответствии с контрактом, официальные документы о приеме всего объекта не подписаны, мы не можем занять никакую часть здания.**

При каждом нарушении срока по стадиям проекта, муниципалитет накладывал на строительную компанию штрафные санкции. Их накопилось примерно на миллион долларов, так что проект, который по контракту стоил \$41.2 миллиона, обойдется муниципалитету в \$39+ миллионов.

Вся строительная индустрия в Виктории прекращает работу с пятницы, 23 декабря до пятницы, 13 января. Поэтому если строительство не будет закончено к 22 декабря, то оно возобновится только после 16 января 2012. В связи с этим есть два варианта.

Если строительство закончится к 22 декабря, то муниципалитет начнет прием и ввод объекта в эксплуатацию (при условии наличия в это время рабочих соответствующих специальностей), затем откроет весь комплекс для жителей муниципалитета, и затем проведет официальное открытие с участием федеральных и штатных органов, предоставивших финансирование.

Если строительство не будет закончено к 22 декабря, то штрафы строительной компании будут нарастать весь этот период до 16 января, пока строительство не возобновится.

GESAC будет открыт для пользования при первой же возможности, и открытие его будет широко рекламироваться.

Предполагается, что Дворец водных видов спорта Glen Eira будет посещать до 20 000 человек в день и что он будет себя окупать. Количество людей, заказавших абонементы, уже превысило 2900.

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*.

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Child care services	Survey	Closed 28 November
Maternal and Child Health	Survey	Closed 1 December

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

Drawspace

Opens 10am Wednesday 7
December and continues until
5pm Sunday 18 December

Official opening: Tuesday 6
December from 6pm–8pm

In celebration of *International Day of People with a Disability*, Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with Arts Access Victoria, is hosting *Drawspace* — an exhibition of works on paper and sculpture by local emerging artists with disabilities.

The majority of artists meet fortnightly on Fridays at Marriott Support Services and have been preparing for the exhibition for the past 18 months.

Marriott artist Marc Monkus said he likes drawing and painting best.

“I also like working on our group sculpture *Vegas*, which will be part of the exhibition” Marc said.



Untitled, ink and pencil on paper. Marc Monkus: Arts Access Victoria, 2010.

A free exhibition, *Drawspace* aims to showcase the outstanding creativity of people with a disability who live, work and study in the City of Glen Eira.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Council's Metro Access Officer Tracy Cassidy on 9524 3333.

Art Fusion

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group
exhibition and sale of paintings

Opens 10am Wednesday 7
December and continues until 5pm
Sunday 18 December

Art Fusion will showcase a range of works by members of the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group — from decorative art to traditional and contemporary paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolour and pastel.

Gallery hours over the holiday period

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery will be closed for the holiday period from Monday 19 December. The Gallery will re-open for 2012 on Wednesday 25 January.

Calling local artists: Glen Eira Local Artists Exhibition

Thursday 29 March until Sunday
15 April

Closing date for entries: Tuesday
14 February

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is accepting proposals from artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira to enter its 2012 *Glen Eira Artists Exhibition*.

To be considered, please mail a current CV, up to six high resolution digital images of recent works on a CD and full contact details to Council's Gallery Co-ordinator, Council's Gallery, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, Victoria, 3162 by Tuesday 14 February.

For further information about the exhibition and application process, contact Council's Gallery on 9524 3333.

Party in the Park 2012

Glen Eira City Council brings the community together in January and February with free outdoor events held in three of the City's best loved parks.

Come and enjoy two afternoons of free entertainment and family fun at Princes and Allnutt Parks and then join us under the stars at Packer Park for an evening of top musical entertainment. Food and refreshments will also be available.

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

**Sunday 15 January, 12pm–4pm
Princes Park
Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South
(Mel Ref: 68 A6)**

Hosted by Jack Dan, activities include:

- Blinky Bill show;
- *The Carnival of Dreams* magic show;
- stilt walkers and roaming performers; and
- rides, activities and workshops for children.

**Saturday 11 February, 6pm–10pm
Packer Park — Under the Stars
Leila Road, Carnegie
(Mel Ref: 68 J8)**

Come and enjoy an evening of music with:

- Clare Bowditch;
- *Tin Pan Orange*; and
- *High Voltage* — winner of *Battle of the Bands 2011*.

**Sunday 26 February, 12pm–4pm
Allnutt Park
Corner Wheatley Road and
Beech Street, Bentleigh
(Mel Ref: 68 B11)**

Hosted by Richard Vegas, activities include:

- Bob the Builder show;
- Peppa Pig show;
- *Snakebusters*; and
- rides, activities and workshops for children.

Pet Expo

Bring your pets along for obedience training demonstrations and advice from animal groups and the on-site vet. Enter them in the *Glen Eira Pet Parade*. Categories include *Best Trick* and *Best Dressed*.

Cultural Diversity Week 2012

Expressions of interest are now being accepted from Glen Eira food businesses, including restaurants, cafes, bars and retail outlets that wish to participate in the 2012 *Cultural Diversity Week* celebrations.

For further information, email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Celebration of local literary talent

A celebration of local literary talent was held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Sunday 23 October, with the announcement of Glen Eira City Council's *My Brother Jack Literary Awards 2011* prize winners.

Hosted by Sofie Laguna, awards were presented by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff and members of the Caulfield Writers Group.

More than 300 entries were received this year across all award categories.

Council would like to thank everyone who entered this year's *Awards* and congratulates the following prize winners.

Grill'd Elsternwick Primary Poetry Award

First prize: Astrid Nissila-Browne — *The Mallee*.

Commended: Madison Jeffares — *The Life of a Can* and Charlotte Hanna — *Earth*.

Grill'd Elsternwick Primary Short Story Award

First prize: Angela Chen — *Farrah*.

Commended: Arwen Verdnik — *What Really Matters* and Raphael Danos — *Life is Never Straightforward*.

Glen Eira City Council Junior Secondary Poetry Award

First prize: Bronwyn Price — *Train*.

Commended: Rachel Stevens — *Hiding from You* and Emma Grimm — *Laptop*.

Hardie Grant Egmont Junior Secondary Short Story Award

First prize: Marnie McBride — *Letters From Papa*.

Commended: Isabelle Petrie — *Enter my Mind* and Daniel Malkinson — *Hidden Evil*.

Benn's Books Senior Secondary Poetry Writing Award

First prize: Chaya Leah Kennard — *Dark and Light*.

Benn's Books Senior Secondary Short Story Award

First prize: Malki Meyer — *Me. Kathy. Me. Kathy*.

Commended: Adam Weitzer — *The Devils Trill*, Caitlen Webb — *Forgotten* and Sheina Waks — *The Plump Child*.

Glen Eira City Council Open Poetry Award

First prize: Martin Bortz — *Of Moon and Me*.

Second prize: Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones — *River*.

Third prize: Ralph Genende — *Peddalling into Eternity*.

Sunflower Bookshop Open Short Story Award

First prize: Annette Trevitt — *Jellyfish*.

Second prize: Debbie Lustig — *Doris and the Eagle*.

Third prize: Barry Alan Blakeney — *The View*.

Commended: Kirsten Watson — *The River*.

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Young blood: Youth Leadership Team learns about blood donation

In an effort to raise awareness of the need for blood donations amongst young people, Glen Eira City Council's Youth Leadership Team (YLT) visited the Caulfield Blood Donor Centre.

The team met with Australian Red Cross Blood Service Community Relations Officer Mark Jonasz who spoke to the team about blood donation and why the service is so important to the community.

Demand for blood and blood products in the next decade is set to double.

Therefore, the Australian Red Cross Blood Service needs new donors to help ensure patients with cancer, blood diseases, those requiring surgery or suffering from road trauma have the blood supplies they need.

Mr Jonasz said many teenagers weren't aware that they can become a blood donor from the age of 16.

"Every time they donate, they'll be saving three lives," Mr Jonasz said.

The YLT learnt that the holiday season sees a decline in donations. With school holidays just around the corner, this is a perfect opportunity for youth to give back to the community — and it doesn't cost a cent.

YLT tips for getting involved in blood donation:

- make an appointment during the holidays to check out the Caulfield Blood Donor Centre, 322 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield;
- take a friend or family member with you;
- talk to your friends about the need for donating blood and organise a group visit;
- encourage your school to promote blood donation and help set up information sessions for students; and
- volunteer to become a youth ambassador in 2012.

If you are fit and aged between 16 and 70, you may be eligible to donate blood and help save up to three lives with each donation.

For further information about donating blood, contact 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au



Australian Red Cross Blood Service Community Relations Officer Mark Jonasz spoke to the YLT about blood donation. Photo: GECC Youth Services.

For further information about becoming a YLT member in 2012, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth

Young mums' group to continue in 2012

Glen Eira City Council Youth and Maternal and Child Health Services and Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health young mums' group will continue in 2012. The group provides an opportunity for new and expectant mums aged 25 and under to meet in an informal and relaxed environment.

The group meets every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm during the school term and allows mums to either sit and have a friendly chat and share experiences or speak to youth

workers about any issues or questions they may have.

The youth workers are there to support new mums and offer advice or direction. Most importantly, it is a great opportunity for kids to be able to build social skills and play in a safe environment.

If you would like further information about the group or would like to come along, contact Rachael Kegen on 9575 5310, 0438 531 199 or email r.kegen@bbch.org.au



The young mums' group meets every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm during the school term.

Photo: Les O'Rourke.

Young mums' group

This group is a great opportunity for mums and their babies to get together for a relaxed catch up with other young mums, youth support staff, maternal health care specialists and other community support professionals.

The program is FREE. Due to limited available spaces bookings are essential through Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health. Contact Rachael Kegen 9575 5310 or 0438 538 199 or email r.kegen@bbch.org.au

Date: Commencing Wednesday 9 February (eight week program)
Time: 1pm-3pm
Location: Council Youth Information Service 86 Robert Street, Bentleigh

YOUTH SERVICES
www.bbcch.org.au

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Leaping away from the humdrum

Survival skills for parents was the topic of Glen Eira City Council Youth Services parent information evening in October.

The night was a great opportunity for parents to come together and learn some helpful tips from clinical psychologist Andrew Fuller, as well as share parenting experiences.

Andrew works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally and specialises in the wellbeing of young people and their families.

Andrew's presentation looked at the different personalities young people can display and what parents can do to build positive relationships with their children — without becoming weighed down in empty fighting and bickering.

One parent commented that a very useful part of the presentation they could take away was the reassurance that 'my sons behaviour is quite normal'.

One of the key ideas from Andrew was to 'leap away from the humdrum and leap into your dreams' and 'to create resilient kids, start having a good time yourself.' 'Have fun with your kids, laugh, smile and enjoy the good times and when possible create fun experiences with them.'

For further information on Andrew's talks and helpful books, visit www.andrewfuller.com.au

Youth Services hosts parent information evenings throughout the year, focusing on different issues surrounding raising healthy young people.

To stay informed of our events and programs, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth or contact 9524 3676 to place your details on our parent mailing list.

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Saturday December 10
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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).

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.

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.



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Take a walk in Boyd Park

If you are after a pleasant walk amongst some tall red gums, then a trip to Boyd Park will not disappoint. Boyd Park is located in Murrumbeena and runs between the Princes Highway to the north and Dandenong railway line to the south.

The park is steeped in history as it formed part of the original Outer Circle Railway. The Murrumbeena section of the railway ran from 1891 to 1895, however it was not connected to other lines. People and goods changed trains at each section. Branches from other lines were intended to be built, but this never occurred. By the mid-1890s, The Depression was in full swing and it was no longer economical for the railway to remain open.

After its closure, sections of land were fenced off and leased for agistment of horses, while other parts were turned into unkempt paddocks until Council took over maintenance in the 1960s.



This summer, why not take a pleasant walk through Boyd Park, Murrumbeena?
Photo: GECC Recreation Services.

Almost 100 years later in 1988, the State Government announced that the open space would be developed into a linear park. Residents proposed that the park be named Boyd Park to honour the family of talented painters, writers and musicians who lived and worked close to the parkland.

A shared pathway enables visitors to walk the length of the park, gaze at some of the significant trees that still remain and enjoy the birdlife. Along the way there are plenty of park benches to sit on, a playground for the young at heart and a rotunda, which is great for a picnic.

Reconnect with the outdoors

How long has it been since you felt the morning breeze on your face or walked over the dew on the grass?

Summer is the time when the outdoors beckons. It's a time when we go to the beach in droves, have endless picnics and barbecues, go to the pool, play cricket and share time with friends and family.

But these good times in the outdoors are really an exception to the rule, which is that most of us spend a vast majority of our time inside. According to some estimates, the average Australian spends 90 per cent of his or her life indoors — and as we get older we become even more inclined not to venture out.

Lifestyle diseases are now the number one health problem facing Australians and include diseases such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease. Regular exercise can reduce your risk for a number of these diseases — and

what better way than making it a regular part of your daily routine.

Spending some time outdoors is a great way to recharge your batteries and relax. No matter what your age, Glen Eira's parks and reserves have something for everyone.

There are plenty of reasons to be out in one of the 67 parks in the municipality — from wide open spaces to shady hollows. There are playgrounds of all shapes and sizes to attract the young and barbecues that provide a meeting point for families. Don't forget the bicycle paths, sportsgrounds and exercise equipment for the more energetic. Take a stroll along one of the many walking tracks and enjoy the flowers, marvel over the exotic trees, relax in a delightful rotunda or simply enjoy the fresh air.

With so much on offer, the recreation opportunities in Glen Eira are almost limitless.

Did you know?

Light tends to elevate people's mood. Physical activity has been shown to help people relax and cheer up, so if being outside replaces inactive pursuits with active ones, it might also mean more smiles.

Mind-boggling stats

- Today, one in four Australian children are overweight or obese compared to one in 20 in 1960.
- One in three children is Vitamin D deficient.
- More than 72 per cent of Melbourne children watch more than two hours of television per day, more than one-third of households have more than three televisions and more than one-third of older children have a television in their bedroom.
- Only 10 per cent of children walk to school compared to 55 per cent in 1970.

Ride to the beach

Do you want to avoid struggling through traffic this summer, searching for a car park at the beach and returning to a hot car to drive home?

Glen Eira's *TravelSmart* map includes bus, tram, train and bike routes from Glen Eira to anywhere from St Kilda to Sandringham.

If the beach is not your thing, the network of public transport available in Glen Eira can help you explore any part of Melbourne and beyond.

TravelSmart maps are available from Glen Eira Town Hall, libraries and local bicycle shops. A copy can also be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

New Bailey Reserve playground

An exciting new playground and family area will open at Bailey Reserve in December.

The playground is located at the eastern end of Bailey Reserve along Gardeners Road. Surrounded by a number of established trees, a rotunda, barbecues and seating will complete the new area.

The centrepiece of the playground is based around the adjacent Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre's Pirates Cove water playground and includes a pirates ship with a climbing wall, cargo nets, a slide and a lookout at the top. The nautical theme is continued across other pieces of play equipment and caters for a wide range of ages and abilities.

So if you are in the Bentleigh East area and think the kids would like something a little bit different, give the new playground a try.

For further information on playgrounds in Glen Eira, contact Glen Eira City Council Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Festive StoryTimes

Celebrate the festive season with stories and songs at these fun *StoryTimes*. Remember to collect your festive activity pack to take home. All sessions will be held at 11am and are suitable for preschool children aged three to five.

Ho, ho, ho it's Christmas

- Wednesday 14 December — Elsternwick Library;

- Thursday 15 December — Caulfield Library;
- Friday 16 December — Carnegie Library;
- Wednesday 21 December — Carnegie Library; and
- Thursday 22 December — Bentleigh Library.

Celebrating Chanukah

- Wednesday 14 December — Carnegie Library;



- Thursday 15 December at Bentleigh Library;
- Wednesday 21 December at Elsternwick Library; and
- Thursday 22 December at Caulfield Library.

Audio readers bring books to life

Residents with a print disability will benefit from Glen Eira City Council's successful application to participate in the Federal Government program, *Library Initiative*. This program aims to improve access for people with a print disability to material in a digital format through public libraries.

A number of specialised PlexTalk audio playback devices will be made available to eligible residents with a print disability to access digital material from Council's libraries

and from Vision Australia's Information Library Service. The material includes all genres of fiction, non-fiction titles for all ages and a range of popular magazine and newspaper titles.

Council's libraries have a large collection of talking books on CD and a wide variety of music CDs which can be used on the device. By joining Vision Australia's Information Library Service, eligible residents can also enjoy free access to more than 20,000 talking books, plus newspaper and magazine titles.

Devices will be available through the library's home library service and as demonstration models for individuals and community groups, such as seniors clubs, nursing homes, and community centres.

The PlexTalk devices are easy to learn and simple to use with voice guided operation and superior quality sound. They support a wide variety of audio and text formats and a range of content media like USB, SD cards and CDs.

For further information, contact Council's Library and Information Service on 9524 3614.

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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LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Friday 23 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Saturday 24 December	●	●	●	●
Sunday Christmas Day	●	●	●	●
Monday 26 December	●	●	●	●
Tuesday 27 December	●	●	●	●
Wednesday 28 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday 29 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	2pm–6pm
Friday 30 December	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm	10am–3pm
Saturday 31 December	●	●	●	●
Sunday 1 January	●	●	●	●
Monday 2 January	●	●	●	●

● — Closed

Normal hours resume Tuesday 3 January.

Borrowed items can be returned using the after-hours return chutes during the time libraries are closed.

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Elsternwick Gardenvale Glen
Huntly McKinnon Murrumbeena
Ormond St Kilda East

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre @ Carnegie closed on Wednesday 30 November and will reopen on Monday 13 February.

Splash into Reading

Eira is back for the summer and is heading to the new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre to swim and read. Collect your entry form from Monday 12 December from any Glen Eira library or download a copy from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au There is the chance to win fantastic prizes, including Rebel Sport and Toys R Us gift cards, family swim passes, a swimming party and swimming lessons.

Every child that enters will receive a child and adult swim voucher so they can be one of the first to enjoy the new state-of-the-art sports and aquatic centre.

So get reading! *Splash into Reading* is open to children 14 years and under. Entries close Sunday 12 February.

