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Parks and community services a focus of Annual Budget

McKinnon Kindergarten will be enlarged with joint Council-State Government funding. Photo: Nico Photography.

Glen Eira City Council's 2012-13 Annual Budget was adopted at a Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 June.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said the Budget not only focuses on improving the City's parks, but also services for the community.

"A highlight of this year's Budget is the allocation of funding for the upgrade of McKinnon Kindergarten," Cr Hyams said.

"In addition to a \$300,000 grant from the State Government, Council has also committed \$220,000 towards the upgrade.

"The existing kindergarten will be renovated to add an additional 33 place playroom.

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

The Budget also includes \$776,764 for the Murrumbeena Park play space redevelopment (the State Government has also contributed \$258,921), \$310,000 to fund two additional change rooms and toilets at Victory Park Pavilion in Bentleigh, \$1.09 million for the construction of the new pavilion at Duncan

Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena and \$225,000 for stage two of the Packer Park west redevelopment in Carnegie.

"Stage two works will include the construction of a rotunda, picnic and barbecue area and planting works," Cr Hyams said.

Council's Budget also focuses on making the municipality a more sustainable place to live.

"Council has allocated a further \$802,000 for the installation of new technology street globes," Cr Hyams said.

"The installation of new technology street globes should result in a decrease in electricity and maintenance costs of approximately \$250,000 per annum.

"Council's carbon emissions should also reduce by around 1,800 tonnes."

The 2012-13 Budget also allows for funding of Council's Drainage Improvement Program (\$3.91 million).

"Included in this Program is an allocation of \$968,000 for a stormwater harvesting project at Boyd Park in Murrumbeena. This includes \$484,000 in Federal

Government funding for the project," Cr Hyams said.

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

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

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.

In terms of operational expenditure, 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.

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

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

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

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Who makes you proud?



The Awards recognise the contributions of outstanding Glen Eira residents and community groups. Photo: in2uitionphotography.

Nominations for Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* Awards open on Monday 6 August.

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

Nominees for *Citizen of the Year* and *Young Citizen of the Year* must be

residents of Glen Eira.

To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year Award*, nominees must be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2012.

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

Nominations close on Friday 21 September at 5pm.

Awards will be presented at Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast* in January 2013.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centre, Council's four libraries, Community Information Glen Eira and Council's website — www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

Mayor's column



At a Special Council Meeting on 26 June, Council adopted the *Glen Eira Community Plan*.

The *Plan* guides decision making and details the priorities that Council will pursue to meet the needs of the Glen Eira community.

Council consulted extensively with community members to ensure their views were incorporated into the *Plan*.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Steering Committee, community forums, telephone survey, focus groups and online consultation.

Nominations for Council's *Student Achievement Awards* are now open.

The Awards were developed to recognise and encourage outstanding achievement by local secondary school students.

Principals are invited to nominate one student per secondary year level during term three, who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership skills and/or role model behaviour for other students and the community in one or more of the following areas:

- community service;
- academia;
- arts and culture;
- sport and recreation;
- education; or
- environment, science and innovation.

Nominations close 17 August.

Council's library branches are gearing up for *Children's Book Week*.

To be held from 18 to 24 August, a number of events have been planned for families to celebrate Australian books, authors and illustrators and to highlight the importance of reading.

The love of books and reading at an early age gives a child a great start to life.

Finally, expressions of interest are now being taken for Council's *A Cultural Feast 2013* food event.

A Cultural Feast will be held as part of the Victorian Multicultural Commission's *Cultural Diversity Week* (16 to 24 March 2013) and will present a range of food and food related events, activities and opportunities that will open up a world of cultural diversity for the tastebuds.

Contact Council's Arts and Culture Department for further details.

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Deadlines

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

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the October 2012 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 29 August for delivery 24–28 September (weather permitting).

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

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GESAC officially opened by three levels of government

More than 190 people attended the official opening of Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) on Friday 22 June.

The facility, which already has 6,000 members, was opened by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams, Federal Minister for Regional Development and Local Government and Federal Member for Hotham The Hon. Simon Crean and Victorian Minister for Sport and Recreation The Hon. Hugh Delahunty.

GESAC was built by Glen Eira City Council, in partnership with the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, which contributed \$10 million and \$4.5 million respectively to an expected \$41 million cost.

Opening official proceedings, Cr Hyams said GESAC was built for the whole community.

"Tailoring GESAC to the Glen Eira community did not just happen. It was the result of serious research and effective consultation," Cr Hyams said.

"I thank the community for supporting the process and supporting Council's decision to provide these community facilities for the long-term."

Minister Crean said the Commonwealth Government was proud to have partnered with Council and the Victorian Government to fund a world-class asset to the community.

"This project is delivering a boost to the local economy, having created 170 full-time jobs during construction and up to 250 ongoing positions," Minister Crean said.

Minister Delahunty said the new centre would be a place for the community to meet and enable more people in Glen Eira to become a more active and

healthy community.

"This fantastic range of facilities is open to the whole community, giving people of all ages the opportunity to get more active more often, learn important water safety skills, exercise and focus on their wellbeing," Minister Delahunty said.

Community facility for Every Body

GESAC offers the most fun and fitness you could have under one roof.

From a dedicated learn-to-swim pool, leisure pool, waterslides and indoor and outdoor pools to the 1,000 square metre gym, sauna, spa and indoor sports stadium, GESAC is a community facility for Every Body.

Glen Eira seniors are also enjoying what GESAC has to offer, including *Living Longer Living Stronger (LLLS)*, a progressive strength program which helps over 50s improve their quality of life and their ability to perform everyday activities.

GESAC is running eight *LLLS* sessions each week, with the hope of growing the program into one of the largest providers in Australia.

GESAC is also home to one of the largest hydrotherapy pools that any Victorian council has ever built. At 200 square metres, the pool enables people to undertake their exercises and rehabilitation in a pool of the right temperature (34 degrees) and the right depth.

Whilst everybody is welcome to come and use the facilities at GESAC, residents are also reminded that Carnegie Swim Centre will reopen as usual on 1 November 2012 for the November to March season.

For further information about GESAC, visit www.gesac.com.au



Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Jim Magee, Cr Steven Tang, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Michael Lipshutz, The Hon. Simon Crean, The Hon. Hugh Delahunty and Cr Oscar Lobo. Photo: James Hay.



Cr Oscar Lobo, Nicole Livingstone, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams, Bob Skilton and Cr Jim Magee. Photo: Frank Amato.



The Hon. Hugh Delahunty and The Hon. Simon Crean. Photo: Frank Amato.



Cr Steven Tang, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Oscar Lobo, Cr Jim Magee and Cr Michael Lipshutz. Photo: Nico Photography.

CEO's column



The financial environment for Local Government is changing.

On the negative side:

- Levies by other levels of government are rising dramatically.

Waste charges are heavily affected by the State landfill levy which has risen from \$9 to \$48 per tonne since 2009 (500 per cent) and the Federal carbon tax.

- The State Government is considering whether to fund the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Country Fire Authority by a levy on rates — this could increase rates by about a third. No decision has been announced.
- We are about to be notified of a requirement to top up a defined benefit superannuation scheme. The scheme was closed to new members in 1993 and only seven per cent of current Glen Eira employees are in the scheme. While the Commonwealth's scheme is unfunded by \$75 billion and Victoria's by \$29 billion, the Local Government scheme is kept fully funded and in the face of low investment returns and other factors, needs to be topped up.

On the positive side:

- Glen Eira has been rated first in the state by the industry insurers and has a Workcover rate of less than half the average. We save hundreds of thousands of dollars in premiums each year.
- Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre is covering all its operating costs.
- Converting streetlights to lower energy consuming technology will achieve significant savings in both electricity costs and emissions.
- We have won some sizeable financial grants from both State and Federal governments for important community projects — this is because of our good record in delivering partnerships in the past. They include grants for children's services, stormwater harvesting and improvements to passive recreation in our parks.
- Our operating cost per property this year will be the lowest of all metropolitan councils, equivalent to \$22 million less than the average per annum.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

Duncan Mackinnon Reserve pavilion works commence

Works to rebuild the ageing pavilion at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in Murrumbeena have commenced.

Glen Eira City Council Group Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure Renewals Mark Judge said temporary storage facilities for the sports clubs that are using the current facility were delivered in late June, with other temporary facilities for users to follow shortly thereafter.

"Following the removal and relocation of equipment, the site will then be secured by the builder and demolition of the old pavilion and outbuildings will commence," Mr Judge said.

"Upon completion of these demolition works and the issuing of the building permit, construction of the new pavilion

will take place."

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said the new pavilion will be more accessible for all users and will provide the necessary facilities to ensure that sports participation can continue to grow in Glen Eira.

"The pavilion will include a community room, which will be available for hire for birthday parties, family celebrations and bar mitzvahs. This room will be able to seat up to 120 people in a dining-type setting," Cr Hyams said.

"There will also be a meeting room, which will accommodate up to 15 people in a boardroom-type setting.

"The pavilion will also have an internal lift, canteen and kitchen facilities,

equipment storage areas, multi-purpose change rooms and accessible toilet and shower facilities."

The tenant clubs, including Caulfield and District Netball Association; Caulfield Little Athletics; Victorian Masters Athletics; Glen Huntly Athletics Club; Maccabi Athletics Club; and Washington Park Cricket Club, local schools and a number of summer and winter clubs which also use the outer ovals for sports training or match play, will have access to these facilities.

The pavilion will incorporate a new 450 patron athletics track grandstand and a smaller grandstand for netball spectators.

Works are expected to take up to 21 months to complete.



Artists impression of the new Duncan Mackinnon Reserve pavilion. Photo: Mantric Architecture.

Launch of Glen Eira Community Men's Shed

The Glen Eira Community Men's Shed was officially launched on Monday 25 June.

Local community members have been working with Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health and Glen Eira City Council to establish a men's shed in the area.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said the launch provided people the opportunity to hear about plans for the future and to come and view the Shed, which Council has provided to

the Glen Eira Community Men's Shed Association.

"The Men's Shed will be located within Council's Leila Road Centre, which is the base for Council's Delivered Meals and Social Support program," Cr Hyams said.

Men's sheds have long been a part of Australian culture. The modern-day men's shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard, and if you take a look inside, you might see men restoring furniture, learning new skills

or just having a cup of tea and a chat.

Glen Eira Community Men's Shed Project Co-ordinator Jeff Needham said their vision is to firstly establish the Shed and then to grow it to one of the most successful sheds in the country.

"The Shed aims to cater for not only woodwork but a variety of activities that participants may want," Mr Needham said.

Community Information Glen Eira Inc Annual General Meeting

Community Information Glen Eira Inc will hold its 42nd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 29 August.

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

Community Information and Support Victoria CEO Kate Weller will address the meeting.

If you would like to attend, contact 9571 7644 by Wednesday 22 August.

Enrolling to vote

Elections for Glen Eira City Council will be held on Saturday 27 October 2012, but if you want your vote to count, you first need to make sure you're on the electoral roll.

Enrolments for voting in Council's elections close on and must be received by Friday 31 August at 4pm.

You are already enrolled for this election if:

- you are on the State electoral roll for your present address and will be 18 years or over on 27 October 2012; or
- you own a property in the City of Glen Eira, but don't live at that property, and you are the first or

second-named person on Council's rate records; or

- you have applied to Council to be enrolled for this year's elections.

If the above applies, you do not need to do anything to enrol. To check whether you are on the State roll, contact the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) on 131 832 or visit vec.vic.gov.au

You need to enrol if you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on 27 October 2012 and:

- you are not on the State electoral roll; or
- you have lived at your present address for at least a month and have not updated your enrolment details.

Enrolment forms for the State electoral roll are available by contacting the VEC on 131 832 or can be picked up from

any post office or Council's Service Centre. Forms can also be downloaded from vec.vic.gov.au

You may also apply to enrol at these elections if:

- you are a non-Australian citizen who lives and pays rates in the City of Glen Eira; or
- you pay rates on a property you occupy (eg. you are a shop tenant) and are either named on Council's rate records to receive a rate notice or have the written consent of the owner to vote in their place; or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates in the City of Glen Eira and have no other voting entitlement within the municipality.

If you fit the above criteria, you can

apply to Council to vote in this election. To do this, you need to complete a Council enrolment form, which is available from Council's Manager Rates and Valuations.

Voters may now only be enrolled in one ward in a municipality. You may only vote for the candidates for the ward in which you have an entitlement to vote (in most cases, the ward in which you live).

If you are a non-resident owning multiple properties, you may nominate to Council the property for which you wish to vote. If you do not nominate the property for which you wish to vote, Council will choose one on your behalf.

If you have queries regarding your application to Council to enrol, contact Council's Manager Rates and Valuations on 9524 3333.

MAV candidate information session

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is conducting a public information session for prospective candidates contemplating nomination in the October 2012 Council elections.

To be held on Thursday 23 August at Glen Eira Town Hall in the Caulfield Cup Room from 6.30pm to 9pm, the session will provide an excellent overview of what is involved in becoming a councillor.

The session will:

- ensure prospective candidates and others have a good understanding of the role of local government and councillors;
- introduce prospective candidates to the electoral process; and
- provide prospective candidates with sufficient information for them to determine if they wish to pursue a nomination for Council.

Becoming a councillor

Nominating to become a member of Council is an important decision.

On the one hand, there is the opportunity to assist residents and ratepayers deal with issues. There is the personal satisfaction of making a contribution in a team striving to develop a better community for the future.

On the other hand, performing this role is likely to involve a significant commitment of time, including evenings, and a large amount of written material. The role involves working with all the other councillors (and

professional staff) in order to arrive at collective decisions — authority is vested in Council as a whole while an individual councillor has no authority on their own. Councillors need to be prepared to deal with pressures on issues of concern to individuals and groups and to make decisions where, sometimes, no consensus can be reached. In some areas, councils' powers are significantly constrained by other levels of government (especially town planning). In addition, there are personal legal obligations and other statutory requirements under the *Local Government Act*.

How to get started

If you are thinking of nominating for Council, there are a number of things you can do to inform your approach and prepare for this exciting role, including:

- going to a Council meeting;
- talking to a current or former councillor; and
- contacting organisations that may be able to offer you assistance, such as the MAV and the Victorian Electoral Commission.

For further information about the MAV community and candidate information session, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

For further information about standing for Council, contact the MAV on 9667 5555 or visit www.standforcouncil.com.au

What ward do I live in?

Glen Eira is divided into three wards — Camden, Rosstown and Tucker. Please refer to the map below if you are unsure as to what ward you live in.

Ward information can also be found on rate notices issued by Glen Eira City Council.

The ward boundaries were changed following the Victorian Electoral Commission's electoral representation review, which was finalised in May 2011.

Slight changes were made to the Camden and Rosstown ward boundaries to unite the entire suburb of Caulfield within Camden ward, using Glenhunts Road as a boundary.

The map below shows the revised structure which takes effect from the October 2012 election.

It is preferable that in the upcoming election you attend a voting centre located within the boundaries of the ward in which you live, to avoid unnecessary delays in the issuing of ballot papers on election day. You can only vote for the candidates in the ward that you have an entitlement to vote in (that is, in most cases, where you reside).

Three candidates will be elected from each ward.

The locations of voting centres will be provided closer to the election.



Council elections held by attendance voting

Elections for Glen Eira City Council will be held by attendance voting.

Voting is compulsory for most people who are residents of Glen Eira.

However, if you know that you will be unable to attend a voting centre on election day, you can still vote in the upcoming election.

Two early voting centres will be established where you can attend and vote prior to election day. If for some reason you are unable to attend an early voting centre prior to election day, you may vote by post.

Specific details on how to vote and the location of the early voting centres will be provided closer to the election.

Learn more about your electricity consumption

Do you want to know more about electricity in your home to help find ways to reduce your energy bill and carbon footprint?

Do you live south of Balaclava Road in Glen Eira, have a new smart meter, and have access to the internet via a computer, tablet or smartphone?

If yes, then you can participate in a free trial to obtain your household's daily, weekly and seasonal electricity use.

United Energy is offering the trial through its new secure customer

internet portal called *Energy Easy*. United Energy operates and maintains the electricity network in this part of Glen Eira including the electricity poles, wires and the smart meters. It is not the company you get your electricity bill from.

Information about the trial, including terms and conditions and how to register, is available on United Energy's website www.ue.com.au. Alternatively, you can request details emailing energye@ue.com.au

Pizza boxes, CD cases and take away food containers all recyclable

You may not realise that pizza boxes, envelopes with plastic windows, take away food containers and CD cases can all be recycled rather than thrown away to landfill.

Glen Eira City Council is one of 30 councils participating in a Melbourne-wide campaign to improve recycling.

The *Get it Right on Bin Night* campaign will provide residents with practical information on how to increase the amount of household waste recycled on bin night.

By making a few simple changes around the home you can help reduce waste to landfill.

As well as the kitchen, don't forget there are other rooms of the house which contain recyclables, including the living room.

Remember, put your empty recyclables loose in the recycling bin — do not place them in a plastic bag.

For further information, visit www.getitrightbinnight.vic.gov.au



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

Local recycling options for residents

With the cost of disposing rubbish to landfill rapidly increasing, Glen Eira City Council encourages residents to take some time to double-check they are recycling correctly, and to consider whether they can reduce waste in other ways.

Reducing garbage and better recycling can help minimise waste charges. Every tonne of rubbish that residents avoid sending to landfill saves around \$100. These savings are passed on to ratepayers in waste charges, which are set on a cost-recovery basis.

Recycling options

- Expired or unwanted medicines and medicine bottles can be dropped off at your local pharmacy.
- Old mobile phones and accessories can be recycled through *MobileMuster*. Council's Service Centre is a local collection point.
- Aluminium, silver foil and wrapping paper can go in the recycling bin.
- Polystyrene foam can be taken to the Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre in Camberwell. This free trial will continue until early 2013.

To find out more about what can be recycled, visit recyclingnearyou.com.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



LIVING ROOM



GLASS

Bottles and jars



PAPER

Books
Junk mail
Pizza boxes
Paper bags
Phone books
Tissue boxes
Magazines
Brochures

Boxes and other cardboard
Wrapping paper
Newspapers and office paper
Greeting cards and postcards
Envelopes (including plastic windows)



PLASTIC

Compact disc case (no disk)
Hard plastic packaging
Take away food containers

Community Environment Forum 2012

Glen Eira City Council's *Community Environment Forum* will be held on Thursday 9 August from 7pm to 9pm.

To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall in the Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, the *Forum* is an opportunity to have

your say about Council's plans on greenhouse gas emissions, waste and recycling, water and biodiversity.

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

News in brief

National Blood Donor Week

National Blood Donor Week will continue until 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.

Blood donors have been the heroes of many cancer patients, trauma victims and pregnant women and premature babies.

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

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

Seniors Festival: a time to celebrate

The Victorian Seniors Festival 2012 promises to once again inspire residents with music, dance, fitness

and culture.

The Festival, which is held for senior Glen Eira residents, will run from Saturday 29 September to Sunday 14 October with the theme, *Celebrate*.

A highlight of the Festival will be a free concert — *Celebration* — on Friday 5 October. The concert will not only celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Seniors Festival in Victoria, but also celebrate Queen Elizabeth's *Diamond Jubilee*, featuring songs from well-known British singers and stage shows from the 1950s to today.

Glen Eira City Council will also host a free informative seminar on Thursday 11 October and the Lux Radio Theatre production of *Gone with the Wind* on Friday 12 October.

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

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

To receive a copy of the Festival program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Graffiti removal

Prompt removal of graffiti is often the best deterrent. Glen Eira City Council encourages residents and traders to

remove graffiti from their properties promptly. To assist, Council provides Glen Eira residents and traders with personal graffiti removal kits available free of charge from Council's Service Centre.

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.

Police patrols of transport hubs continue

Local police enforcement efforts continue to focus on the railway system in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston municipalities.

Task Force 27 is concentrating on crime, public order and safety along the Dandenong, Frankston and Sandringham lines.

Highly-visible uniformed patrols are being supported by plain-clothed police and local residents and transport users are encouraged to report issues around transport hubs to police.

Community column

Speaking up for our City

Council announced a WorkSafe champion

Glen Eira City Council has been given 'champion' status by WorkSafe Victoria. Our efforts are being recognised as part of the 2012 WorkSafe Awards process and acknowledge Council's commitment to safety, health and wellbeing and return to work for those who've been hurt at work. Council's health and safety committee has been instrumental in raising awareness of the importance of health and safety at work, with initiatives that include Safety Week for staff and promoting good news stories about safety on the organisation's intranet.

VicRoads funding for road safety

Council's Transport Planning Department has secured \$55,100 in VicRoads funding for road safety improvements at the Glenhuntly/Kooyong Roads intersection. A flashing 'Give Way to Pedestrians' sign will be installed on the north-west corner of the intersection and a high-skid resistant treatment will be provided near the pedestrian crosswalks.

Engaging our community

Community Plan adopted

At a Special Council Meeting on 26 June, Council adopted the *Glen Eira 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. Council would like to thank all residents who contributed to the consultation process.

New website launched

Council has launched its new website. 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.

out and about



GESAC official opening: Cr Steven Tang, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Oscar Lobo and Cr Jim Magee.

Photo: Nico Photography.



GESAC official opening: Council's CEO Andrew Newton and GESAC's architect David Newstead.

Photo: Nico Photography.



GESAC official opening: Council's CEO Andrew Newton, Sport and Recreation Victoria Executive Director Dr Peter Hertan and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams.

Photo: Nico Photography.

Increase in green purchasing

An independent analysis of Glen Eira City Council's green purchasing performance has been released.

The *ECO-Buy Green Purchasing Progress Report 2010-11* shows a 39 per cent increase in Council's overall green expenditure.

Glen Eira's green purchasing is double the average of other metropolitan councils (refer to graph).

By purchasing green products, Council is helping to:

- reduce operating costs by buying energy and water efficient products;
- create demand for environmentally preferable and recycled products;
- reduce its contribution to the impacts of climate change; and
- create a more sustainable future for the organisation and the local community.

The *Report* indicates significant increases in the purchasing of organic products, energy-efficient lighting and IT equipment.

Some of the goods Council has purchased include:

- copy paper;

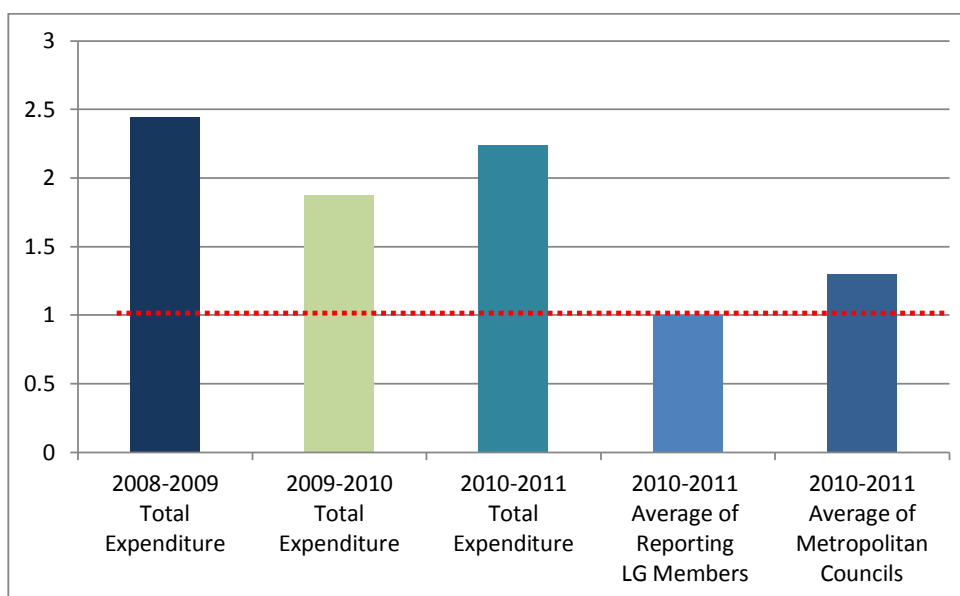
- garbage and recycling bins;
- drought-resistant plants; and
- recycled rock for backfilling and road trenches.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams was pleased with Council's performance.

"The policy to increase Council's spending on environmentally friendly

products has been championed by Council's CEO and is now embedded across the organisation," Cr Hyams said.

Council has been a member of the *ECO-Buy Local Government Program* since 2002 and is one of 26 members. The *Program* is driven by Council's Eco-Buy Committee.



Comparison of Glen Eira City Council's average expenditure on environmentally preferable products to the average expenditure of the 26 reporting members of the Local Government program in 2010-11.

Volunteers wanted for Community Register

Caulfield Police are looking for people to join the *Glen Eira Police Community Register*.

The *Register* aims to promote more confident and secure living among the City's older or vulnerable residents.

If you have some spare time and would like to be part of a team, positions are open for volunteers and volunteer co-ordinators.

Training will be provided in all aspects of running the *Register*, which is located at Caulfield Police Station.

The *Register*, which has more than 1200 residents listed, has been operating since July 2007 and is maintained by Victoria Police with the support of 13 trained volunteers.

Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram said the *Register* was an important community safety initiative.

"The *Glen Eira Police Community Register* gives older residents piece of mind,"

Leading Senior Constable Oram said.

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

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

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

Volunteers contact registered residents on a monthly basis to check on their welfare and security and to assist them with any concerns they may have. Referrals will be made to the appropriate service providers if assistance is required or asked for.

Glen Eira Police also offer a home safety audit to those on the *Register*, if requested, to ensure the resident's home has a clearly displayed house number, fitted smoke alarms, security doors, sensor lights and deadlocks.

If you would like to become a volunteer or volunteer co-ordinator or want to register your details, contact Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram on 9556 6552.

Four-year-old immunisation sessions continue to grow in popularity

Glen Eira City Council's four-year-old immunisation sessions have certainly come a long way since their introduction in 2007.

Vaccination rates at the popular monthly sessions have jumped 10 per cent from 85.08 per cent to 95.64 per cent.

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

Between 60 and 70 children are immunised at each session, which has received a lot of positive feedback from parents, including:

- "I found the sessions a positive experience for my kids."
- "The service was very speedy and there was no waiting."
- "I really appreciated the care taken to ensure the immunisations were not traumatic."

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

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



Children are kept entertained by Elf Sneaky Bottom. Photo: Les O'Rourke.

These vaccinations should be given to children aged between three-and-a-half and four years.

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

A child who is not quite four years at the time of a special four-year-old session can still attend the session and receive their required vaccinations.

Council's Immunisation Officer

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

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

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

Report card for Council's Transport Strategy

Glen Eira City Council adopted its *Towards Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011–2014* in June 2011. The *Strategy* includes an action plan with a list of 22 items to increase use of sustainable transport modes and manage congestion caused by over-dependence on cars. In the first year of the *Strategy*, 15 of the 22 actions have already been undertaken, including:

- Lobbying the Minister for Public Transport for improvements to Murrumbeena Station (through the Metropolitan Transport Forum *Better Stations* advocacy project).
- Lobbying for improvements to taxi ranks within the City of Glen Eira (\$80,000 State Government grant received for two sites).
- Lobbying the Minister for Public Transport to increase park and ride facilities at Bentleigh, Caulfield and Glen Huntly.

- Submitting applications to VicRoads to:
 - o install bicycle boxes at approximately 50 sites;
 - o install new bicycle lanes on South, Centre, Jasper and Grange Roads; and
 - o upgrade the existing bicycle lanes on East Boundary and Murrumbeena Roads.
- Distributing 1,840 *TravelSmart* maps to various organisations.
- Completing designs for Kokaribb Road, Carnegie and Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield to change the primary focus of these roads towards bicycles, walking and public transport.

Work will continue to implement the remaining actions of the *Strategy* over the next two years.



Council has lobbied the Minister for Public Transport for improvements to Murrumbeena Station. Photo: Sharon Walker.

Pop culture: media and young children

Presented by Rachel Fox for parents/guardians.

Some of the challenges facing families and young children in the 21st century are the influences of media and technology. While peer influences increase with age, the power and influence of the media, including all forms of electronic games, is influencing and touching the lives of younger children. This session provides an overview on the impact of some of these influences, and provides strategies for parents on how to minimise and monitor the use and influence of media in children's lives.

Thursday 9 August

7.30pm–9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)

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.



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Healthy active lifestyles for under eights

Presented by Amanda Stirrat for parents/guardians.

Childhood is an important period in which children develop knowledge, skills and behaviours for life. To maintain a healthy weight, a child needs to balance the amount of energy going into their bodies with the amount of energy going out. Family eating and physical activity patterns play a big part in shaping habits in adulthood. Families and children both benefit when all are more involved in becoming active together and watching the types of food consumed. Children who are regularly active also tend to have better self-esteem and develop stronger social skills to enable them to participate in organised physical activities. Healthy lifestyle options, simple ways to get your children active and how to have a healthy relationship with food will be explored.

Thursday 30 August

7.30pm–9.30pm
(7.15pm registration)

Location: 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.



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Balancing on-street parking demands

Within Glen Eira, there is a mix of residential, retail, commercial, educational and public transport areas. In areas near main shopping centres, there is high demand for on-street parking, sometimes greater than the supply. Careful management is therefore required to provide a fair and equitable balance of parking for all users, including residents, visitors, shoppers, employees and commuters.

In these areas, Glen Eira City Council aims to provide short-term parking restrictions on one side of the road. This allows for visitors to the area to park and eligible residents and their visitors to overstay the restriction with a displayed permit. Along the

other side of the road, Council aims to allow longer-term parking to continue for employees and commuters.

Council's Manager Transport Planning Matt Harridge said Council understands that residents would ideally like to park directly in front of their property.

"However in reality, on-street parking is a public commodity that supports business, public transport users, as well as residents," Mr Harridge said.

"This may result in users of on-street parking needing to walk a distance to their destination."



Council aims to provide short-term parking restrictions on one side of the road. Photo: GECC Transport Planning.

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2012–13 Annual Budget breakdown

As part of the 2012–13 Annual Budget, Glen Eira City Council has allocated funding for capital works projects covering all aspects of community life.

This financial year, \$27.68 million (\$460 per property) has been allocated for various projects, including recreation, shopping centres, roads, drains, footpaths and the care of children, youth and people with disabilities.

Further information about these projects can be found on the following page.

Rates and charges

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

Actual rates for an individual property depend on the value of that property.

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

property types.

What you pay

Average rates and charges will be \$1,380 per property in 2012–13. This is equivalent to \$27 per week. For every \$100 of rates revenue received, Council delivers the services highlighted in the illustration at the bottom of this page.

Waste management

In 2012–13, the State Government landfill levy and the Federal Government carbon tax makes up approximately 34 per cent of the total cost of collection and disposal of waste.

Waste management charges are levied on a cost recovery basis. Fee increases have been set to recover the extra costs associated with the landfill levy increase, carbon tax, increased garbage tonnages, higher uptake of hard waste and bundled green waste.

Waste management fees for 2012–13 will be:

- 240 litre household bin: \$360 (\$310 in 2011–12);



This financial year, \$27.68 million (\$460 per property) has been allocated for various projects, including the care of children. Photo: Housmouse.

- 120 litre household bin: \$165 (\$145 in 2011–12);
- 240 litre flat/unit bin: \$165 (\$145 in 2011–12);
- 240 litre family bin: \$259 (\$227 in 2011–12); and
- 240 litre commercial bin: \$286 (\$250 in 2011–12).

How we compare

In comparison to neighbouring municipalities, Glen Eira will continue to:

- have the lowest day-to-day costs per property; and
- have average rates and charges

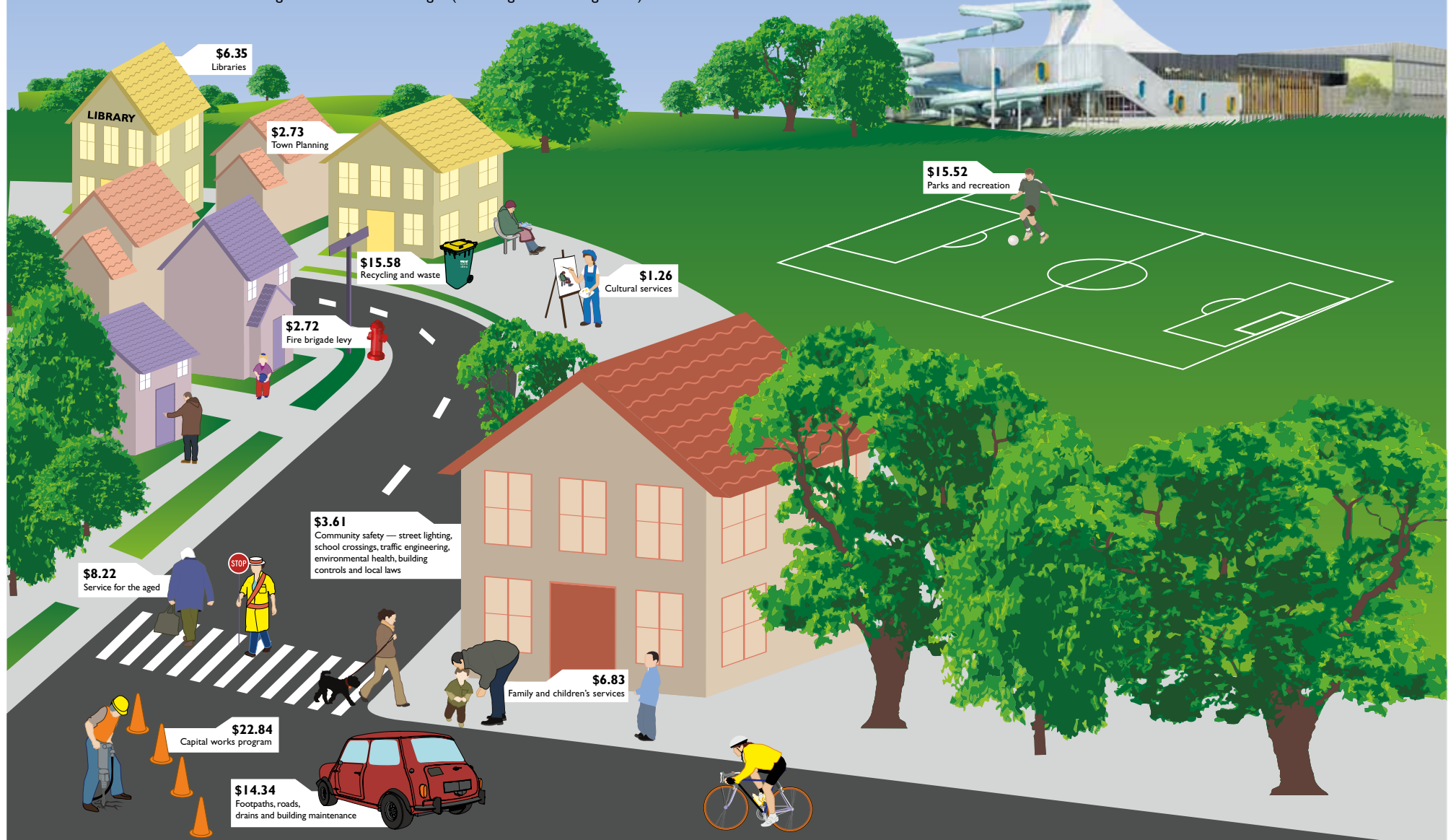
well below the average of inner metropolitan councils — \$212 per assessment less than the average of inner metropolitan councils. This means Glen Eira City Council charges \$12.7 million per annum less than inner metropolitan municipalities and has \$12.7 million per annum less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.

Council pensioner rebate

To assist eligible pensioners, Council introduced the pensioner rebate in 2001. The 2012–13 Budget maintains the total pensioner rebate at \$270 per annum.

Services that Council delivers for every \$100 of rate revenue (2012–13)

Please note: that figures include internal revenue and expense allocations and are calculated net of direct income items such as grants and fees and charges (excluding waste management).



Community projects — what's happening in the City

Open space and parks

For the 2012–13 year, \$2.91 million will be spent on open space projects, including:

- Murrumbena Park play space redevelopment — \$1.04 million;
- Packer Park west redevelopment (stage two) implementation — \$225,000;
- park pathway lighting — \$200,000;
- upgrade of garden beds — \$160,000;
- upgrade of Packer Park Velodrome — \$160,000;
- sportsground lighting — \$125,000;
- minor park landscape improvements — \$110,000;
- replacement of aged infrastructure — \$100,000;
- development of a cognitive play space at Boyd Park — \$85,000; and
- park furniture and infrastructure — \$75,000.



\$160,000 will be spent on the upgrade of Packer Park Velodrome. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.

Environment

For the 2012–13 year, \$1.847 million will be spent on environmental projects, including:

- second stage funding of new technology street globes — \$802,000;
- planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds — \$650,000; and
- implementation of Council's *Bicycle Strategy*, including the continuation of off-road paths, extensions to the on-road network and work to improve existing conditions — \$350,000.



\$150,000 will be spent on Carnegie Pool capital maintenance. Photo: GECC Recreation Services.



\$650,000 will be spent on planting drought-tolerant grass on sportsgrounds.

Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

Buildings

For the 2012–13 year, \$4.74 million will be spent on building projects, including:

- Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion renewal upgrade — \$1.09 million;
- extension of McKinnon Kindergarten (additional children's playroom) — \$520,000;
- Victory Park additional change rooms — \$310,000;

- bathroom upgrades — \$250,000;
- design works for Centenary Park Pavilion — \$200,000; and
- Carnegie Pool capital maintenance — \$150,000.

Roads and associated works

For the 2012–13 year, \$8.49 million will be spent on road projects, including:

- local road reconstructions — \$3.8 million;

- footpath improvement program — \$1.72 million;
- local road resurfacing — \$1.15 million;
- car park renewal program — \$457,000;
- right-of-way renewal program — \$240,000;
- Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) renewal program — \$200,000;
- traffic signal renewal program — \$175,000;
- school safety, including six road humps, four splitter islands, kerbing and pedestrian fencing — \$170,000;
- kerb and channel replacement program — \$160,000;
- shopping centre safety, including the construction of speed humps at laneway exits — \$140,000;
- pedestrian safety, including the construction of zebra crossings on road humps — \$125,000; and
- residential safety, including the construction of traffic islands and line markings — \$80,000.

Funding has also been allocated for the City's drains (\$3.91 million), library books and materials (\$750,000) and shopping centre upgrades (\$550,000).



\$750,000 will be spent on library books and materials. Photo: John Krutop.

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Wednesday 5 September

7.30pm–9pm

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

Cost: \$40 Playgroup Victoria membership cardholders and \$50 non-members

Booking fee applies and advanced bookings are essential. No refunds on tickets. Allocated seating applies. Book online at www.trybooking.com/BJSH

For further information, visit www.playgroup.org.au/events

Please note: babies and children cannot be accommodated.



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Introduction of solids



It is important that children are offered a wide range of food.

Photo: Katrina Slifka.

During the first six months of life, a baby gets all its nutrients from breastmilk or formula. Around six months of age, babies need extra nutrients and this is the right time to start offering solid food. When a baby starts eating solids it is important to continue with their milk feeds until they are 12-months-old.

When are babies ready for solids?

All babies are different so it is important to watch for signs of a baby being ready for food, which includes:

- sitting upright with support, good head and neck control;
- an increased appetite for milk feeds;
- an interest in food and watching others eat;
- opening their mouth when food is offered; and
- keeping food in their mouth and swallowing instead of just being able to suck.

How to start solids

Babies need to learn how to hold food in their mouth and move it to the back of their mouth and swallow. Be patient and allow your baby time to develop this skill. When starting solid food:

- choose a time when the baby is happy;

- provide a supported sitting or slightly reclined position;
- start with one new food at a time and offering it for two to three days before adding another food. By doing this, you will be able to see if there are any problems with a food, including vomiting, diarrhoea or rashes;
- offer one teaspoon and increasing the amount according to the baby's appetite; and
- offer soft foods that are easily swallowed, as well as cooked vegetables and soft fruit that a baby can hold and chew on.

It is normal for food to be spat out at first when learning how to eat and getting used to new flavours and textures.

Be prepared for a mess — this is part of enjoying food and learning to be independent with eating. Remember, always stay with your baby when they are eating to avoid accidents, such as choking.

Types of food

Food habits start in the first few years and it is important that children are offered a wide range of food. First foods tend to be softer, but offering many different tastes and textures are important in providing a nutritious diet. This also encourages chewing which aids language development. By offering food that the family eats, the preparation of meals becomes much easier.

There are no rules about what type of food is offered and when. If a child is offered a range of food at each meal, they will decide what to eat and how much to eat. Some of the first foods recommended are:

- Vegetables and fruits — offer the most nutrients to our meals and should be offered at each meal.
- Rice, pasta and bread — all provide energy and vitamins and at least one of these foods should be offered at each meal.
- Meat, chicken and fish — can be introduced when the baby is chewing and swallowing well (around eight months) and can be offered

several times a week. Babies usually prefer tender and softer pieces that are cooked in casseroles, meatballs or meat sauce.

How much should my baby eat?

Babies will eat when they are hungry and can be unpredictable. The amount of food they eat may vary from day-to-day. Signs that they have had enough food include:

- pushing their tongue out;
- closing their mouth and turning their head away; and
- pushing the spoon away or throwing the food on the floor.

Food preparation

Foods prepared in the home with fresh ingredients is recommended because fresh foods:

- allow an infant to be introduced to a single food taste at a time;
- increase the variety of foods that can be offered;
- can be more economical; and
- encourage an infant to become familiar with family foods.

Commercially prepared baby foods are a nutritious alternative. If relied on totally, they restrict an infant from experiencing other food tastes, as they often contain foods in a mixed-form, which are similar in taste and texture.

Foods that babies should not have

- Small, hard foods or foods with skin or bones can cause choking and are not recommended until they have all their teeth. Avoid raw pieces of hard vegetables and fruits like carrot and apple, fish with bones, popcorn and nuts.
- Babies should not have honey before the age of 12 months as it may contain dangerous bacteria.
- Fruit juice and sweetened foods are expensive and high in sugar. They provide very little nutrition and can decrease a baby's appetite for food.

Glen Eira City Council's maternal and child health nurses discuss healthy eating and food during the first year of life as part of the four-month-old key ages and stages assessment.

For further information or to make an appointment, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 333.

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Funding for project at Moorleigh Community Village

Glen Eira City Council has been successful in its application for funding as part of the Australian Government's *Community Energy Efficiency Program*.

The grant of up to \$49,380 will be used to implement a range of energy-efficient measures at

Moorleigh Community Village in Bentleigh East.

The grant, and Council's matching contribution, will enable the implementation of an accelerated program of energy-efficient measures, such as the installation of

energy-efficient lighting, refrigeration and hot water systems.

These initiatives will reduce the energy costs of operating this site.

Works are scheduled to be carried out during 2012–13.

Keep an eye out for swooping birds

It's nesting time for many birds in Glen Eira, so from August to October look out for swooping birds.

Like most animals, native birds instinctively protect their territory during nesting season and if they perceive you to be a potential threat, they may swoop. For many people who get caught in this position, it can be a very frightening experience.

The Australian Magpie, Magpie-lark, Red Wattlebird, Grey Butcherbird and Noisy Miners are the main culprits and are widespread throughout the Glen Eira region, especially around parks and open spaces.

Glen Eira City Council Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said swooping birds can cause serious injuries.

"There is a real danger to cyclists if you do happen to ride through their nesting zones, so it is better to dismount and walk through these areas," Mr Unwin said.

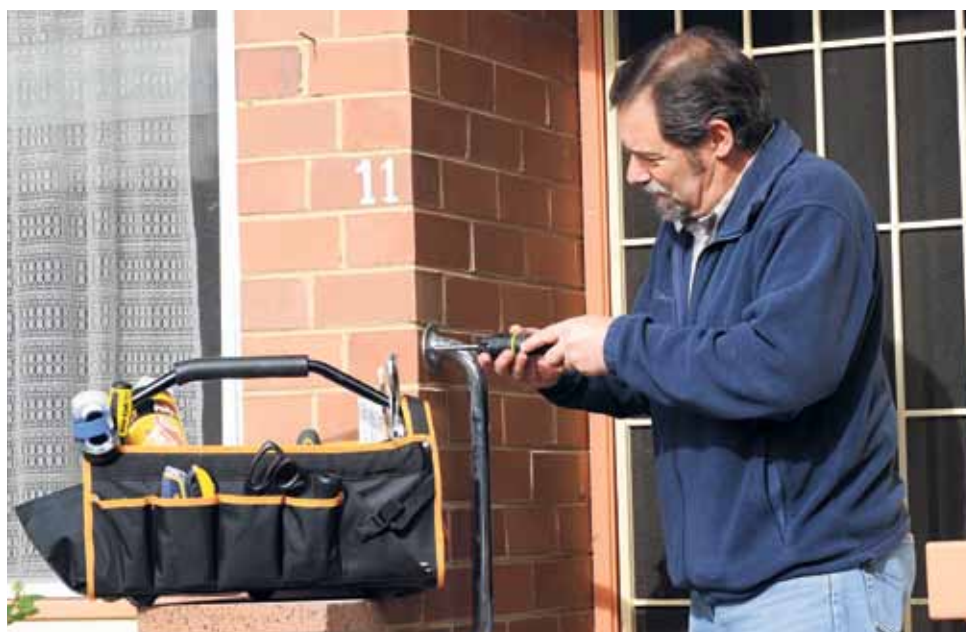
"In a lot of cases, the birds are only trying to scare intruders away and avoid contact."

Here are some tips to avoid being swooped.

- Birds usually target individuals and stay clear of groups of people. They also tend to keep their distance if you are holding an umbrella or a large stick above your head.
- Since these birds always attack from behind, be confident and face them. A strategy that is known to work quite well is sticking 'eyes' to the back of hats or helmets. The worst thing one can do is panic and run — this only encourages the birds to continue swooping.

Residents are reminded that all native birds are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and there are serious penalties for taking, harassing or injuring native wildlife.

Council's property maintenance team



Property Maintenance Officer Phil Morey. Photo: Sharon Walker.

Glen Eira City Council's property maintenance team assists frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers with repairs and minor maintenance to ensure a safe and secure home environment.

The experienced and skilled team undertake a variety of tasks including:

- changing tap washers;
- repairing door and window locks;

- changing light globes;
- installing smoke detectors and changing batteries when needed; and
- minor maintenance tasks.

For further information about property maintenance and accessing the service, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

business news

Glen Eira Women's Business Network Meeting

Find your voice — develop powerful techniques to lead with confidence and inspire

Communication expert Dr Louise Mahler is a highly sought after speaker on the international stage, helping audiences reach their full potential through the mind-body-voice connection. As the originator of the groundbreaking theory of vocal intelligence that won the 2006 RMIT University Award for Innovation, her highly practical, hands-on approach makes her a detective of poor habitual vocal patterns and a wizard of change.

Louise inspires audiences around the world with her groundbreaking discoveries applied to leadership, communication and customer relationships. She works with politicians at state and federal level, leading CEO's, sales and business professionals, communicators and those committed to excellence in customer relationship.

The practical and philosophical aspects of her work all concern the human voice — as both an expression of who we are and as a source of wisdom about the mind's emotional and psychological conditions.

So many people think they are 'stuck' with the voice they have, along with the patterns of thought and body.

However, voice is a choice and making different choices has physical and mental repercussions that shed new light on how you conduct yourself in your personal and business worlds.

Your ability to appropriately express empathy, authority, clarity, confidence and leadership all hinge on the congruence your voice has with your body and the message you wish to convey.

You can develop, expand, adjust and improve the way you use your voice as an expression of self. Remarkably, when you do, not only will you increase your influence and effectiveness, but you will become more authentic in who you are and how you relate to others.

Find your voice and make simple changes for dramatic effect.

During this presentation, you will learn:

- why 'voice is a choice';
- what professional presenters practice that gives them that charismatic edge;
- how to authentically manage mind-body-voice connection;
- how to develop powerful techniques for using your voice and body; and

- how to utilise your voice to lead with confidence and inspire your clients.

About the presenter

Louise has a background in both business and stage performance, which she weaves together in a multi-disciplinary approach to personal development.

Louise has brought together the worlds of voice and business by combining her background in opera with her impressive business credentials including a PhD, Bachelor of Economics and a Masters in Applied Management.

With Louise's close guidance and example, clients explore their bodily experience of voice and breath to gain greater self-awareness and understanding of their vocal intelligence and, in turn, the vital influences this has on our behaviour and what we are communicating to those around us.

Louise lectures at several universities including Australia's leading executive college, Mt Eliza, and is a regular presenter in the leadership programs of Australia's largest and most



Dr Louise Mahler.

successful organisations.

Date: Thursday 16 August

Time: 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start until approximately 9pm (networking opportunity and light finger food on arrival)

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

Cost: \$20 per person

RSVP: bookings essential by Monday 6 August to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Dress code: must wear colour

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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: 9578 8434.

Bentleigh East Probus Club (combined) meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am–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.

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10.15am at Bentleigh RSL. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: 9579 5066.

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 each month at 8pm at St John's 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9532 7848.

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

Caulfield South Community House is working to create a community garden. Volunteers are needed to construct flowerbeds and worm farms. Contact: 9596 8643.

Caulfield South Community House Youth Group meets every Friday from 7.30pm–9.30pm at 450 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South. Cost: \$10 per person. Contact: 9596 8643.

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.

Elsternwick Croquet Club plays on Tuesdays at 10am and Saturdays at 1pm.

New members welcome. Contact: 9578 4774.

Friendly Tours Social Club has day tours to country areas on the first Sunday of each 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: Monday nights 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 and outings. 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 at 2pm at St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Contact: 0405 570 045.

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.

Piano players meets on the first Monday of each month. Adults from all grades are invited to come along. Contact: 9391 4091.

Rotary Club of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central meets every Wednesday morning from 7am–8.30am at the Hemisphere Conference Centre, Holmesglen Moorabbin Campus, 488 South Road, Moorabbin. Contact: president@rotarybmc.org

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

EVENTS

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

Quilt display will be held 18 August from 10am–5pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 44 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. Handmade items for sale. Entry: \$6 includes devonshire tea. Contact: 0423 001 603.

Music Lovers' Society classical concert will be held on 18 August at 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner of Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Admission: \$22, seniors \$18, pensioners \$13, students \$9, family \$50. Members free. Book online: www.trybooking.com/BPPQ Contact: 0435 997 037.

Team of Pianists presents Simon Fordham and Rohan Murray on 19 August at 6.30pm at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Cost: \$40 or \$25 for full-time students under 25, children and pensioners. Contact: 9527 2851.

Stay in touch presents computer tutoring and support for seniors and over 50s presents Introduction to Computers on 24 August from 9.30am–11.30am in Glen Eira Town Hall's Caulfield Cup Room. Cost: \$20 per person. Bookings essential. Contact: 9596 4547.

The Adelphi Players Theatre Company presents Quartet at Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North from 28–31 August at 8pm, 1 September at 2pm and 8pm and 2 September at 2pm. Tickets: \$15 for 28 August session. All other sessions \$18 and \$15 National Trust members and concession. Bookings essential. Contact: 9690 1593.

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: 0400 648 822 or visit 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.

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.

Immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 18 August and Saturday 15 September 9am–11am

Wednesday 8 August, Thursday 23 August, Wednesday 12 September and Thursday 27 September 5.30pm–7.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 15 August and Wednesday

19 September 1.30pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

DC Bricker — Princes Park Beech Street, Caulfield South

Monday 27 August and Monday 17 September 9.30am–11am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 7 August and Tuesday 4 September 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 14 August and Tuesday 11 September 9.30am–11am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 22 August and Wednesday 26 September 9.30am–11am

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 6 August and Monday 3 September 9.30am–11am



最先進的設施正式揭幕

190多人參加了6月22日星期五舉行的 Glen Eira 體育與水上運動中心 (GESAC) 揭幕儀式。

這一最先進的設施由 Glen Eira 市長Jamie Hyams、聯邦政府地區發展與地方政府事務部長和 Hotham 選區議員 Simon Crean 閣下、以及維州政府體育與娛樂事務部長 Hugh Delahunty 共同揭幕。

GESAC 由 Glen Eira 市政府與聯邦政府和維州政府共同建造，聯邦政府及維州政府分別為這個預計耗資為\$4千1百萬的項目出資\$1千萬和\$4百50萬。

Hyams 市長說 GESAC 是為整個社區而建造的。

“按照 Glen Eira 社區的需求來設計和建造 GESAC 並非突發奇想，它是經過認真的研究與有效的諮詢”，Hyams 市長說道。

“市政府決定為社區長期提供這些社區設施，我感謝社區對市政府這項決定和決策進程的支持。”

Crean部長說，聯邦政府為與市政府和維州政府共同資助了這一世界水平的社區設施而感到驕傲。

Crean 部長還說道：“這個項目還大大促進了當地的經濟，在建造期間創造了170個全職工作機會，同時還創造了250個營運工作機會。”

Delahunty 部長說，新中心將成為社區相聚的場所，並可讓 Glen Eira 市政區中更多的人開展更多的體育與休閒活動，提高社區健康水平。

Delahunty 部長還說道：“這一套非常棒的設施向整個社區開放，讓男女老少都有更多的機會參加體育運動，學會重要的水上安全技能，積極鍛煉，注重身心康樂。”

Άνοιξε η τελευταία τεχνολογία εγκατάσταση

Περισσότερα από 190 άτομα παρευρέθησαν στην επίσημη εγκαίνιαση της GESAC την Παρασκευή 22 Ιουνίου.

Η εγκατάσταση της τελευταίας τεχνολογίας εγκαινιάστηκε από τον Δήμαρχο της Glen Eira James Hyams, τον Ομοσπονδιακό Υπουργό Περιφερειακής Ανάπτυξης και Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης τον Ομοσπονδιακό Βουλευτή για την έδρα του Hotham τον Αξιότιμο Simon Crean και τον Υπουργό Αθλητισμού και Αναψυχής της Βικτώριας τον Αξιότιμο Hugh Delahunty.

Η GESAC χτίστηκε από τον Δήμο του Glen Eira, σε συνεργασία με την Ομοσπονδιακή και την Πολιτειακή κυβέρνηση, οι οποίες συνεισέφεραν \$10 εκατομμύρια από τα αναμενόμενα \$41 που κόστισε.

Ο Δήμαρχος κ. Hyams είπε ότι η GESAC χτίστηκε για όλη την κοινότητα.

“Η προσαρμογή της GESAC στην κοινότητα του Glen Eira δεν ήταν τυχαία. Ήταν το αποτέλεσμα σοβαρής έρευνας και αποτελεσματικής διαβούλευσης,» είπε ο Δήμαρχος Hyams.

Ευχαριστώ την κοινότητα που υποστήριξε τη διαδικασία και υποστήριξε την απόφαση του Δήμου να παράσχει στην κοινότητα αυτές τις εγκαταστάσεις για πολλά χρόνια.»

Ο Υπουργός κ. Crean είπε ότι η Ομοσπονδιακή Κυβέρνηση είναι περήφανη για τη συνεργασία της με τον Δήμο και την Βικτωριανή Κυβέρνηση στη χρηματοδότηση εγκατάστασης παγκοσμίου επιπέδου στην κοινότητα.

«Το έργο αναβαθμίζει την τοπική οικονομία, αφού δημιούργησε 170 θέσεις εργασίας πλήρους απασχόλησης κατά την κατασκευή και μέχρι 250 συνεχόμενες,» είπε ο Υπουργός κ. Crean.

Ο Υπουργός κ. Delahunty είπε ότι το νέο κέντρο θα είναι τόπος για να συναντάται η κοινότητα και θα επιτρέπει σε πολλά άτομα της Glen Eira να γίνουν πιο δραστήριοι και υγιείς.

«Αυτή η φανταστική σειρά εγκαταστάσεων είναι ανοιχτή σε όλη την κοινότητα, δίνοντας στον κοινό όλων των ηλικιών την ευκαιρία να είναι πιο δραστήριοι συχνότερα, να μάθουν σημαντικές δεξιότητες ασφάλειας στο νερό, να ασκούνται, και να εστιάζονται στην ευμάρειά τους,» είπε ο Υπουργός κ. Delahunty.

Struttura d'avanguardia ufficialmente aperta al pubblico

Più di 190 intervenuti hanno assistito, venerdì 22 giugno, all'apertura ufficiale del GESAC.

La struttura d'avanguardia è stata inaugurata dal sindaco di Glen Eira, Jamie Hyams, unitamente al Ministro Federale per lo Sviluppo Regionale nonché rappresentante del Governo Locale e Federale per Hotham, On. Simon Crean, ed al Ministro per le Attività Sportive e Ricreative del Victoria, On. Hugh Delahunty.

Il GESAC è stato eretto dal comune di Glen Eira in associazione con il Governo del Commonwealth e del Victoria con un contributo rispettivo di 10 milioni e 4,5 milioni di dollari per un previsto costo di 41 milioni di dollari.

Il Cons. Hyams ha affermato che il GESAC è stato costruito ad uso dell'intera comunità.

“Confezionare il GESAC su misura per la comunità di Glen Eira non è stato solo un caso, ma piuttosto il risultato di una ricerca approfondita e di efficaci consultazioni” ha ribadito Il Cons. Hyams.

“Ringrazio la comunità per il supporto offerto al processo e per aver assecondato la decisione del Consiglio Comunale di fornire queste strutture comunitarie per un periodo a lungo termine.”

Il Ministro Crean ha aggiunto che il Governo del Commonwealth è fiero di aver affiancato il Comune ed il Governo del Victoria nel sovvenzionamento di un bene all'avanguardia progettato a favore della comunità.

“Il progetto ha dato una spinta all'economia locale con il creare 170 posti di lavoro a tempo pieno durante la sua costruzione assieme ad altri 250 posti in corso” ha ribadito Il Ministro Crean.

Il Ministro Delahunty ha affermato che il nuovo centro fungerà da luogo di incontro per la comunità e permetterà ad un maggior numero di residenti di Glen Eira di costituirsi in una comunità sana e attiva.

“Questa fantastica varietà di strutture è aperta all'intera comunità ed offre a residenti di tutte le età l'oppurtunità di diventare più attivi più spesso, di imparare importanti abilità di sicurezza in acqua, fare esercizio e mirare al proprio benessere” ha concluso il Ministro Delahunty.

Официальное открытие современного Центра водных видов спорта

В пятницу, 22 июня, состоялось официальное открытие Центра водных видов спорта муниципалитета Glen Eira (GESAC). На церемонии открытия присутствовало более 190 человек.

В церемонии открытия этого современного комплекса приняли участие мэр муниципалитета Glen Eira г-н Jamie Hyams, Федеральный министр регионального развития и местного правительства и член Федерального парламента от избирательного округа Hotham г-н Simon Crean, а также Министр штата Виктория по делам спорта и отдыха г-н Hugh Delahunty.

Центр водных видов спорта (GESAC) был построен муниципалитетом Glen Eira, при участии Федерального правительства и Правительства штата Виктория, которые предоставили, соответственно, \$10 миллионов и \$5 миллионов в бюджет проекта. Общая стоимость проекта предположительно составит \$41 миллион.

Г-н Hyams отметил, что GESAC был построен для всех жителей муниципалитета.

“Приспособление этого проекта к реальным потребностям жителей Glen Eira потребовало значительных усилий. Для этого необходимы были серьезные исследования и эффективный процесс консультаций,” сказал г-н Hyams.

“Я благодарю всех жителей муниципалитета за участие в этом процессе и за поддержку в создании комплекса, который будет служить нам много лет.”

Федеральный министр г-н Crean отметил, что Федеральное правительство гордится своим участием в этом проекте, совместно с Правительством штата Виктория и муниципалитетом Glen Eira.

“Проект стал важной частью местной экономики: в ходе строительства было создано 170 рабочих мест, и в дальнейшем до 250 человек будут работать в Центре,” сказал г-н Crean.

Министр штата Виктория г-н Delahunty отметил, что новый Центр станет для жителей муниципалитета Glen Eira местом встреч и общения, а также даст им возможность поддерживать активный и здоровый образ жизни.

“Этот прекрасный, многофункциональный комплекс открыт для всех, и у людей всех возрастов появится теперь возможность вести более активный образ жизни, овладеть важными навыками безопасного поведения на воде, заниматься упражнениями и укреплять свое здоровье,” сказал г-н Delahunty.

Community consultation

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

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

Upcoming consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date	Where
Environment	Community Forum	Thursday 9 August, 7pm-9pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Recent consultation opportunities

Subject	Type	Date
Booran Road Reservior concept plans	Comments and submissions	Closed Friday 29 June

Caring for the Glen Eira community

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

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

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

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

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

A range of positions are currently available.

All prospective support workers must have a desire to work with older people and people with disabilities, good physical fitness, an ability to carry out the required duties, a car for work purposes and a current Victorian driver's licence.

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

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



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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

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.

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, peroxidizing 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.

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.

Twenty Melbourne Painter Society Inc.

1–12 August
Opening night: Tuesday 31 July at 6.30pm

Jenny Pihan Fine Art is proud to present the 94th annual exhibition of the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society Inc. showcasing recent paintings from this prestigious group of traditional realist painters. The society was founded by Max Meldrum in 1918. Art tours and talks by society members will be scheduled during the exhibition.

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

17th Annual B'Nai B'Rith Shalom Menorah Unit Jewish Youth Art Competition

17–26 August

The Jewish Youth Art Competition and Exhibition aims to develop and enhance the artistic abilities of youth aged 11 to 18. This important annual exhibition showcases the innovative artworks created by talented Jewish youth, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics and other mediums.



Joseph Zbukvic — Evening Shadows, La Trobe Street, watercolour, 52 x 34 cm.

Desert Resonance 16–26 August

Outback Aboriginal Art will present a stunning exhibition of more than 50 paintings and artefacts all carefully sourced from the Central and Western Desert art centres — Kintore to Utopia Regions and beyond. The exhibition will include carved Mimihs, bark paintings and fish traps made from fibre by Maningrida artists, glass bowls and shields from Glassmob. Established in 1993 by Jennifer Dudley, Outback Aboriginal Art continues to exhibit and promote the work of Australian indigenous artists.



Polly Ngale — Bush Plum, synthetic polymer on linen, 200 x 155cm.

Celebration of local literary talent



Cr Margaret Esakoff and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams with the judges and 2012 prize winners. Photo: in2uitionphotography.

A celebration of local talent was held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Sunday 1 July, with the announcement of *Glen Eira City Council's My Brother Jack Literary and Photographic Awards 2012*.

More than 380 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

Judge: Henry Shires

First prize: Lucy Adlard — *They Came by Boat*.

Highly Commended: Jiting Li — *Snowflakes*.

Commended: Atticus O'Brien — *School*.

Hardie Grant Egmont Primary Short Story Award

Judge: Paul Threlfall

First prize: Harry Stone — *Barry*

Trubshaw and the Giant Blender.

Commended: Chloe Doumanis — *Hiccup*.

Grill'd Carnegie Junior Secondary Poetry Award

Judge: Claire Gaskin

First prize: Ella Murphy — *The Sun Silken Tree*.

Commended: Alice Jenner — *Pelican Dream*; Kelly Herbison — *Welcome Home*; and Lilie Paxton-White — *Gone*.

Hardie Grant Egmont Junior Secondary Short Story Award

Judge: Chrissie Keighery

First prize: Elsa McConville — *Pieces of Time*.

Commended: Rachel Stevens — *Turned In My Grave*; Clare Thawley — *Andy Woods*; and Angela Chen — *Hunger Game*.

Benn's Books Senior Secondary Poetry Award

Judge: Helen Lucas

First prize: Chaya Herszberg — *Feel my Moonlight*.

Benn's Books Senior Secondary Short Story Award

Judge: Robyn Bavati

First prize: Libby Hanna — *Looking Back*.

Commended: Adam Weitzer — *The Devil and the Advocate*; and Chavah Apfelbaum — *The Courage of a Soul*.

Glen Eira City Council Open Poetry Award

Judge: Helen Lucas

First prize: Laura Hallsworth — *Fairy Lights*.

Second prize: Ilana Leeds — *Sunday Saunters from Elwood to Frankston*.

Third prize: Romy Zunde — *Market*.

Sunflower Bookshop Open Short Story Award

Judge: Carol Middleton

First prize: Peter Farrar — *Foreclosure*.

Second prize: Annette Trevitt — *Linda*.

Third prize: Eliza-Jane Henry-Jones — *Breathing Deep*.

Commended: Barry Alan Blakeney — *Deepwater*; Veronica Sullivan — *Dog Days*; and Ilana Leeds — *Weep in Silence*.

Elsternwick Camera Centre Photographic Award

Winner: Miriam Cohen — *Autumn*.

September Holiday Festival

Looking for something to do during the September school holidays? Glen Eira City Council's *September Holiday Festival* will offer two holiday programs — *Holiday Mania* for primary school students and *School's Out* for secondary school students. With performances, workshops and activities galore, there's sure to be something for all ages and all interests. Tickets go on sale Monday 20 August. All events must be booked prior to the day. Cost is \$8 for *Holiday Mania* tickets and \$15 for *School's Out* tickets. For further information, venue details and to book online, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Holiday Mania

Animals of Oz wildlife education program

Tuesday 25 September, 2pm

Places are limited

Polyglot puppets: How to make a rod puppet

Thursday 4 October, 10am

Suitable for children five years and over

Places are limited

Tony Bones Entertainment presents No Bears

Friday 5 October, 10.30am

Suitable for students from Prep to Grade Six

Madotti & Vegas presents The Carnival of Dreams

Friday 28 September, 10.30am

Suitable for all ages

Schools Out

Song writing/recording workshop with Andrew DeSilva

Monday 1 October, 10am–3pm

Places are limited

I have this idea for a comic

Wednesday 3 October, 10am–1pm

Places are limited

Magic, creativity and performance workshop with Madotti & Vegas

Tuesday 2 October, 10am–3pm

Places are limited

From idea to story — a creative writing workshop

Monday 24 September, 10am–1pm

Places are limited

Cooking with Pete the Chef

Thursday 27 September, 10.30am and 1.30pm

Places are limited

Healthy Hearts Forum

Glen Eira City Council presents this free interactive information session, which will include medical advice and tips on how to prevent heart disease and maintain a healthy heart.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Australia, claiming a life every eleven minutes. A majority of these deaths can be prevented with positive lifestyle changes.

This session will include presentations from Anthony Bernardi of the Heart Foundation and Dr Fran Wise of Caulfield Hospital.

Date: Tuesday 21 August

Time: 10am–12pm

Venue: Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield North

Disability access and parking available.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

RSVP essential by Friday 10 August. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



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Road to manhood

An uplifting and powerful evening with Steve Biddulph for men 18 years and over, based on his latest book *The New Manhood*.

Thursday 6 September

7.30pm–9pm

Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield

Cost: \$40 Playgroup Victoria membership cardholders and \$50 non-members

Booking fee applies and advanced bookings are essential. No refunds on tickets. Allocated seating applies.

Book online at www.trybooking.com/BJSQ

For further information, visit www.playgroup.org.au/events

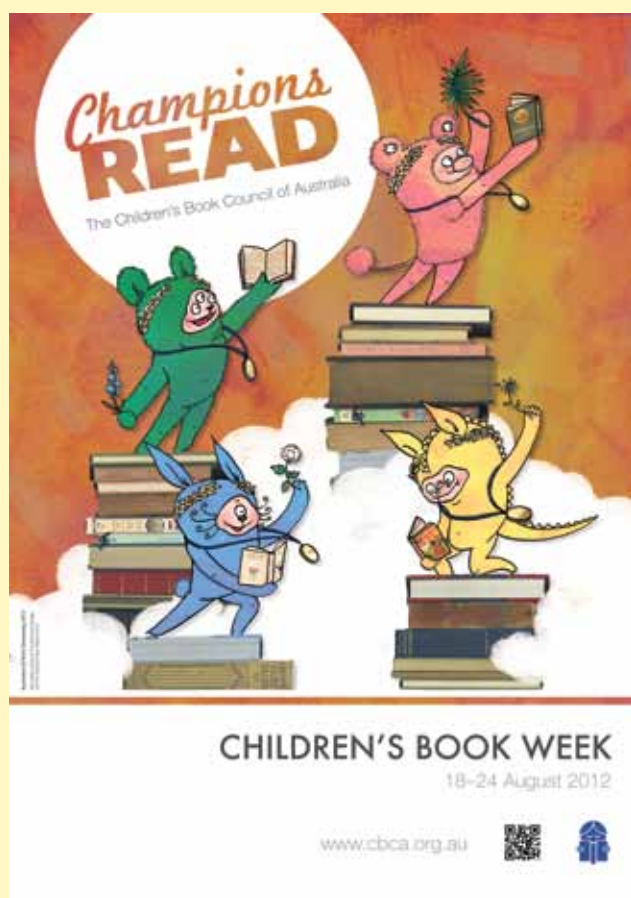
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Children's Book Week — 18 to 24 August



Come and join in the following activities to celebrate *Children's Book Week*.

Champions read!

Get reading during *Children's Book Week* and be a reading champion. Borrow three books between 18 August and 7 October, fill in the entry form and drop it in the competition box at the libraries. The weekly prize draw is for a voucher valued between \$20 and \$50 to use at popular online and retail stores. Open to library members 17 years and under.

Book Week StoryTime Sessions

Join in one of our *Children's Book Week StoryTime* sessions between 20 and 24 August. These *StoryTime* sessions will feature books nominated for *Book of the Year — Early Childhood*. For session times, visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact 9524 3623.

Book Week for schools

For local schools, Glen Eira Libraries has again developed an excellent free program in celebration of *Children's Book Week*. This year, primary school students from across Glen Eira have the

opportunity to meet author and illustrator Kylie Dunstan, a past CBCA *Picture Book of the Year* winner. Older students will have the opportunity to hear from author H.J. Harper the writer of the *Star League* series. H.J. is passionate about encouraging children to read, especially reluctant readers.



H.J. Harper.



Kylie Dunstan.

The Reading Hour

Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes a day is the aim for *The Reading Hour* on Saturday 25 August.

To be held as part of the *National Year of Reading*, Glen Eira's libraries will get the ball rolling with a free special *StoryTime* at Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh at 2pm. Children and parents can join in the stories, songs and rhymes and then borrow some books to continue the reading experience together at home.

It's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but with just 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits it brings. Much of our brain development takes place between birth and three years of age, so it is important to introduce reading at this crucial stage.

Parents should try to share stories and rhymes right from day one — and a good way of finding out more is to join the weekly *StoryTimes* and *BabyTimes* at our libraries. For session times, visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au



TheReadingHour

Reading Circle Flinders Street and its history

Tuesday 14 August, 2pm–3.30pm

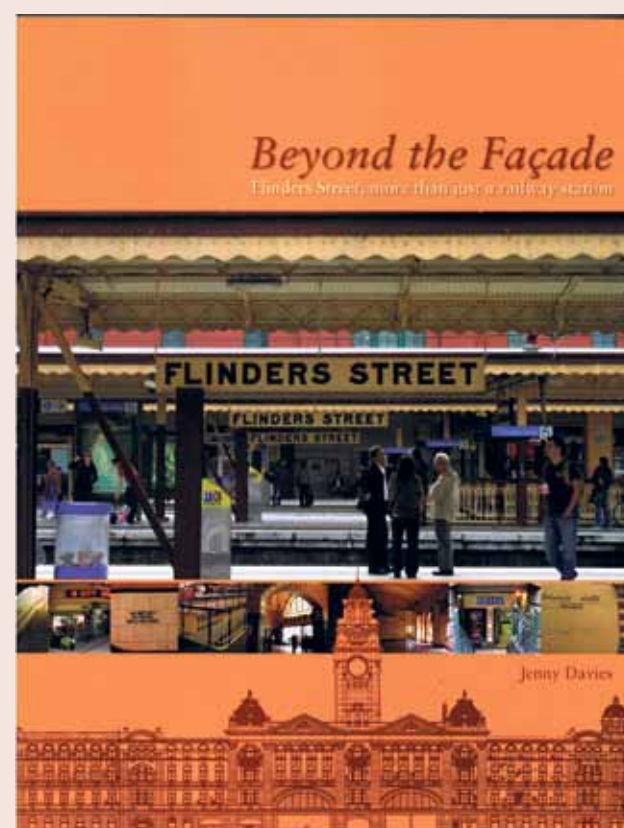
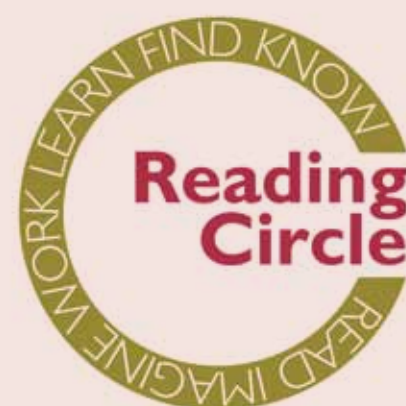
Carnegie Library, 7 Shepparson Avenue,
Carnegie

Join Jenny Davies, the author of *Beyond the Façade: Flinders Street, more than just a railway station*, as she talks about the challenges of writing a social history and how important anecdotal stories were to creating her book. Jenny will also discuss the ongoing campaign to have the building renovated and preserved. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Reading Circle is a relaxed and enjoyable discussion group that talks about books — books we love, books that surprise, books that make us think or laugh and even those that may not have impressed. Led by our enthusiastic host, *Reading Circle* discusses a selected topic each session with a guest author whose writings relate to the topic.

Limited numbers apply for this free event. Book at any Glen Eira Library, online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting 9563 0971.

Watch out for our last *Reading Circle* event for the year: *Crime Stories* with Angela Savage, Tuesday 16 October, 2pm–3.30pm.



Introducing Lucy: Youth Leadership Team member



YLT member Lucy. Photo: Madison Saylor.

Glen Eira City Council's Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is busy preparing to host *Battle of the Bands 2012*. The team have designed the event poster and are looking forward to selecting the bands that will compete on the night.

Meet Lucy, one of the YLT members involved in all the planning and preparation of this big youth event.

If this is something you would like to be a part of next year, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

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

The YLT is a group of different minded young people in the community. Together as a team, we hold fun events aimed at Glen Eira's youth. I wanted to be a part of the team because it seemed like a fun, worthwhile and memorable experience — which it has turned out to be.

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

I read about it on the Glen Eira library web page and it gave me a link to an application form, so I filled it in and sent it off.

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

I hope to gain multiple skills such as management and leadership — not to mention all of the skills to come from things I had no idea I could ever do.

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

I'm most looking forward to the night of *Battle of the Bands*. I have never been to one before and it sounds like it will be an amazing night. All of the work that

goes on behind the scenes is something that I'm glad to be a part of.

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

The main issue is probably just trying to find a place to fit in. Don't pretend to be someone that you're not. It sounds clichéd, but the people who you surround yourself with now, will have a massive impact on how your life will turn out.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

I get asked this question a lot and never really know what to say. In 10 years, I'll be 24 and hopefully would have finished school. I would then love to take a year off. I'd go to university and after that travel and find a place I'd like to live and have a career. Maybe I won't achieve this by the time I'm 24, but you never know — maybe an amazing opportunity will come my way and turn everything upside down.

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal would have to be a pasta dish followed by gelato at Giorgios Restaurant.

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

I've never really thought about this. I really just want a job that I will enjoy doing — why waste your life being unhappy?

Bands wanted to play at Battle of the Bands

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services is seeking bands to play at its annual *Battle of the Bands* competition.

The event will be held on Friday 14 September from 5pm to 10.30pm at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road in Bentleigh.

Eight bands will be selected to play and be in the running to win some fantastic prizes, including two full days recording at the *Plugged In* music studio with sound engineer Tom McEwan, as well as music store vouchers.

Bands who wish to enter the competition need to send a demo CD into Youth Services, along with a band biography and contact information. Entries close on Friday 10 August at 5pm.

For a copy of the terms and conditions of entry or further information, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Parent Information Night: anxiety and depression in young people

As part of national *Mental Health Week*, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will host a parent information night on Tuesday 9 October.

Mental Health Week aims to activate, educate and engage Victorians about mental health through a week of interactive events across the state.

Guest speaker will be clinical psychologist Dr Sally-Anne McCormack, who will speak about anxiety and depression in teenagers.

The evening will provide a great opportunity to learn more about the warning signs of depression and anxiety and how to cope with these issues.

Dr McCormack has a specific interest in the prevention and treatment of depression in children and adolescents, and the unique difficulties that gifted students face in their schooling and personal lives.

In her practice, Dr McCormack regularly counsels parents with the issues they face raising their children and teens in the 21st century. Her website — www.parentsonline.com.au — has articles, forums and information for those dealing with the younger generation.

Date: Tuesday 9 October

Time: 7.30pm–9pm

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

Seats are limited. To book your place, contact Youth Services 9524 3676.

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 4 August
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Wednesday 5 September
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 6 October
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Road
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Playground paradise



The new playground at Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East.

Photo: GECC Recreation Services.

The City of Glen Eira plays host to a plethora of fabulous playgrounds that will challenge children from the most adventurous to those just getting to know their way around these playground wonderlands.

There are currently 45 playgrounds spread throughout the municipality, including many new or recently redeveloped playgrounds that offer a diverse range of high quality play experiences for children of all ages and abilities.

The most recent playground to undergo the paradise treatment is

at Bailey Reserve in Bentleigh East.

The design of the centrepiece has been based on the adjacent Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre profile and includes a pirate ship, climbing wall, cargo nets, a slide and a lookout at the top. The nautical theme is continued across other pieces of play equipment and collectively is able to cater for a wide range of ages and abilities.

Finding a great playground for the whole family to enjoy has never been easier. For a full list of Glen Eira's playgrounds, visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333.

Bocce or bowls anyone?

The Packer Park bowls area in Carnegie is now open.

Featuring a combination of the two outdoor bowling sports, lawn bowls and bocce, it is surrounded by tree plantings associated with the countries in which each of the bowling forms originate. This theme has a strong link with the site's historic and former use as a bowling club.

A free bowling area is available to the

community and doesn't need to be booked.

This project is truly unique and believed to be the first of its kind. The large lawn bowls area is made from synthetic grass, which serves as a fantastic multi-use area for various recreational activities, catering for all ages and abilities. The site is linked by concrete pathways and has ramp access to the lawn bowls green, ensuring total accessibility for people of all-abilities.



The new bowls area at Packer Park in Carnegie. Photo: Frank Amato.

Get on your bike

If you have been inspired by the *Tour de France*, now is a great time to dust off your bicycle and reacquaint yourself with the outdoors. Don't let the cooler weather turn you off — a warm jacket and good gloves will keep you warm all day.

With spring just around the corner, there are a number of events coming up to motivate and inspire you, including the annual *Around the Bay in a*

Day and Ride to Work Day.

To help navigate around the municipality, grab a *TravelSmart* map from Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre or online. The maps are pocket-sized street maps, which contain information about bicycle routes, cycling safety tips, bus routes, tram routes, car sharing and a map of Melbourne's train network.

Caulfield Park — short history

Caulfield Park has a rich and interesting history that many people may not be aware of. For more than 150 years, it has played an important role in the community from initially being a watering hole on the Melbourne to Gippsland stock route.

The site occupied by Caulfield Park was originally known as Paddy's Swamp — one of a series of swamps in the Caulfield area used for watering and feeding cattle. A few other swamps you may be familiar with include Black Swamp (East Caulfield Reserve) Crosbie's Swamp (Duncan McKinnon Reserve) and Leman Swamp (Koornang and Lord Reserves). As the need for watering places diminished in the late 1870s and early 1880s, the function of the swamps as recreational areas became more important.

It's believed Paddy's Swamp was named after either a dog owned by the Caulfield Road Board's second chairman or a local livestock agent's spotter.

Caulfield Park today reflects the almost continuous development that has occurred within the site since the 19th century. Whilst containing many elements contemporary in style and origin, the park maintains much of its early character, including the large number of mature trees scattered throughout the site.

Caulfield Park Tree Walk

For tree lovers and people who enjoy a walk in a park, then Caulfield Park is the destination for you.

Glen Eira is renowned for a number of significant parks and Caulfield Park is truly outstanding. The tree collection at the western end of the park has more species of native and exotic plants than any other park in Victoria, excluding some of the state's Botanical Gardens.

The *Caulfield Park Tree Walk* brochure follows a circuit around the park and provides an insight into 30 unique and interesting species. The brochure is available from Council's Service Centre, Caulfield Park Conservatory and Council's website.

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