

glen eira news

Glen Eira tops park user survey

Cr Margaret Esakoff, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Neil Pilling at Packer Park west, where stage one redevelopment works are now complete.

Photo: Frank Amato.

Results of the *Benchmark Park Users Satisfaction Survey* have been released, with Glen Eira City Council ranked number one for its parks and reserves.

Seventeen metropolitan councils participated in the annual *Survey*, which has been developed to measure park users' satisfaction with the level of park maintenance and to provide a means for comparison of results with other park managers.

The *Survey* was conducted by Integrated Open Space Services (IOSS) between November and December 2011.

The *Survey* process involved interviewing park users in a number of parks of different sizes and types within the municipality — in Glen Eira's case, IOSS surveyed 134 park users across 17 parks.

Participants were asked to rate their level of satisfaction on a scale of one to 10 in regard to 24 park elements.

Out of the 24, Glen Eira was top in 11 categories, including tree health, quality of grass, removal of graffiti, fences and barriers, pathways and trails, signs and recreation facilities.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said upgrading the City's parks has been one of Council's key priorities for a number of years.

"The results of this *Survey* are supported by the results of the annual *Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey*, which show consistently high levels of community satisfaction with Glen Eira's parks and gardens," Cr Hyams said.

Cr Hyams said these types of surveys are useful in providing feedback on what areas can be improved.

"The *Benchmark Park Users Satisfaction Survey* indicated that the main areas for improvement are for further provision of shade/shelter, drinking fountains, seating and table facilities," Cr Hyams said.

More open space — Packer Park west redevelopment completed

Stage one works to redevelop the former lawn bowls site at Packer Park west in Carnegie are now complete.

Cr Hyams said the redevelopment features a combination of the two outdoor bowling sports — lawn bowls and bocce — and is supported by tree plantings associated with the countries in which each of the bowling forms originate.

"The project has increased public open space available for the community to enjoy," Cr Hyams said.

"The site is a unique recreational space that connects with all ages and can be enjoyed by the whole community."

Subject to final budget approval, stage two works, which will include a rotunda, picnic and barbecue area and planting works, will be undertaken during the 2012–13 financial year.

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Council wins gold at Australasian Reporting Awards

Glen Eira City Council has won a *Gold Award* at the 2012 Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA).

Announced in Sydney on Thursday 7 June, Council received the award for its 2010-11 Annual Report.

ARA judges said Council's 2010-11 Annual Report was well-structured with clear and easy-to-read charts and a consistent theme throughout the Report.

"The Report provided a comprehensive financial discussion and an excellent explanation of material variances.

"The financial statements were clear and concise and the Report included very good comparative information for key financial and non-financial activities."

The judges also said they liked the achievement, outlook and challenges section and how the Report was divided by sections, consistent with Council's Community Plan.

Other organisations to win *Gold* included:

- City of Boroondara;
- CSIRO;
- Ergon Energy;
- Manningham City Council;
- National Museum of Australia; and
- Rio Tinto.

Report of the Year was awarded to Gold Coast City Council.

The ARA is an independent organisation that promotes excellence in reporting and covers all corporations, government bodies, charitable and community organisations in Australia and New Zealand.

Chartered Accountants/MAV Annual Report Awards

Council received three honourable mentions for its 2010-11 Annual Report at the Chartered Accountants/MAV Local Government Annual Report Awards.

Announced on Thursday 17 May, Council received honourable mentions



2012 Australasian Reporting Awards:
Council's Manager Public Relations and Marketing Amarita Kinnoo and Council's Public Relations Officer Sarah Finlay.

Photo: Bright Light Photography.

for *Best Annual Report*, *Best Summary* and *Best Reporting on Performance*.

Copies of the 2010-11 Annual Report are available from Council's Service Centre or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Mayor's column



Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) continues to grow in popularity, with more than 5,600 members. GESAC has also been popular with other councils, with Boroondara, Kingston, Maroondah and Mornington Peninsula councils visiting the facility. GESAC was officially opened on Friday 22 June. Along with the fantastic facilities at GESAC, our popular Carnegie Swim Centre will reopen as usual on 1 November 2012 for the November to March season.

Five locals were awarded in the Queen's Birthday 2012 Honours List. Congratulations to Dr David Cohen AM, David Kenley OAM, Maureen Bugden OAM, Margaret Molina OAM and Michael Zylberman OAM for your outstanding contributions.

To make it easier for residents to dispose of electronic waste (ewaste) such as computer screens, keyboards and televisions in an environmentally friendly way, Glen Eira City Council has continued its free ewaste collection days in 2012.

Three collection days have been held so far across Glen Eira, which all ran like clockwork with around 90 tonnes of waste dropped off by 2,362 vehicles. A further three collections are planned for 2012-13.

Council's popular *Winter Music Series* will continue to deliver a diverse range of musical entertainment for all tastes in July and August, with *Klezmania*, Eddie Perfect and *Vardos* performing. Limited tickets are on sale now, so book today to avoid disappointment.

This month, Council will be officially opening the new addition to Packer Park, so come along and try out the new facilities.

Finally, Council's Youth Services is calling for all interested bands to submit their demo CD for the chance to compete in *Battle of the Bands 2012*. Eight bands will be selected to compete on Friday 14 September, with awesome prizes up for grabs. For further information, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (August) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 4 July for delivery 30 July-3 August (weather permitting).

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the September 2012 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 1 August for delivery 3-7 September (weather permitting).

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

To submit editorial material write to: *Glen Eira News*,
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Successful Swim School program

The launch of Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre's (GESAC) Swim School has been an outstanding success, with more than 1,350 students enjoying their swimming and water safety lessons every week.

GESAC is committed to providing a quality and innovative program for the whole community. As a brand new facility, we have taken the opportunity to do things a little differently from many swim schools.

Reward and recognition

Keeping a child motivated to attend swimming lessons every week can sometimes be challenging. It is important to recognise and reward their efforts at improving their swimming and water safety skills to ensure they want to come week in and week out.

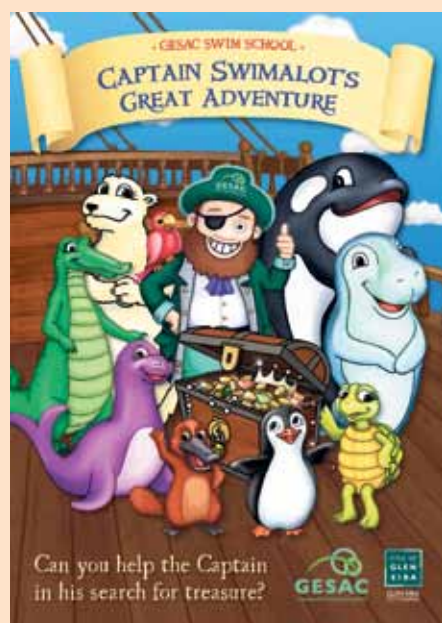
• Little Buccaneers

Celebrate milestones both in and out of the water as you add destination stickers to your fun and colourful poster.



• Learn-to-swim

Follow the story of Captain Swimalot and his friendly crew as they sail around the world in search of treasure. Students will be rewarded with treasure stickers to add to their book as they master the skills in each level.



• Shark Squad

Shark Squad swimmers will receive a progress report quarterly, outlining achievements and areas to keep working on.



Lessons 48 weeks a year

Offering lessons year-round allows for continuous, accelerated learning. Because swimming lessons are generally only once a week, this is vital to ensure consistent progress. Our state-of-the-art indoor facilities ensure a comfortable learning environment all year. We also offer our *Fast-Lane* program over school holidays, consisting of intensive, daily lessons to further extend our students.

Free aquatic access for all students

In line with our philosophy of ongoing learning opportunities, GESAC is proud to offer free swimming to all our students, including waterslide access. A 30 minute lesson is great for new skills to be introduced and developed, but additional practice will mean faster progress, so we encourage our students to visit GESAC as often as possible. For students under 10, entry is also included for a supervising adult.

No re-enrolment process

Traditionally, one of the biggest headaches for parents is the re-enrolment process every term. Because our program runs throughout the year, there is no need for us to have this stressful event. If you need to move a student to a different class, whether it is because your commitments have changed or you're moving up a level, simply notify us and we'll do that immediately.

Swim School memberships are available now. For further information, contact 9570 9200, visit www.gesac.com.au or drop in and see us at 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Get it Right on Bin Night campaign

The Metropolitan Waste Management Group recently launched a recycling education campaign. Glen Eira City Council is one of 30 participating metropolitan councils in the *Get it Right on Bin Night* campaign. The campaign will provide residents with practical information on how to increase the amount of household waste recycled on bin night. For further information, visit www.getitrightbinnight.vic.gov.au

Successful funding for transport applications

Council's Transport Planning Department has been successful in securing \$80,000 for taxi rank improvements in Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield and East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.

Engaging our community

Perfect score for Municipal Emergency Management Plan

Council was recently presented with an audit certificate for its *Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)*. Council's MEMP was assessed in August 2011 and was found to be fully compliant with 25 audit criteria, resulting in a perfect score. Every municipal council is obliged by legislation to have a MEMP.

Together with its emergency management partner organisations, Council has invested more than 700 hours in reviewing, updating and exercising the municipal emergency management arrangements. This has led to a vast improvement in the arrangements and the education and awareness of the key decision makers.

New website coming soon

Council will soon be launching its new website, so keep a look out for it. It has a number of features including a 'Near Me' section where you can find your local park or Council event based on your address, a park directory and much more. With hundreds of webpages, you are sure to find what you are looking for.

Indoor sports at GESAC

Melbourne's newest indoor sports stadium is now open at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC). The courts are almost fully allocated to sporting organisations or GESAC's own in-house programs. There may be a sport or program for you. If you want to meet some new people, we can help you with finding a team or you could get some friends together and enter your own team. For further information or to register your interest, contact 9570 9200 or visit www.gesac.com.au

GESAC's competition sports

Netball

- ladies competition — Monday and Wednesday evenings (game starts at 6.30pm, last game finishes at 10.30pm);

- ladies morning competition — Tuesday mornings (game starts at 9.30am, last game finishes at 12.30pm);
- mixed competition — Monday and Wednesday evenings (game starts at 6.30pm, last game finishes at 10.30pm); and
- junior netball — Monday and Wednesday afternoons (game starts at 4.20pm, last game ends 6.20pm).

Futsal

- men's competition — Tuesday and Thursday evenings (game starts at 6.30pm, last game finishes at 10.30pm);
- mixed competition — Tuesday and Thursday evenings (game starts at 6.30pm, last game finishes at 10.30pm); and
- junior competition — Thursday afternoons (game start at 4.20pm,

last game ends 6.20pm).

Basketball

- kids first basketball for beginners (five to 12 years) — Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings;
- boys and girls junior domestic basketball — Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings;
- open age men's and women's — Sunday evenings;
- over 35 men's and women's — Sunday evenings; and
- open Age mixed competition — Sunday evenings.

Not yet old enough to participate in organised competitions? From 9am to 12pm weekdays, GESAC offers introductory sports programs for children to try new sports and build their motor skills.

CEO's column



Public open space continues to be one of Glen Eira City Council's highest priorities. It makes a huge difference to residents when they can have access to

well-designed and well-maintained parklands, which they can enjoy for active or passive recreation.

It is a good example of Council's growing role in providing facilities and services which people cannot provide for themselves.

The recent survey placing Glen Eira first for residents' satisfaction with parks is very pleasing. It is the result of professional park master plans, developed through many rounds of community consultation and good park maintenance — notwithstanding some extreme conditions.

Those processes are continuing with opportunities coming up to improve Murrumbena Reserve (which was the subject of consultation in May) and to convert the disused former Glen Huntly Reservoir into additional open space.

Given Melbourne's climate, indoor recreation facilities are important as well. If you have not yet visited Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC), you may be surprised at the number and quality of opportunities to have fun and improve health and to do so among one's own community. In particular, GESAC provides facilities for senior residents which have not been available before, including hydrotherapy, aqua aerobics, seniors' exercise classes and more. Residents are welcome to have a free trial at GESAC. Further details can be found at www.gesac.com.au

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Rates: what you pay and why

How are rates set?

The rates system is set down in State Government legislation. One of the easiest ways to explain this system is that if you own one per cent of the value of property in a municipality, you pay one per cent of the total rates.

Rates are set according to how much your property is worth compared to the rest of the municipality. For example, a \$500,000 property in a wealthy municipality may be below the average house value so the owner would pay below the average rates, while a \$500,000 property in a less affluent municipality might be well above the average house value so the owner would pay above average rates.

The distribution of rates on residential properties within Glen Eira is set out in the first graph.

Revaluation of all properties

All properties in the City are being revalued as at 1 January 2012. The revaluations are required by the State Government to levy land tax.

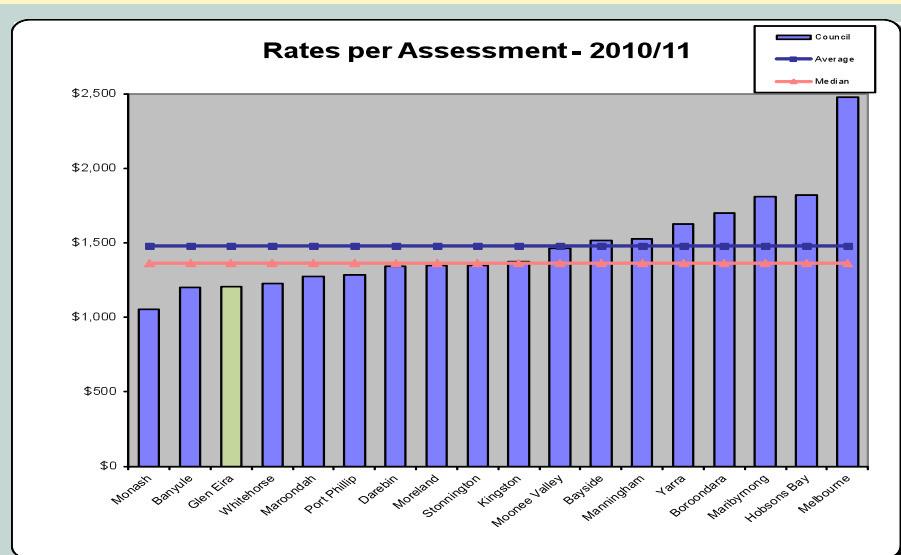
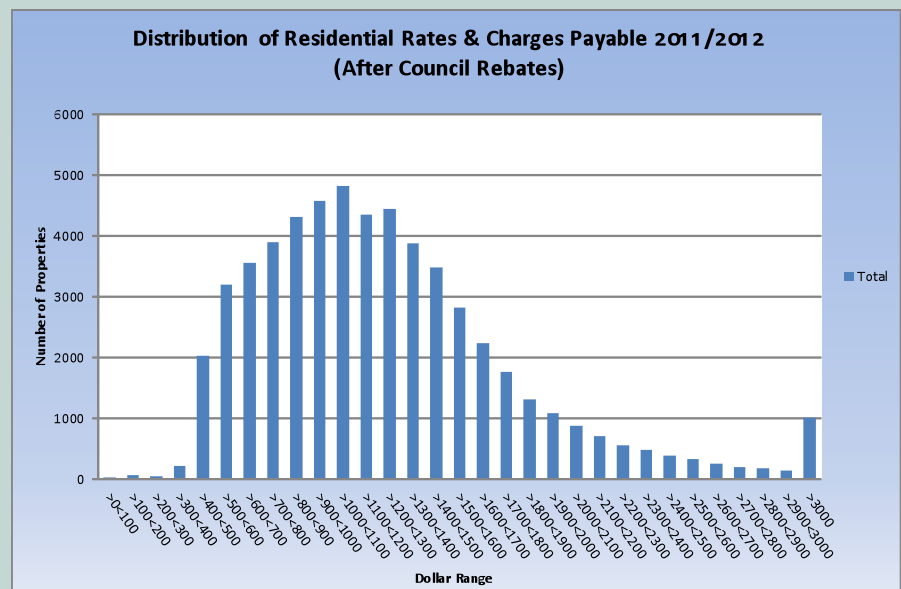
The level of value, as set by the Valuer General, has been assessed as at 1 January 2012 and used for rating purposes from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2014. Owners may object to the valuations.

The revaluation has no effect on Council's total rate income

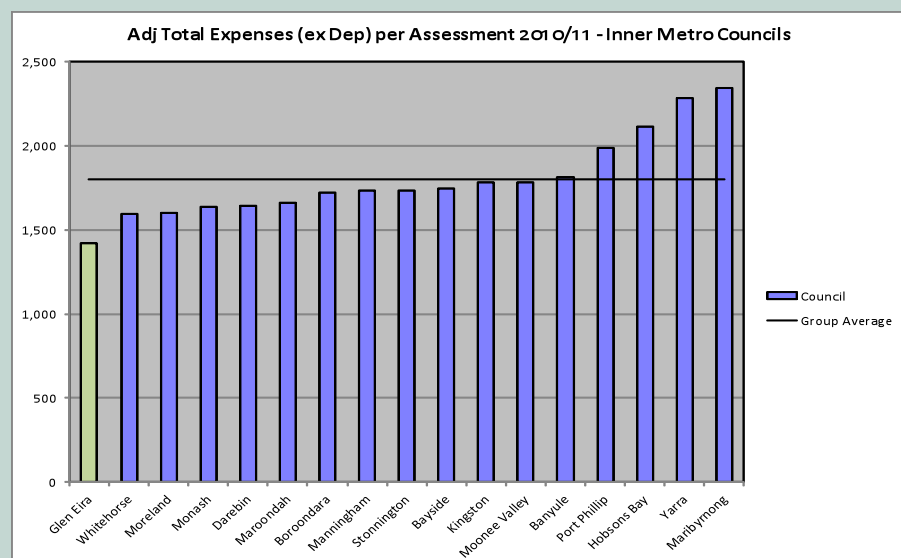
Rising property values do not impact on Council's total revenue collection. They usually result in the adjustment, by Council, of a lower rate in the dollar to offset the overall increase in property values. For example, the rate in the dollar in 1987–88 (City of Caulfield) was 9.4985 of net annual value. The rate in the dollar in 2012–13 is 3.2425.

If Council had held the rate in the dollar constant at 1995–96 levels, then Council would have raised more than \$250 million extra in rate revenue since then.

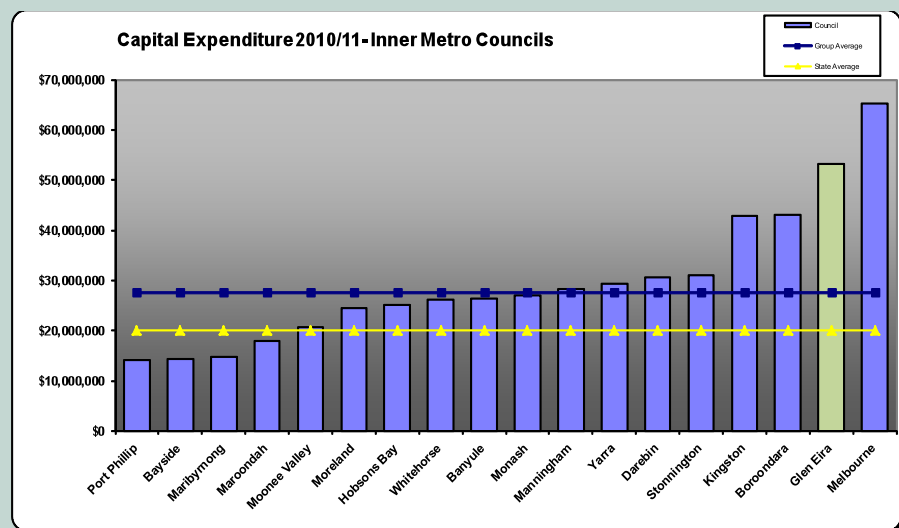
The revaluation can affect the rates on an individual property. Rates are redistributed according to the shift in property values that have occurred in different parts of the municipality. Some ratepayers may experience a change in their rates depending on the type of property they own, where it is located and how its value has moved relative to the average.



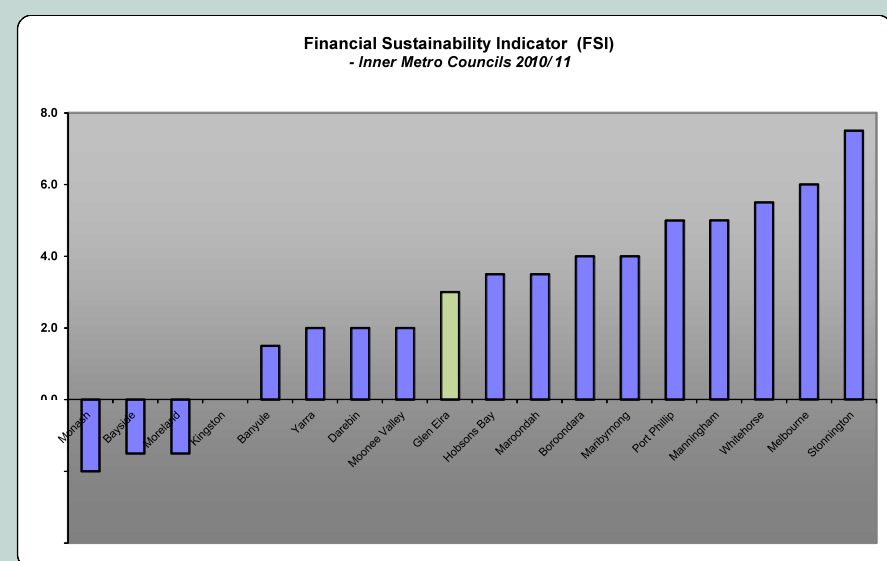
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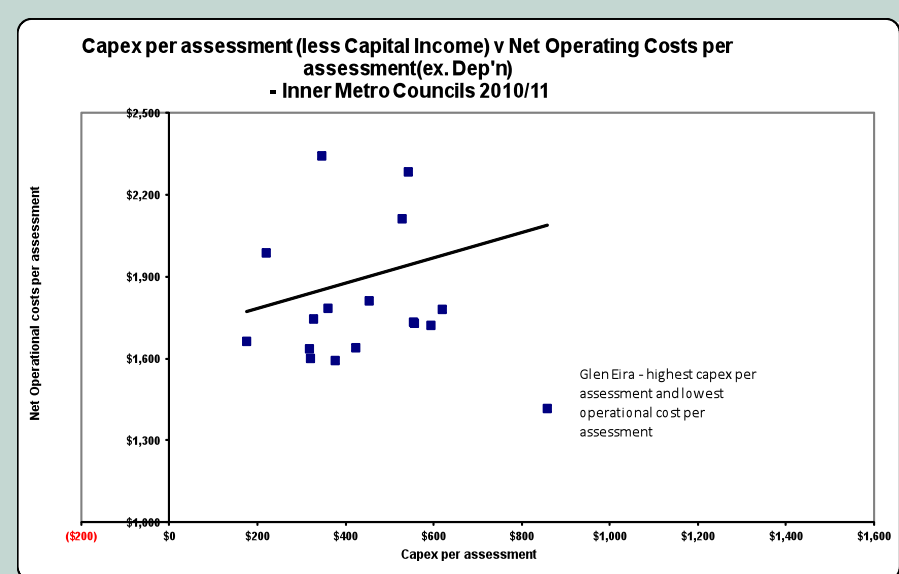
In terms of operational expenditure (excluding depreciation), Glen Eira is the lowest of the 17 councils, spending \$382 less per assessment (\$22.9 million) than the average for the inner metropolitan grouping.



Note: whilst Melbourne is shown in the graph, the averages excludes Melbourne's results. Council's result is excellent and highlights the focus that Council has on renewing/upgrading existing assets as compared to building new assets.



Glen Eira warrants its position as one of the most financially sustainable councils in Victoria.



Glen Eira has the highest capital per assessment and the lowest operational cost per assessment.

How does the City of Glen Eira compare with other municipalities?

Average rates and charges for the City of Glen Eira are at least \$12.7 million a year below the average of other inner metropolitan councils (second graph on page 4). This equates to an average of approximately \$212 per property.

This means that Council charges \$12.7 million less than comparable municipalities and has \$12.7 million less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.

How does Local Government compare with other levels of government?

The whole community pays taxes and rates. Three per cent goes to local governments. Ninety seven per cent goes to the state and federal governments.

The reason why property tax revenue to governments has risen so much faster than rate revenue to local government, is that state and federal governments tend to hold their tax rates constant while local governments regularly reduce theirs.

Each year, Council sends residents a bill that tells them exactly what their rates are and directly consults with the community and accounts for how this money is spent.

No other level of government does this; it would be difficult for residents to tell how much GST they pay, how much stamp duty on insurances, how much tax on superannuation contributions or how much tax they pay on petrol.

What are the pressures on rates?

Council's services can be maintained with rates at the current level in real terms. However, the renewal of ageing infrastructure and community facilities needs to be accelerated.

The majority of Council's buildings and facilities were built before or during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s and are reaching the stage of their life where they require major maintenance and renewal works.

In addition to this, a number of shopping strips need to be upgraded along with roads, footpaths and drainage systems.

Investments in local facilities can

have a positive impact on property values. Properties in areas with good shopping strips, parks and playgrounds, children's services, libraries, recreation facilities, etc. can be more attractive and therefore more valuable.

Another pressure on rates is cost-shifting — situations whereby federal and state governments shift their responsibility for delivering programs and service onto Local Government, with no or insufficient funding.

Over the years, many joint government–council programs have been established on the basis of cost sharing. As the years unfold, governments do not maintain their share and ratepayers are left to pick-up more of the costs.

The Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into cost-shifting several years ago revealed:

3.10 “The submissions make a strong case that there has been cost-shifting from the States and the Commonwealth to local government:

- States (and to a lesser extent the Commonwealth) have legislated for local government to assume additional responsibilities, or changed regulatory frameworks in such a way as to impose additional costs on councils, without providing matching resources.
- States (and sometimes the Commonwealth) have reduced or withdrawn financial support for services leaving local government to deal with community expectations that those services will be maintained.

3.25 On the available evidence, the Committee has little doubt that local government faces some real difficulties in generating adequate revenues to meet its expanded responsibilities, and that significant financial problems may be in prospect. Shortfalls in infrastructure spending are of particular concern.”

Of the total tax revenue collected by all levels of government, currently councils only collect three per cent. The other 97 per cent goes to federal and state governments. The more tax revenue that federal and state governments return to local projects, the less pressure there will be on rates.

Council welcomes funding for McKinnon Kindergarten



Cr Steven Tang with children from McKinnon Kindergarten. Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

McKinnon Kindergarten is one of 97 early childhood services which will benefit from more than \$40 million as part of the State Government's record investment in early childhood infrastructure.

The kindergarten will now receive a much-needed upgrade, thanks to the approval of Glen Eira City Council's \$300,000 grant application.

The grant is a combination of state and federal partnership funding. In addition, Council has also committed \$220,000

towards the upgrade works.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said kindergarten is a valued state education service and is seen as a fundamental part of early childhood development.

"McKinnon Kindergarten was identified in Council's *Universal Kindergarten Access in the Glen Eira Municipality Plan 2010* as a site for expansion and State Government funding to meet anticipated demand," Cr Hyams said.

"Council welcomes the funding announcement which will assist the kindergarten in meeting the federal and state kindergarten policy objectives of 15 hours universal kindergarten access from 2013."

Cr Hyams said the existing kindergarten will be renovated to add an additional 33 place playroom.

"The renovation will also result in better use of shared spaces, such as the foyer, bathroom area and bag storage areas," Cr Hyams said.

Free mulch re-opens

Glen Eira City Council has re-opened its free mulch bay for residents. The mulch bay is located in Glen Huntly Park car park, off Neerim Road (Melway Ref: 68 E3).

Residents can access the facility for free seven days a week. The material is generally from the shredded prunings of park and street trees. Sometimes it is from other sources. The material is untreated. As the volume varies, Council cannot guarantee continuous supply.

A notice at the mulch bay provides advice on handling, as appears on commercially available products.



Residents now have access to free mulch. Photo: housemouse.

Getting involved in children's care is good for parents and children

Parental involvement in children's care and education is good for children and their parents.

Glen Eira Council manages three children's centres at Carnegie, Caulfield and Murrumbena, where staff make communicating with parents a priority.

For parents, being involved may help in feeling comfortable about raising concerns and working out solutions with staff.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said knowing what's going on and that parent opinions are important, can really help parents talk about issues before they become problems.

"Positive partnerships with staff can relieve parental stress by creating understanding about the program, its goals and the philosophy on which it is based," Ms Jolliffe said.

Children settle better into childcare or school when their parents are involved. They learn positive skills by watching grown-ups communicate

well. Children enjoy it when their parents take an interest in their lives — it makes them feel valued and important.

How to get involved

- Ask staff how the centre runs, the different roles of staff, their responsibilities, as well as activities for children and curriculum.
- Talk to staff about the centres philosophy on how children learn and how they manage individual needs in the group.
- When you have time, get involved in activities or just watch what's going on.
- Help prepare materials or activities, or send in materials if the school or centre asks for them.
- Talk with staff about the things you like or your child has enjoyed as well as any concerns you might have. Telling staff when you like things helps them work out what to plan again.
- Talk with your child about their day. Ask what games they played, what they had for afternoon tea or if they helped some of the younger

children.

- Ask staff how to prepare children for particular tasks or how to reinforce positive group behaviours and rules they need to be aware of and follow.
- Give staff some suggestions if you think it might be helpful in planning for your child. Staff want to know about each child so they can build on their strengths, skills and interests.

The staff and team leaders at each of Council's children's centres are always happy to talk with parents about the centre, its programs and their child.

Belinda Redman, Carnegie Children's Centre — "We know parents are busy and if needed, we can make arrangements for parents to connect with staff at a time that suits them."

Lyn Cramp, Caulfield Children's Centre — "In my many years of experience, the more involved parents are, the better children do. In addition, getting involved gives parents a chance to influence programs and discuss

their child's interests."

Za Barbar, Murrumbena Children's Centre — "We encourage parents to share in what's happening at the centre, when children arrive at the beginning of the day, at the end of the day or during the day parents are welcome to phone."

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

Sources: <http://raisingchildren.net.au>



Children settle better into childcare or school when their parents are involved. Photo: housemouse.

News in brief

Beat the winter blues

As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, even the best of us can get a little down. The 'winter blues' are characterised as a mild depression, including a lack of motivation and low energy levels that many people experience during the winter months.

Here are some tips to prevent the blues from coming on and get you feeling back to normal.

- **Regular exercise** — exercise gives you more energy and releases 'feel good' chemicals that improve your mood.
- **Eat a healthy diet** — a balanced diet will have a positive effect on your mood and energy levels.
- **Get some sun** — sunlight exposure also releases 'feel good' chemicals that improve your mood.
- **Live a healthy lifestyle** — a balanced lifestyle means more happy days and less sad days.
- **Treat yourself** — have something to look forward to.
- **Relax** — relaxation alleviates stress, so why not take up meditation or yoga.

- **Embrace the season** — see winter in a positive light.
- **Get social support** — something as simple as a phone call can brighten your mood.
- **Catch some Zzzz's** — aim for eight hours of sleep a night and try to keep your bedtime and waking time consistent.

Graffiti removal

Glen Eira residents and traders can obtain personal graffiti removal kits free of charge from Council's Service Centre. Prompt removal of graffiti is often the best deterrent and Council encourages residents to remove graffiti promptly.

Glen Eira City Council also 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 are referred to a priority list for consideration.

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

National Blood Donor Week

National Blood Donor Week will be held between Saturday 28 July and Friday 3 August and will pay tribute to all donors across the nation who each year give more than 1.35 million life-saving blood, plasma and platelet donations across Australia.

Blood donors have been the heroes of many cancer patients, trauma victims and renal dialysis patients.

If you haven't donated blood before, National Blood Donor Week is the perfect time to make an appointment.

To make an appointment, contact 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au

The Caulfield Blood Donor Centre is located at 322 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

Opening hours

Monday: 8.30am–3.30pm
Tuesday: 1pm–8pm
Wednesday: 2pm–8pm
Thursday: 1pm–8pm
Sunday: 8.30am–3.30pm

Baby sleep seminar

Presented by Pinky McKay for parents/guardians.

Confused about baby sleep advice? Concerned about the impact of baby sleep training regimes such as controlled crying? Looking for gentle baby sleep and settling techniques that work?

Best-selling baby sleep author Pinky McKay presents a not to be missed seminar for both parents and health professionals to support and develop and understand sleep in young children.

Thursday 26 July

7.30pm–9.30pm

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

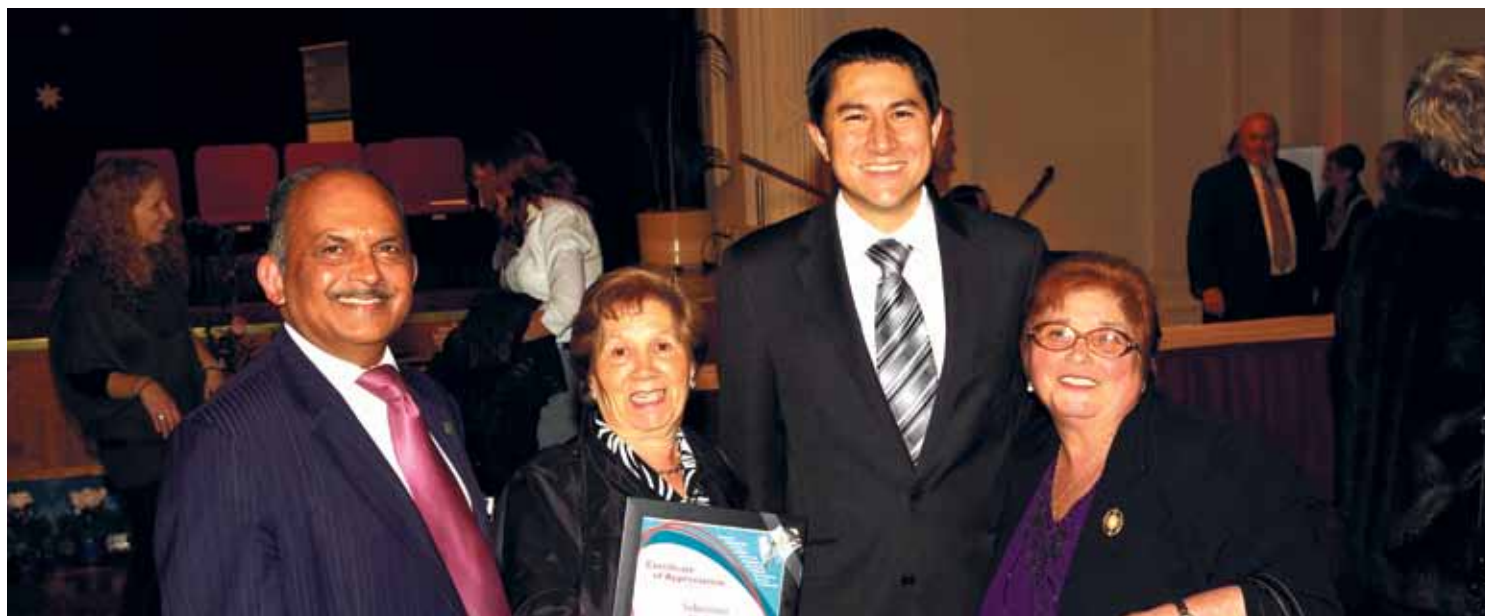
Cost: \$5

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 or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

out and about



Volunteer Recognition Ceremony: Cr Oscar Lobo, Sebastiana Mollica, Cr Steven Tang and Giuseppina Privitelli.

Photo: in2uitionphotography.



Calvary Health Care Bethlehem book launch: Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Calvary Health Care CEO and Medical Director Dr Jane Fischer. Photo: Sam Kelly.



Volunteer Recognition Ceremony: Connie Van Der Zee, Cr Neil Pilling and Rids Van Der Zee.

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Marriott Support Services and GESAC working together



Marriott Support Services Disability and Inclusion Training Co-ordinator Cameron Lee.

Photo: Frank Amato.

Thanks to the support of the State Government's *Community Facility Redevelopment Initiative* and Marriott Support Services, Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) offer a range of facilities and programs for people of all ages and abilities.

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

Marriott Support Services Disability and Inclusion Training Co-ordinator Cameron Lee spoke to *Glen Eira News* about his role and gave an insight into what he will be doing.

"I will be co-ordinating a project that involves providing training to all GESAC staff in disability awareness and inclusion," Cameron said.

"I will also be developing programs for people of all-abilities. These programs include group fitness classes and an inclusive basketball competition and basketball coaching clinics."

Cameron's project has been funded for three years and aims to promote a culture of inclusion within

GESAC to ensure that people of all-abilities can utilise and enjoy the facility.

"My aim is not to provide a lesson in political correctness, but to encourage GESAC staff to think of ways to be inclusive of every GESAC user regardless of their support needs," Cameron said.

"So far, 204 staff have taken part in an induction session. Staff will also undertake three hours per year of disability awareness and inclusion training, which will be targeted to each staff members' specific area of work.

"For example, aquatic instructors will focus on methods of teaching classes that contain a young child with an intellectual disability or they may look at ways to include young children who have autism, while the group fitness instructors may look at ways to be inclusive of someone who uses a wheelchair.

"All training will be based on customer feedback and my own observations and will look at specific ways in which the centre can improve in these areas."

GESAC boasts highly accessible facilities with ramp, beach or pool hoist access to all pools, accessible

change rooms with overhead hoist facilities and elevator access to the first floor.

"In addition to these great facilities, there are also a number of programs designed for people of all-abilities, including *Swim School Unlimited* and group fitness classes, which are held every Thursday from 11.45am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 1.45pm," Cameron said.

"There will also be an inclusive basketball competition every Wednesday beginning in late July, which will include coaching clinics on Mondays."

For further information on any of the programs or to provide feedback, email cameron.lee@marriott.org.au



GESAC boasts highly accessible facilities, with ramp access to the pool. Photo: Frank Amato.



GESAC's accessible change room with overhead hoist. Photo: Frank Amato.

Safety tips for motorised mobility devices



Mobility devices are a great way of getting around.

Mobility devices such as electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters are an essential part of daily life for people who have difficulty walking.

One of the benefits of using a mobility device is the ability to travel great distances that are usually not within walking distance. They are a great way to get to the shops or around the community.

As we see more older residents and people with a disability in our community, there will be greater numbers of motorised mobility devices in use on our footpaths. This means it is essential that users do their part to keep themselves and other footpath users safe.

Safety tips

Below are some simple tips to help you use your mobility device safely:

- stay within the legal speed limit of 10 km/h (six miles per hour);
- be visible — wear light coloured clothing and attach a safety flag, lights and reflectors;

- use rear-view mirrors to check behind you;
- slow down when you are near other people, especially pedestrians and cyclists;
- watch out for vehicles leaving and entering driveways;
- never travel on the road — always use the footpath;
- avoid stopping or driving on slopes greater than your scooter is designed for;
- plan your trip to avoid uneven surfaces or dips;
- don't carry too many parcels and distribute them evenly so your scooter will not overbalance;
- approach ramps and kerbs head-on; and
- be aware that taking medication or driving under the influence of alcohol will affect your judgement.

For further information about choosing and using a motorised mobility device, contact VicRoads on 13 11 71 or visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Passionate about education, awareness and helping others



Jen speaks with some of the students from Tucker Road Bentleigh Primary School.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Jen Lipzker can still remember the first time she spoke to local primary school students as part of Glen Eira City Council's *Disability Awareness in Schools Program*.

"I remember after the presentation at Wesley College, I could not get the grin off my face — it was such a buzz," Jen told *Glen Eira News*.

Jen has been involved in the *Program* since its inception six years ago, and along with one other presenter, speaks to grade five and six students about the difficulties and challenges people with a disability

face, as well as their achievements.

"When I first come into the classroom, the children are usually very quiet, not knowing where to look first," Jen said.

"Most students have not had much, if any contact, with a person with a disability."

Jen said at the beginning of the session, the students' perception of disability is an amputee in a wheelchair.

"What I try and do as part of my presentation, is to get across to the students that my wheelchair enables me to do the same day-to-day things everyone else does, like cooking, cleaning and shopping," Jen said.

"When I tell them that I sometimes go to Box Hill to go shopping, they are astounded by this.

"I am also about to head off on The Ghan to the Northern Territory, so can you imagine the students reaction when I tell them about this!"

Jen said as the presentation goes on, the students begin to open up and ask all sorts of questions.

"By the end of my presentation, the students' perception of disability has changed," Jen said.

"This is wonderful to watch and this is one of the reasons why I joined the *Program* — to change the communities' attitude about what disability really means."

Out On A Limb

Whist the *Disability Awareness in Schools Program* keeps Jen busy, so does her passion to help people in developing countries.

Through her charity Out On A Limb, Jen and her team of volunteers raise funds for temporary below-knee prostheses for amputees who have lost limbs due to natural disasters.

"Following the tsunami in 2004, thousands of

Acehnese received initially minor wound infections," Jen said.

"The majority of these infections resulted in amputation due to lack of basic medical aid.

"In 2006, we founded Out On A Limb and the proceeds from the fundraising goods we produce — fruit cakes, chocolate and 14 different flavours of gourmet fudge — directly benefit these survivors."

Jen said one of the schools she presented at as part of the *Disability Awareness in Schools Program*, became involved with her charity late last year.

"The fundraising efforts of the grade six students from McKinnon Primary School resulted in a \$350 donation to Out On A Limb," Jen said.

"This funded seven new limbs, which is fantastic."

Out On A Limb is currently looking for volunteers. To register your interest or to find out further information about how you can become involved, contact 0423 172 576 or visit www.outonalimb.org.au

For further information about Council's *Disability Awareness in Schools Program*, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Jen shows off some of the gourmet fudge which is now available. Photo: Frank Amato.

Giving families a well-deserved break

Glen Eira City Council's respite care program gives a family's primary carer a well-deserved break.

In home respite can be provided to a person who cares for a child with a disability or an adult who is frail or has a disability.

Respite care can be planned regular support or occasional care and includes evenings and weekends.

Council's In Home Support workers provide a professional, family centred and individualised support service to assist carers in maintaining their role.

All of Council's staff have the required relevant qualifications, competencies and updated police and working with children checks.

For further information about Council's respite care program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Giving a family's primary carer a well-deserved break. Photo: Sharon Walker.

Inclusive sport and recreation opportunities

Access Unlimited aims to support and develop inclusive sport and recreation opportunities for people with disabilities within the cities of Glen Eira and Stonnington.

The program, which commenced in July 2007, is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria under the banner of Access for All Abilities.

Access Unlimited Recreation Access Officer Ombretta Zanetti is the new kid on the block, having just started in the role at the beginning of 2012. Six months in, Ombretta gives an insight into the highly successful program.

"Since beginning in January this year, I have spent a lot of my time getting to know people and visiting the programs," Ombretta said.

"I have been impressed with both the quality and also the way in which the participants with a disability have been integrated into the programs.

"It has been a pleasure to watch them be active members of their preferred sporting and recreational activity."

Access Unlimited is involved in or assists in promoting a number of programs, from social cycling to lawn bowls, swimming to tennis, dancing to singing and gentle exercise to acting, only to name a few.

"What the convenors of each program have in common is their attitude — their desire for their program or activity to be inclusive of people of all-abilities," Ombretta said.

"My main focus has been on sustainability and the ways in which we can ensure that the programs

continue to operate successfully.

"Some recent successes include the establishment of a new dance group called *Busy Feet*, aimed at children between the ages of six and 16. It started off with only a handful of children and it is now already boasting around 20.

"iKarate also continues to be a huge success. It initially received some one-off funding to integrate children with autism, but now continues to run with children of all-abilities welcome."

With the view that the glass is always half full, Ombretta is looking forward to working towards creating equality through choice for everybody.

"If you have any ideas, queries or just want to introduce yourself and say hello, feel free to contact me via email: ozanetti@stonnington.vic.gov.au or telephone 8290 1185," Ombretta said.

"If you would like to find out more about any of the programs, you can also subscribe to the quarterly *Access Unlimited* newsletter."



Access Unlimited Recreation Access Officer Ombretta Zanetti. Photo: Access Unlimited.

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: 9578 8434.

Bentleigh East Probus Club (combined) meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am to 12pm at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9583 7783.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club offers social activities for seniors such as table tennis, card games, music and dine outs. Contact: 9557 2562.

Carnegie-Murrumbeena Elderly Citizens holds social afternoons, entertainers, card games and bingo 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 Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month from February and the second Tuesday in November at 8pm at 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Contact: 9532 7848.

Caulfield Over 50s Dance Group meets every Monday (except public holidays), 12.30pm–3.30pm, Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium. Contact: 9822 2064.

Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month between February and November from 1.30pm at YWCA Hall, 178 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9570 7045.

Friendly Tours Social Club has day tours to country areas on the first Sunday of every month. Contact: 9592 5792.

Glen Eira Artist's Society offers weekly tutored and untutored life drawing sessions, portrait groups and monthly en plein air days in Caulfield Park. Contact: 0412 030 467.

Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group conducts classes in watercolour, oils,

pastels, acrylics, decorative art and drawing. Day and evening classes available. Contact Rose: 9563 7621.

Glen Eira City Choir is seeking new members (tenors needed especially). No audition necessary. Rehearsals: Mondays from 7.45pm at Indonesian Uniting Church, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North. Contact: 9578 1947.

Glen Eira Combined Probus Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month from 10am at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Guest speakers, lunches, outings and other social activities. Contact: 9583 4822.

Glen Eira String Orchestra is seeking new members to play classics, popular music and folk songs. Cello and woodwind players urgently required. Rehearsals: Sundays, 2pm, St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Contact: 0405 570 045.

Godfrey Street Community House offers introduction computer classes and next step classes in internet, email and Office applications, creative and memoir writing, basic sewing and pattern making, day and evening art classes and gentle exercise classes at 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9570 9037.

McKinnon Needlepointers meet every second Thursday from 1pm at Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9578 1117.

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. Contact: 0429 400 367.

Ormond Badminton Club welcomes experienced and novice badminton players every Wednesday from 8.15pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, North Road, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central meets every

Wednesday morning, 7am–8.30am, Hemisphere Conference Centre, Holmesglen Moorabbin Campus, 488 South Road, Moorabbin. Contact: president@rotarybmc.org

EVENTS

The Handmade Show is held on the third Saturday of each month and the second Saturday in December, 10.30am–3.30pm, St Anthony's Parish Hall, corner Grange and Neerim Roads, Carnegie. Contact: 0415 501 312.

Murrumbeena community market will be held on 14 July, 9am–2pm, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Art, books, cakes, cards, confectionery, cosmetics, crafts, gourmet foods, honey, jewellery, eco-products and plants will be available. The Bee Aware! Project will also be launched. Entry: Gold coin.

Music Lovers' Society Concert will be held on 14 July, 8pm, Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Admission: \$22, seniors \$18, pensioners \$13, students \$9 and family \$50. Members free. Contact: 0435 997 037.

Team of Pianists presents Robert Chamberlain and Darryl Coote on 22 July, 6.30pm, Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Cost: \$40 or \$25 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851.

Glen Eira Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 July, 7.30pm, Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Topic: Grave stories of the Queen Victoria Market. Guest speaker: Dr Celestina Sagazio.

Glen Eira Honey Bee Interest Group will meet on 25 July, 8pm, Koornang Uniting Church, 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Contact: rotarycaulfield@gmail.com

Caulfield South Community House open day for three-year-old kinder will be held on 29 July, 10am–12pm, 450 Kooyong Rd Caulfield South. Contact: 9596 8643.

Bentleigh Over 50s Travel Group will have a winter getaway to Merimbula for three nights, four days in July/August.

Visit Batemans Bay, Bega, Tura Beach and Mogo Zoo. Contact: 9557 5739.

Chopin at Shelford Girls' Grammar: International pianist Alan Kogosowsk and soprano Myra Lowe will perform on 4 August at 7.30pm at Shelford Hall, 3 Hood Crescent, Caulfield. Doors open 6.30pm. Contact: 9524 7333.

19th Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on 7 October from 2pm at St James the Great Anglican Church, 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East. Contact: 9527 8083.

COMMUNITY

Bentleigh Calisthenics College, Uniting Church Hall, Centre Road, Bentleigh welcomes new students. Contact: www.bentleighcalisthenics.com

Carnegie Playgroup runs sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. Contact: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~carnegieplaygroup

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre offers computer classes; digital scrapbooking; MYOB; introduction courses in children's services and business administration; conversational French/Spanish; Italian for travelers; fun with art; and needle, knit, natter classes. Contact: 9578 8996.

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

Murrumbeena Playgroup, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena is open Monday–Friday, 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.

Well Mum Well Baby monthly coffee catch up for pregnant and new mums will be held on 31 July. No cost. Contact: 0412 667 520.

Immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 21 July and Saturday 18 August 9am–11am

Wednesday 11 July, Thursday 26 July, Wednesday 8 August and Thursday 23 August 5.30pm–7.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 18 July and Wednesday 15 August 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

DC Bricker — Princes Park
Beech Street, Caulfield South

Monday 30 July and Monday 27 August 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 3 July and Tuesday 7 August 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 10 July and Tuesday 14 August 9.30am–11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 25 July and Wednesday 22 August 9.30am–11am

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 2 July and Monday 6 August 9.30am–11am



Glen Eira 在公園使用者調查中名列第一

《公園使用者滿意度基準調查》結果已經公佈，Glen Eira 市政府名列公園和保留地第一。

十七個市政府參加了這次每年一度的調查，調查目的是衡量公園使用者對公園維護的滿意度，並比較公園管理者之間的工作成效。

這項調查由綜合露天場地服務 (IOSS) 在2011年11月至12月進行。

調查中在市政區內種類和大小不同的公園中詢問了一些使用者。在 Glen Eira 市政區中，IOSS 在17個公園中對134個公園使用者進行了詢問。

調查人員要求公園使用者對公園24個項目的滿意度打分，最低分是1分，最高分是10分。

在這24個項目中，Glen Eira 在11個項目上名列第一，其中包括樹木健康、草地質量、清除塗鴉、圍欄和隔斷、步行道和小道、標誌和休閒設施。

擴大露天場地 — Packer 公園西部再發展項目竣工

以前設在位於 Carnegie 的 Packer 公園西部的草地保齡球場再發展項目第一期工程現已竣工。

再發展項目新建了英國式草地保齡球和意大利式室外地滾球兩個室外保齡球場，並栽種了這兩種球類運動來源國的樹木。室外地滾球

最終的預算獲得批准後，項目的第二階段將在2012 - 13財政年度施工，工程包括含野餐和燒烤設施的圓形建築，以及樹木栽種。

Ο Δήμος Glen Eira ήρθε πρώτος στη δημοσκόπηση των χρηστών των πάρκων

Ανακοινώθηκαν τα αποτελέσματα της Δημοσκόπησης Σημείου Αναφοράς Ικανοποίησης Χρηστών Πάρκων και ο Δήμος Glen Eira ήρθε πρώτος για τα πάρκα και τις προστατευμένες φυσικές περιοχές του.

Δεκαεπτά μητροπολιτικοί δήμοι συμμετείχαν στην ετήσια Δημοσκόπηση, που έχει αναπτυχθεί για να υπολογιστεί η ικανοποίηση των χρηστών με το βαθμό συντήρησης των πάρκων και να παρέχει ένα μέσο σύγκρισης των αποτελεσμάτων με άλλους διαχειριστές πάρκων.

Η Δημοσκόπηση διεξήχθη από τις Υπηρεσίες Ενσωματωμένων Ανοιχτών Χώρων (Integrated Open Space Services - IOSS) μεταξύ Νοεμβρίου και Δεκεμβρίου 2011.

Η διαδικασία της Δημοσκόπησης έγινε με τη συνέντευξη χρηστών πάρκων σε διάφορα πάρκα διαφορετικών μεγεθών και ειδών εντός του δήμου. Στην περίπτωση του Δήμου Glen Eira οι υπηρεσίες IOSS δημοσκόπησαν 134 χρήστες πάρκων σε 17 πάρκα.

Οι συμμετέχοντες ρωτήθηκαν να αξιολογήσουν τον βαθμό ικανοποίησης σε μια κλίμακα από το ένα έως το 10 σχετικά με 24 χαρακτηριστικά των πάρκων.

Από τα 24, ο Δήμος Glen Eira ήρθε πρώτος σε 11 κατηγορίες, περιλαμβανομένης της υγείας των δέντρων, ποιότητα του χόρτου, αφαίρεση γκραφίτι, φράχτες και εμπόδια, μονοπάτια και ειδικές λωρίδες, πινακίδες και αθλητικές εγκαταστάσεις.

Περισσότερος ανοιχτός χώρος – αποπερατώθηκε η αναμόρφωση του δυτικού μέρους του Πάρκου Packer

Τελείωσαν τώρα τα έργα του πρώτου σταδίου της αναμόρφωσης του πρώην γηπέδου για μπάλες επί χόρτου στο δυτικό μέρος του Πάρκου Packer στο Carnegie.

Η αναμόρφωση περιέχει έναν συνδυασμό δύο υπαίθριων παιχνιδιών με μπάλες, μπάλες επί χόρτου και μπότσε και στηρίζεται με φύτευση δέντρων που σχετίζονται με τις χώρες που προέρχονται τα δύο είδη παιχνιδιών με μπάλες.

Υποκειμένου της τελικής έγκρισης στον προϋπολογισμό, τα έργα του σταδίου δύο, που περιλαμβάνουν μια ροτόντα, χώρο για πικνίκ και μπάρμπεκιου και έργα δενδροφύτευσης, θα διεξαχθούν κατά το οικονομικό έτος 2012-13.

Glen Eira in testa alla lista nel sondaggio

Sono stati recentemente pubblicati i risultati del sondaggio *Benchmark Park Users Satisfaction Survey* sull'indice di gradimento da parte degli utenti dei parchi locali ed il Comune di Glen Eira si è classificato al primo posto per i suoi parchi e riserve naturali.

Al *sondaggio* annuale hanno partecipato diciassette comuni metropolitani; il sondaggio intendeva quantificare il livello di soddisfazione per lo stato di manutenzione dei parchi pubblici da parte di coloro che li utilizzano e fornire anche un termine di paragone con altri gestori di parchi pubblici.

Il *sondaggio* è stato effettuato dalla ditta specializzata Integrated Open Space Services (IOSS) nei mesi di novembre e dicembre 2011.

Il *sondaggio* consisteva nell'intervistare gli utenti di un certo numero di parchi municipali di tipo e grandezza diversi. Nel caso di Glen Eira, la IOSS ha intervistato 134 utenti in 17 parchi.

Si è chiesto ai partecipanti di indicare il proprio livello di soddisfazione sulla gestione dei parchi in base ad una gradazione da 1 a 10 su 24 categorie diverse.

Glen Eira si è classificato primo in 11 categorie su 24; tra le categorie vincenti si annoverano lo stato di salute degli alberi, la qualità dei prati, la rimozione dei graffiti, lo stato di uso di recinzioni e barriere, di marciapiedi e sentieri, la segnaletica e le attrezzature ricreative.

Più spazi aperti — Completato il rinnovamento dell'area ovest di Packer Park

È stata completata la prima fase dei lavori per il rinnovamento del campo bocce situato nell'area ovest di Packer Park a Carnegie.

Il rinnovamento consiste nel combinare i due sport di bocce all'aperto, il gioco delle bocce su prato ed il tradizionale gioco delle bocce, ed ha incluso la messa in posa di alberi associati con i rispettivi paesi d'origine delle due forme di gioco delle bocce.

Previa approvazione finale del bilancio preventivo, si darà inizio durante l'anno fiscale 2012-13 alla seconda fase dei lavori che include la costruzione di una rotonda, la creazione di un'area da pic-nic e barbecue e la messa in posa di piante.

По результатам опроса, лучшие парки – в Glen Eira

По результатам проведенного недавно опроса *Удовлетворенность населения состоянием парков*, парки и скверы муниципалитета Glen Eira заняли первое место.

В этом ежегодном опросе приняли участие 17 муниципалитетов города. Цель опроса – оценить удовлетворенность населения состоянием парков и ведением паркового хозяйства, и получить данные для сравнительного анализа работы других парковых хозяйств.

Опрос проводила компания Integrated Open Space Services (IOSS) в ноябре – декабре 2011г.

Ответить на вопросы было предложено посетителям в парках разного типа и размера. В муниципалитете Glen Eira компания IOSS *опросила* 134 человека в 17 разных парках.

Участникам *опроса* было предложено оценить свою удовлетворенность состоянием парков по шкале от 1 до 10, по 24 различным показателям.

Glen Eira заняла первое место по 11 показателям, включая состояние деревьев, состояние травы, удаление граффити, заборы и ограждения, дорожки и пешеходные тропы, указательные знаки и сооружения для отдыха.

Больше открытых пространств: закончена перестройка западной части парка Packer

Закончена первая стадия работ по перестройке западной части парка Packer в Carnegie, где раньше находилась площадка для игры в шары.

Были сооружены новые площадки (для игры в шары и для игры в бочке), а также высажены деревья, привезенные из тех стран, где возникли разные формы игры в шары.

Ожидается, что в новом бюджете на 2012-2013 финансовый год будут предусмотрены средства на проведение второй стадии работ, в рамках которой будут сооружены ротонда, зона для пикников и барбекю, а также высажены зеленые насаждения.

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
Draft <i>Glen Eira Community Plan</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed Thursday 7 June
Draft <i>2012–13 Annual Budget</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed Thursday 7 June
Draft <i>Arts and Culture Strategy</i>	Comments and submissions	Closed Friday 8 June
Booran Road Reservior concept plans	Information evening	Wednesday 13 June
Booran Road Reservior concept plans	Comments and submissions	Closes Friday 29 June

Keeping safe this winter



Make sure your smoke alarm is working this winter. Photo: Sharon Walker.

With the colder weather settling in, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) is reminding residents to be aware of potential fire dangers around the home.

Last winter, the MFB responded to 20 house fires in Glen Eira — the majority of which started in the kitchen.

Keep the following tips in mind this winter to protect your home from fire.

- check your smoke alarm is working;
- plan and practice your fire escape plan with your family;
- never leave cooking unattended;
- use power boards according to manufacturer's instructions, never overload and check regularly for damage; and
- never deadlock your door when you are home and keep the keys in the deadlock when you are home.

Ensure your heater is not a fire threat

- have it professionally checked before winter each year;
- maintain it according to the manufacturer's instructions; and
- keep clothing, curtains, toys and anything combustible at least one metre away.

Keep your open fireplace under control

- always place a screen in front of it;
- extinguish fires before going to bed or going out; and
- keep flammable materials at least one metre away.

Make sure your electric blanket is safe

- check the wires aren't damaged and there are no burn spots;
- fit blanket firmly to bed; and
- don't have it on for longer than half an hour and turn off before going to sleep.

For further information, visit www.homefiresafety.com.au

Task Force 27 commences in Glen Eira

Victoria Police has launched a task force to tackle issues related to the three major rail lines (Frankston, Sandringham and Dandenong) that run through Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston municipalities.

Task Force 27, which is named after the 27 railway station precincts that exist within division two of the Southern Metropolitan Region, continues on from a number of successful operations along these networks that have significantly reduced street robberies and assaults.

Task Force 27 operations will utilise highly-visible uniformed patrols, supported by plain-clothed police, to deter crime, public order and traffic offences on trains, railway stations and surrounding precincts.

A number of local police, together with officers from the highway patrol have been assigned to the task force, which is led by Acting Senior Sergeant Terry Rowlands.

"We recognise members of the community feel unsafe on public transport, particularly of a night time," Acting Senior Sergeant Rowlands said.

"Our response is to provide a highly visible police presence to deter crime, public order and traffic offending.

"People should not have to go about their daily lives fearing that they will become a victim of crime."

Decrease in assaults

Recent crime statistics reveal that crimes against a person have decreased,

with robberies down by 20.2 per cent and assaults down by 10.9 per cent.

Glen Eira Police Area Manager Inspector Stephen Clark said this is particularly pleasing given Victoria Police efforts in this area, in particular a number of recent operations targeting rail lines and transport hubs.

"We hope that local residents have noted the increase in these police patrols and that this will ensure they feel safe, particularly in and around our transport hubs after dark," Inspector Clark said.

"We have also conducted a number of traffic operations and it is pleasing to note the reduction in injury collisions occurring within the Police Service Area.

"We will continue to focus on road policing and remind all drivers that we should drive carefully at all times, particularly during the wet months ahead of us."



Task Force 27 will tackle issues along the Frankston, Sandringham and Dandenong lines.

Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

business news

Glen Eira Women's Business Network — Market your business smarter the zero budget marketing way

Nothing in life is free, right?

Well, when it comes to marketing a business, this old adage is actually wrong.

Huge household names, like Google and The Body Shop, began as small start-ups with no marketing budget — and they still spend very little on traditional marketing. They have used a different approach to build their business — innovation and creativity, otherwise known as zero budget marketing.

Guest speaker Kimberly Palmer will lead the session; bringing her energy

and 20 years of marketing expertise — as both an entrepreneur and marketing advisor to more than 30 different businesses — to the session. This practical, engaging and informative evening will provide you with tips and tactics to market your business on any budget, including:

- understanding more about the latest marketing tactics, including social media and online, to help grow your business;
- how to make more sales without needing to attract new customers;
- the role of innovation and

uniqueness in business success; and

- quick, affordable and even zero-budget ways to promote your business.

You will leave with a practical, tailored marketing action plan that you can immediately implement in your business.

About the speaker

Marketing expert Kimberly Palmer is a sought after public speaker, marketing blogger, published author, entrepreneur and networking expert.

Having proven her expertise in taking entrepreneurial businesses and growing them dramatically on limited funds, Kimberly is an extremely versatile marketer who has worked across a huge range of industries, including: transport, automotive, telecommunications, health, IT, fashion, education, tourism, events and

sustainability.

She also founded NETWORKX Marketers Meetings in 2000, which she ran till 2008 — with more than 6,000 people attending her events. Kimberly had her first book published by Penguin in 2008 and is currently working on her second. She also blogs regularly on marketing at zerobudgetmarketing.com

Date: Thursday 19 July

Time: 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start (networking and light supper served on arrival)

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

Cost: \$20

Dress code: must wear colour

RSVP: Monday 16 July to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Youth Leadership Team profile



YLT member Amy. Photo: Madison Saylor.

Amy is part of the Youth Leadership Team (YLT). Here she shares her interests and why she joined up to be a part of the program.

What is the YLT and why did you want to be a part of it?

The YLT is a group of young people that organise events around the Glen Eira area for people their age. I wanted to be a part of it because I thought it would be fun to meet some new people and to get involved in the events happening in the community

How did you find out about the YLT to become a member?

I found out about YLT from an article I was reading in the Glen Eira newspaper (like this one).

What skills do you hope to get out of the program?

I hope to become better at working in groups with people and learn how to run successful events.

What are you most looking forward to doing as a part of the 2012 YLT?

I'm looking forward to *Battle of the Bands* because it will be exciting to see all the different bands perform and watch our event come together.

What do you think are the main issues for young people living in Glen Eira?

I think that the main issues for the young people living in Glen Eira is not knowing what events and activities are out there for them to get involved in.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I'm not really sure where I see myself in 10 years' time, but hopefully with a good job and nice friends around me.

What is your favorite meal?

My favourite meal is Weet-Bix because they are just so perfect no matter what.

If you could have any job what would it be? Why?

I would want to be a paediatrician because I love kids and want to help people.

Youth Services is recruiting for the 2013 Youth Leadership Team. To register your interest, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Moving Up Program

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Moving Up* program is running again in local primary schools during terms three and four. The program, which commenced in 2009, aims to assist year six students with their transition into high school.

Moving Up looks at ongoing issues facing young people 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.

Moving Up consists of three 45 minute sessions. The secondary component of the program is then delivered the following year in local public high schools for their year seven student body.

This innovative program complimented with the support of school support services ensures the transition to secondary school is smooth and successful.

For further information about *Moving Up*, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Volunteer opportunities

Do you want to make a positive contribution to your local community by providing community information, referral and emergency relief?

Are you compassionate, have life skills, and enjoy working with people?

Do you have a half day free per week (weekdays), are you able to make a long-term commitment, and willing to undertake a training course?

If you answered yes to these questions, contact Laurel Thompson at:

**Community Information
Glen Eira Inc.**

1134 Glenhuntly Road

Glen Huntly

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**Monday–Friday,
10am–3.30pm**

BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2012 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 2012***

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 2012*. 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 2012 will be held on Friday 14 September at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh. The closing date for submissions is Friday 10 August.

To enter your band or get a copy of the terms and conditions of participation, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Glen Eira City Council Youth Services offers support services and programs for young people aged 10–25 who live, work or study in the municipality.

Youth Services provides a range of programs, including:

- Youth Leadership Team;
- Plugged In Music Program;
- Moving Up; and
- Young Mums' Group.



Moving Up is a school-based transition program for students in Years Six and Seven. *Moving Up* looks at issues faced by young people when transitioning from primary school to secondary school and provides ideas and strategies to make a successful change.

Primary school program:

- friendship and bullying;
- expectations; and
- high school myths — what's true and what's not!

Secondary school program:

- what high school is really like;
- making new friendships; and
- team building and leadership.

For further information on Youth Services programs or youth support, contact 9524 3676 or email

Victorians love libraries

Public libraries across Australia are encouraging people to revisit their local library during the *National Year of Reading* and as part of the *Victorians Love Libraries* promotion.

If you haven't visited one of Glen Eira's four libraries in a while or have never dropped in, you are very welcome.

Why visit libraries? Libraries are free, fun and useful for everyone.

If you have young children, there are *StoryTimes* to entertain children and help them develop an early love of books and reading.

For teens, there are places to study, homework centres and library staff to advise about where to go for information.

Libraries have books, DVDs, CDs, CDROMs, magazines and newspapers and if you can't find what you're looking for, your local library can

arrange to borrow a book from elsewhere.

Libraries offer free use of PCs with Internet and Wi-Fi so you can use your own PC or device.

Libraries run fun and informative programs and events for all interests and ages.

Becoming a library user can add an extra dimension to your life.

Some of the positive feedback from library visitors include:

"I don't know what I'd do without my library. I couldn't afford to buy all the books I read."

"My library is a lifesaver during the school holidays. Where else can you go that will keep kids entertained for a couple of hours and it's completely free?"

"I love that the library is for everyone, young and old, people from all cultures."

I love that it crosses barriers and unites us all."

"I don't have a computer at home so I go to the library to catch up on emails. Without their PCs, I wouldn't be able to stay in touch."

Find out where our libraries are located and more about library services in Glen Eira at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you soon.



Art deco influences in fashion

With Nicole Jenkins

Wednesday 8 August, 7pm–8pm

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

Costume designer, vintage clothing aficionado and owner of the highly respected Fitzroy vintage clothing shop Circa, Nicole Jenkins, is the author of the award-winning book *Love Vintage*. Nicole returns with this popular talk on the influence of men's and ladies' fashion accessories from the art deco era. Nicole will discuss examples from her own collection and demonstrate how to wear the accessories to obtain the right vintage look.

"My mission is to encourage people to wear and enjoy vintage clothing," Nicole said.

This is a free event, but bookings are essential. To book, visit any Glen Eira library, contact 9524 3623 or visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Antiques roadshow

With Lester DeVere

Wednesday 11 July, 2pm–4pm

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

Lester DeVere returns for one of our most popular talks of the year. Be a part of this entertaining and informative discussion on antiques. Always wondered what that long held family item might be worth? Bring it along for a free appraisal. Lester has worked in the antique

trade for more than 25 years and will provide evaluations of antique items and collectibles brought in by the audience. He will also give advice on collecting and the pitfalls of buying and selling through antique auctions.

One appraisal per person. Limited appraisals may apply due to numbers and time constraints.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

This is a free event, but bookings are essential. To book, visit any Glen Eira library, contact 9563 0971 or visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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419 North Road ORMOND

Godfrey Street Community House

9557 9037 www.godfreystreethouse.com.au
9 Godfrey Street BENTLEIGH

Moongala Community House

9570 3468 www.moongala.org.au
824 Centre Road EAST BENTLEIGH



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.



**Wednesday 4 July
4pm–6pm**

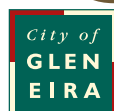
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Carnegie

**Saturday 4 August
9.30am–11.30am**

Bentleigh-Bayside
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Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

**Wednesday 5 September
4pm–6pm**

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie



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Rosstown Rail Trail signage upgrade

The Rosstown Rail Trail has been upgraded with the installation of new historical landmark signage labels.

The new signage is non-slip, highly visible and made from 100 per cent recyclable aluminium. The signage is spread throughout the nine kilometre trail, which runs from Elsternwick to Oakleigh. The signage charts the original course of the private line, which was the lifelong dream of William Murray Ross. From start to finish, the railway line was plagued with problems ranging from a lack of funds to construction delays.

The rail trail is a great family activity or peaceful journey back in time, so why not get out and discover the contributions of one entrepreneur who made our City and its surrounds what it is today.

- Start:** Elsternwick Railway Park (Melway Ref: 67 F3)
- Finish:** Oakleigh Junction (Melway Ref: 69 E7)
- Length:** Nine kilometres (with an optional detour of 3.1 kilometres)
- Time:** Walking — approximately two hours (excluding detour of approximately one hour)
- Cycling — approximately one hour

For further information on the Rosstown Rail Trail, check out the Walking in Glen Eira section of Glen Eira City Council's website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Exercise tips for winter

Finding the time to exercise and stay fit during winter can be a serious challenge. If you're struggling for motivation, follow these tips to help counter the winter blues and stay active.

Wear proper clothing

When exercising outdoors during the cooler months, make sure you wear several layers of clothing. As you exercise and begin to feel warm, take one layer off at a time.

Warm-up

Make sure you take a few extra minutes before your exercise session to warm-up your muscles. Cold weather causes your muscles to tighten and become more injury prone than loose muscles. Before heading out for a run or brisk walk, be sure to warm-up your muscles by walking slowly for a few minutes.

Adequate nutrition

Although you might not feel as thirsty, drinking adequate amounts of fluid and fueling your body is as important in the winter as it is during the summer. Make sure you carry a small amount of food and water with you when exercising outdoors this winter.

Be flexible

Some days, no matter how much you prepare, Old Man Winter can just be too hard to conquer. On really cold days, get your exercise fix indoors. Go to the gym, hire an exercise DVD or simply spend some time walking around your local shopping centre.

Elster Creek Trail

Elster Creek Trail has been the site of much recent activity.

Works to formalise entry points for cyclists and walkers have been completed, as well as line marking throughout the concrete pathway.

The trail, which links Thomas Street in Brighton to Allnutt Park in Bentleigh, provides a safe off-road route for all members of the Glen Eira community.

Greenmeadows Gardens turns 100



Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Greenmeadows Gardens, St Kilda East. Photo: GECC Recreation Services.

Located in St Kilda East, Greenmeadows Gardens is a hidden gem and could easily be referred to as Glen Eira's 'jewel of the north'.

This park has a wonderful history. It was established between Federation and World War I. Around 1912, Council purchased a cow paddock for 1,450 pounds. This land had once been part of the Lempriere family's Greenmeadows Estate. It was at this time that the park became known as Greenmeadows Gardens.

At the time when the park was being established, there was a lot of pressure from sports clubs to establish facilities in Council's park. A proposal to establish tennis courts at the park was refused and to this day the park has remained a sports-free park. The original layout of the park remains largely as it was established.

While centred in a diverse community,

Greenmeadows Gardens has an important neighbourhood role as an informal recreational space, used by local residents, school groups and people exercising dogs.

Developments to the park have included a new all-abilities adventure playground in 2008 (which includes scramble nets, tunnels, walkways, a double wave slide, rock climbing holds, giant space ball, four-way rocker, individual rocker, junior slides and swings), relocation of park furniture, all-abilities pathways and removal of all unused/obsolete infrastructure.

The entire playground was designed around the existing trees making it a green and shaded playground environment. Incorporating the existing landscape into the playground design helped to retain the beautiful old trees and also provide natural shade and shelter for playground users.

Council awards contract for Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion

At a Council Meeting on Tuesday 22 May, Glen Eira City Council awarded the contract for the construction of the new Duncan MacKinnon Reserve pavilion.

Once constructed, the new pavilion in Murrumbeena will provide the necessary facilities to ensure that sports participation can continue to grow in Glen Eira.

All clubs, including those which use the outer ovals for sports training or match play, will also have access to the new facilities,

The State Government has contributed \$500,000 towards the rebuilding of the pavilion.

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 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



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Winter Music Series 2012

Glen Eira City Council's Winter Music Series 2012 will continue to deliver a diverse range of musical entertainment for all tastes in July and August.

All performances will be held from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Doors open 2pm. Discounted tickets are available online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Limited tickets are on sale now, so book today to avoid disappointment.

Klezmania — Sunday 15 July
Pre-booking: \$22.50/\$20
Door sales: \$25/\$22.50

Klezmania has been bringing exciting klezmer music and Yiddish songs to Australian ears, both regional and urban, for almost two decades. Their fusion of traditional and modern takes on klezmer are all served with a flavouring of Russian, gypsy and Australian influences and some original pieces all mixed up in a lively musical stew. Their riotous mix of instrumental tunes is augmented with lead singer Freydi's songs both in English and Yiddish as she weaves vivid stories about the songs. They hope to embark on their first North American

tour shortly and they are pleased to present their latest tunes and songs — and a few old favourites for you.



Eddie Perfect — Sunday 5 August
Pre-booking: \$25/\$20
Door sales: \$30/\$25

In retrospect ... having spent the past 10 years trying to smash the system playing in tiny back-room bars, dodgy pub stages and drafty warehouse parties, offending the very same people he was trying to support; writing a musical about a philandering cricketer; peroxiding his hair and drowning himself in fake tan; getting inexplicably cast as Mick the Human Doormat in the Channel 10 drama *Offspring*; winning a few awards and sliding into ever-horrific, middle-class normalcy with two kids who rule the house; preferring to drink alone; attending open-for-inspection houses like it's fun and sporadically exercising

to fend off middle-age ... Eddie ultimately regrets saying no to being cast as the holographic ghost of Peter Allen's dead boyfriend in *The Boy From Oz* the least.



Vardos — Sunday 26 August
Pre-booking: \$22.50/\$20
Door sales: \$25/\$22.50

Driven by Alana's wild violin, chased by accordion and double bass, *Vardos* enchant with their theatrical and lively interpretations of traditional Hungarian and Romanian music. Melbourne-based *Vardos* regularly make trips to Eastern Europe to study with folk and Roma (gypsy) musicians. This stunning trio has serenaded audiences around Australia, and have also toured to New Caledonia,

New Zealand, Switzerland and Hungary and showcased in the United States. *Vardos* had successful shows at the famous Spiegeltent in the Edinburgh Fringe and Edinburgh International Book Festival in 2003 and 2004, where they appeared on Scottish television and the BBC News, and were nominated for the 2003 BBC Radio3 World Music Awards. *Vardos* regularly provide entertainment at weddings, parties, businesses and other functions in Melbourne and around Australia.



The Winter Music Series 2012 is proudly supported by:



Travel by tram route 64, stop 54. Present your valid Myki at the event to receive a complimentary glass of wine (ID required) or soft drink.

2013 A Cultural Feast

Initial expressions of interest are now being taken for Glen Eira City Council's 2013 A Cultural Feast food event.

All food and food related businesses within Glen Eira are eligible to participate.

For an Expression of Interest form, email arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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 and Sunday 1pm–5pm.
Free admission.

A Private View: Art Collecting in the City of Glen Eira

Opens 10am Thursday 12 July
and continues until 5pm Sunday 29 July

Blurring the notion of private and public, the exhibition will celebrate the vision of local art collectors and their desire to share their collecting passion with the wider community. Curated by Diane Soumilas, this exhibition will showcase the richness and diversity of art collecting in the City of Glen Eira through a fascinating selection of modern and contemporary Australian and indigenous art. First staged in 2010, this year's exhibition will again acknowledge the important role played by local collectors in supporting the arts, providing audiences with a rare opportunity to view artworks that provide so much enjoyment to their owners.



Brent Harris — No 23, 2010,
charcoal and gouache on board,
42 x 28cm. Private collection.

The Fourth Melbourne Korean Artist Group exhibition

Continues until 5pm Sunday 8 July

Presented by the Korean Artist Association Melbourne, this exhibition will include a selection of works by members from Melbourne and Sydney in diverse media such as paintings, watercolour, sculpture and textiles.



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