

ore than \$375,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2013–2014 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the Program open on Monday 4 March and close on Friday 26 April at 5pm.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams said the Program supports and assists not-for-profit community based groups to implement projects and activities that benefit Glen Eira residents.

"Council is committed to investing in the community, especially in the volunteer groups that do so much for so many in the community, Cr Hyams said.

"This Program allows Council to support projects and services that address local issues.

"Grants of up to \$7,500 will be available for projects, which address Council priorities and meet with funding guidelines and conditions."

As part of the 2012–13 Community Grants Program, 136 not-for-profit community groups received a grant, including KG Putt Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club.

KG Putt Bentleigh Senior Citizen Club located at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh received \$3,000 to assist with funding musicians for monthly dances and concerts, to subsidise dinners and picture nights and to cover the cost of liability insurance.

Other community groups to receive a grant included:

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre - \$5,800 to assist in running the second annual Multicultural, Music, Dance and Food Festival.

Caulfield South Kindergarten — \$5,500 to redesign the building's facade and the outside play area.

Community grants workshops

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

- Tuesday 19 March 10am-12pm at Carnegie Library — Boyd Room;
- Tuesday 19 March 6.30pm-9.30pm at Carnegie Library — Boyd Room;
- Wednesday 20 March 2.30pm-5.30pm at Moorleigh Social Rooms; and
- Thursday 21 March 6.30pm-9.30pm at Caulfield Park Pavilion.

Bookings are essential.

For further information about the 2013–2014 Community Grants Program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Application assistance

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

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

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Neighbour Day — Sunday 31 March

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Neighbour Day — Australia's annual celebration of community.

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

Unlike other awareness days, you don't have to make a donation or buy anything. All you do is introduce yourself to the people next door and across the street.

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

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

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

"These members of our community are vulnerable, especially during periods of

extreme weather, particularly heatwaves."

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

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

"Connecting with your community makes people feel cared for and valued, so go out and introduce yourself to your neighbours if you do not know them already."

For further information on Neighbour Day, visit www.neighbourday.org



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Mayor's column



During March, Glen Eira City Council is consulting with the community regarding the development of our new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Three community forums will be held across the municipality, giving residents direct input into the development of the *Plan*. I encourage you all to attend and contribute to this important process.

Nominations for Council's Volunteer Recognition Program are open untill 29 March. Council is proud to provide a program that recognises the valuable contribution that our many tireless and hard-working volunteers make within our local community. Glen Eira is greatly enriched by their efforts.

Similarly, we are pleased to once again be offering community grants to our hundreds of volunteer organisations. I urge you all to take advantage of this scheme so we can help you serve our community. Details about the programs, and our grant workshops, are in this edition.

To celebrate the Victorian Multicultural Commission's *Cultural Diversity Week* from 16 to 24 March, Council's *A Cultural Feast* will present a range of food and food-related events, activities and opportunities that will open up a world of culinary cultural diversity for the tastebuds.

Local restaurants, cafes and other food businesses will feature an abundance of food, ranging from the delicious to the exotic. Further details are available from Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Residents are reminded to register their pets. Renewal notices for 2013-2014 will be sent this month to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April.

Finally, following on from its success in previous years, the Youth Week Art Expo will be held on 18 April. If you are a budding artist aged 12 to 25, contact Council's Youth Services on 9524 3676 for information on how to enter.

Cr Jamie Hyams Mayor

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Deadlines

The deadline for the next edition (April) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 27 February for delivery 25–29 March (weather permitting).

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May 2013 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 3 April for delivery 29 April–3 May (weather permitting).

For advertising and Community Diary enquiries, contact 9524 3333.

To submit editorial material write to: Glen Eira News, PO Box 42, Caulfield South Victoria 3162 or email: editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Making Glen Eira the best place to live

Serving her first term on Council, Karina Okotel plans to be a strong advocate for the community and ensure good decisions are made at a local level.

Karina has long been a resident of Glen Eira. She grew up in Bentleigh and is now living in Ormond with her husband, David.

"I love our parks and open spaces and I love having such great local shops and access to public transport.

"It is wonderful to live in a safe area where people are friendly," Karina said.

Having studied Arts and Law at university, Karina is passionate about human rights and civil liberties. She is currently a Victorian Co-convenor of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights.

She also has an interest in improving public transport and is a member of the Public Transport Users Association.

Karina really enjoys volunteering. In the past, she has volunteered with Godfrey Street Community House, City of Caulfield Lions Club, St Vincent de Paul Soup Van and various community legal centres including the Bentleigh office of Peninsula Community Legal Centre. She also spent several months volunteering in Uganda where she

met her husband, David.

Currently a parishioner at Murrumbeena Baptist Church, Karina believes her Christian faith is what drives her to try and be someone who serves the community and loves their neighbour.

"It's a huge challenge, but something I will keep striving towards," Karina said

During her time in office, Karina plans to advocate for continued investment in public parks, libraries, sporting facilities, meeting spaces and

community hubs.

"I believe we need more support for families and youth, improved services for elderly people, people with disabilities and carers.

"I want to see more opportunity for community consultation and involvement in local issues," Karina said

She hopes to see more community participation and connectedness within the municipality, and that Glen Eira remains the best place to live, work and have fun in Victoria.

Area 1: First Monday Area 2: First Tuesday

Area 3: First Wednesday

Area 6: Second Monday

Area 7: Second Tuesday

Area 8: Second Wednesday

Area 9: Second Thursday

Area 10: Second Friday

Area 4: First Thursday

Area 5: First Friday



Cr Karina Okotel.

Help us keep Glen Eira's streets clean

Keeping our streets clean is important to all of us. Glen Eira City Council sweeps residential streets every month to keep them looking good and prevent debris from entering the stormwater drain.

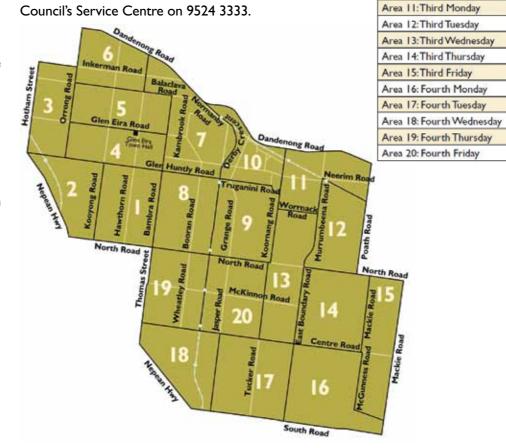
This summer there has been a very high level of leaf fall from trees. The good spring growth, followed by a dry summer and hot days has resulted in many trees dropping leaves. This is more than usual and in some areas the leaf fall is similar to what we see in autumn.

Residents can assist by:

- keeping your vehicle off the street on your designated street sweeping day (see map);
- informing those who park their car in your street for long periods of time as to when your street sweeping day is:
- ensuring (where possible) that sticks, branches and rocks are not mixed in with leaves, as they will damage the street sweeping machinery;
- not sweeping grass clippings into gutters as they wash into the drainage system; and

 remembering that leaves from your front yard are not for collection by the sweepers. Consider using these instead as a mulch for your garden beds or an addition to your compost bin.

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



Community column

Speaking up for our City

Council responds to community support for neighbourhood character protection

On 31 January 2013, the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C87 which introduces new planning controls — Neighbourhood Character Overlays and Design and Development Overlays.

These controls provide town planning protection to 17 residential areas identified as having 'a high level of neighbourhood character significance.'

The new controls will protect more than 1,500 residential properties in specified areas throughout the municipality. This amendment was carried out by Glen Eira City Council in response to demand from local residents who voiced their opinion on this issue during the Glen Eira Planning Scheme Review 2010.

The design of any new building in these areas will need to respect neighbourhood character in relation to: building materials; roof form and pitch; front and side setbacks; siting and design of driveways; garages and car ports; and height and materials of front fencing.

For further information, visit Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Engaging our community

Have your say on Council's new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Glen Eira City Council is consulting with the community regarding the development of its new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Council will host two forums to allow the community the opportunity to discuss local health issues and allow Council to gain an understanding of the priorities of residents. Please see Community consultation on page 11 for further details.

Green waste service

Glen Eira City Council's fortnightly green waste service is available to all residents, whether you are an owner or a tenant, for a one-off fee of \$55.

Orders for green waste bins can be placed online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au (search for green waste) or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

CEO's column



Council is calling for nominations for its *Volunteer Recognition Scheme* (closing 29 March). Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and make an invaluable contribution through a variety of groups.

Not-for-profit community based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers who have contributed 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or have provided 10, 20 or 30 years of continuous service.

Award recipients will be announced during *National Volunteer Week* in May at an awards recognition ceremony.

Council's Art Gallery has a number of exhibitions open during March. I encourage you all to visit the Gallery and see the fascinating pieces that will be on display.

Lastly, a celebration of Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian and Russian cultures will be held from 16 to 24 March. This is an appetising festival highlighting a diverse range of restaurants and cafés within the municipality. I hope you are able to join in on the fun.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer

National Ride2School Day

National Ride2School Day 2013 will be held on Friday 22 March.

National Ride2School Day provides a great opportunity for students, parents and teachers to ride or scooter to school and to celebrate with those who already actively travel to school.

Active travel to school can provide the following benefits:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases drop-off congestion.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Council's Transport Strategy — Towards Sustainable Transport 2011–2014 and Council's Bicycle Strategy 2010 seek to facilitate and promote active travel and everyone is encouraged to experience wheeling or walking to school this year.

Council is now also partnering with the *Ride2School* program to further improve safety around schools and to encourage cycling to and from school.

For further information, visit www.ride2school.com.au

Mobility scooter safety

Mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs (motorised mobility devices) are a valuable form of transport in helping elderly and disabled users to stay active and travel safely within our community. However, users of such devices can place both themselves and others at risk if not used responsibly.

Victorian road rules require users to:

- obey the same road rules as pedestrians;
- travel at a speed no greater than IOkm/h:
- not operate a device if the unladen mass is greater than 110 kilograms; and
- use these devices only if they have an injury, are disabled or have a medical condition where they are unable to walk or have difficulties in walking.

The design of motorised mobility devices is also covered by a number of Australian standards to ensure adequate safety. These requirements are currently voluntary, so when shopping for a device it is strongly recommended that you request a written statement of compliance with the standards from your supplier and confirm that the device you wish to purchase meets all applicable Australian standards.

Users who fail to operate their devices responsibly could cause significant injury to themselves and other road/ footpath users, particularly if involved in a collision with a young, elderly or frail pedestrian. Therefore, users of such devices need to have a good understanding of the relevant rules and requirements and operate the devices sensibly when travelling on footpaths.

A detailed guide on choosing and using a motorised mobility device is available on the VicRoads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au Search for Motorised Mobility Devices.

Information on the use of mobility aids on public transport including free travel, is available from www.ptv.vic.gov.au Search for Accessible Transport.

Council has also produced mobility maps which provide access information for Glen Eira's major shopping strips. This document can be downloaded from www.gleneira.vic.gov.au Search for Mobility Maps.



Council's Delivered Meals Service

Where can you receive a healthy and nourishing meal, accompanied with a friendly smile and a chat from the person delivering the meal?

Glen Eira City Council's Delivered Meals Service offers a wide range of meal choices which cater for all dietary requirements.

How to access the service

All it takes is a telephone call to access this excellent service. Delivered Meals staff will ask a few questions to determine your eligibility for the service and any dietary or delivery requirements.

For further information about delivered meals, contact the Delivered Meals Service on 9576 9748.



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History hidden in plain sight

Sometimes items of historical interest are easy to spot such as the Glen Eira Town Hall building and other times, they are not so obvious.

The gas lampost in Council's car park at Town Hall is an example of history hidden in plain sight.

Perhaps you have seen it while parking your car and wondered why an old lampost is located in the Town Hall car park.

We believe that this 19th century gas lampost was originally located in the grounds of the Stanmark Reception Centre at 441 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East. This was the site of Council's Caulfield Arts Centre from 1975 to 1987. The Arts Centre was relocated to Caulfield Town Hall in

1988 (now Glen Eira Town Hall) and renamed the Caulfield Arts Complex now Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

The lampost design is very unusual and the dolphin-like creatures represented at the base of the lamp are particularly intriguing. If you have any information on the history of this lamp or have seen something similar, please contact Council's History and Heritage Department on 9524 3333. We are keen to find out more about this unique historical item.

Why not take the time to view the lampost the next time you visit Town Hall? It is well worth a visit and who knows what other charming and unique historical items you may discover.



The gas lampost in Council's car park at Town Hall is an example of history hidden in plain sight.

Photo: Elizabeth Triarico.

Residents reminded to register four-legged friends

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

It also makes it easier for Glen Eira City Council civic compliance officers to identify and return your pet if it gets

Renewal notices for 2013-14 will be sent in March to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April 2013.

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

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

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

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

"Dogs and cats which have been microchipped and desexed will be eligible to have the annual registration

fee for the second year of registration waived."

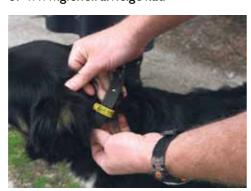
Mr Bordignon said that owners who have had their dog trained through an approved dog obedience training organisation will also be eligible for reduced registration fees.

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

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

Failure to register dogs and cats can result in a \$282 fine per animal.

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



Registration is the best form of identification for pets. Photo: John Brown Photography Services.

Residents asked to give trees a healthy start to life

Glen Eira City Council is asking residents to help more than 1,600 newly planted trees get off to a healthy start for the year.

Council's Manager Park Services Laurie Unwin said residents who have a new tree on the nature strip outside their properties can help ensure it gets well established by helping Council with watering.

"Council conducts routine watering of new trees during spring and summer, but we're asking residents to help provide additional watering during the warmer months," Mr Unwin said.

"It can take around two years for a newly planted tree to really get established.

"Once established, the tree's root system will be strong enough to support it without additional watering.

"To ensure a healthy start, new street trees require regular watering.

"Residents can help by providing between five and 10 litres of water, twice a week during dry or warm periods.

"This water should be poured directly onto the mulch at the base of the tree."

Mr Unwin said it was also important not to overwater the new tree.

"Residents can check whether extra water is required by feeling the soil layer immediately below the mulch. If the soil is dry, more water is needed."

A good time to water plants is early morning — water applied during the heat of the day is mostly wasted through evaporation.



Glen Eira City Council is asking residents to help more than 1,600 newly planted trees get a healthy start over the summer season. Photo: Bernie Bickerton..

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

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.

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Fire Levy on top of Rates: \$10 million?

In the February Glen Eira News, we reported the decision by the State Government to levy all properties through the Rates system to pay for the fire services. The levy will be included on all Rates Notices from July 2013. The levy on properties will replace the levy plus Stamp Duty plus GST which is currently on property insurance

The levy on properties will take effect from 1 July 2013. It will consist of:

- a fixed component of \$100 for residential and \$200 for commercial, industrial, and primary production properties;
- a variable component calculated as a percentage of the capital improved value of a property.

The Government will fund \$50 rebates for concession holders that currently qualify for rate rebates.

The State Government has not yet announced what the variable component is going to be.

In 2012, the Department of Treasury gave an example using a variable component of 0.007563 per cent. For illustrative purposes, if 0.007563 per cent that was the actual component, the levy on a residential property valued at \$600,000 would be \$100 plus \$45.38 = \$145.38.

Using a variable component of 0.007563 per cent, the total levy on rateable Glen Eira property would be of the order of \$10 million.

The actual component is expected to be determined by the State Government in April or May 2013.

Attracting local native birds to Glen Eira: White-browed Scrubwren

This inquisitive bird is called the **White-browed Scrubwren** (Sericornis frontalis) and may be found in local parks and gardens.

You can spot it by its white line above and below its eyes, which stands out from its dark brown body with a throat and flank of grey.

Residents can help attract native birds and insects to Glen Eira by adding plants to their garden that provide habitat and food.

About the White-browed Scrubwren

One of the more unusual features of this bird is their domed nests, which are made of grass, bark strips and rootlets. The nests are on or not far above the ground but well hidden in grass clumps or tangled undergrowth.

White-browed Scrubwrens cope well in an area with dense shrubs. They are ground-feeding birds, feeding on insects and other invertebrates.



White-Browed Scrubwren (Sericornis frontalis). Photo: Russell Best — Natureshare.

What to plant to help attract the White-browed Scrubwren

There are a range of local indigenous shrubs that can help attract and protect the White-browed Scrubwren.

One of these is the Hop Goodenia (*Goodenia ovate*). This plant favours damp soil but tolerates dryness as well as waterlogging. It will grow quickly in full sun or partial to complete shade.

This colourful, fast growing plant sometimes needs pruning of old growth.

Height: one to two metres
Width: one to three metres
Flowers: August to February



Hop Goodenia (Goodenia ovate).Photo: Russell Best — Natureshare.

Get it Right on Bin Night campaign — the bathroom

You may not realise that from your bathroom, aerosol cans, soap pump bottles, empty pill bottles and other containers can all be recycled rather than thrown away to landfill.

Glen Eira City Council is one of 30 councils participating in a Melbournewide 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.

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



BATHROOM



GLASS

Bottles and jars



PAPER

Boxes (cardboard) Cartons Tissue boxes Toilet paper rolls



PLASTIC

Deodorant stick (roll on) Empty medicine bottles Shampoo/conditioner bottles Soap pump bottles Vitamin bottles



METAL

Aerosol spray cans (eg. deodorant, hair spray, air freshener)

Free e-waste recycling drop-off service

To make it easier for residents to dispose of electronic waste (e-waste) such as computer screens, keyboards and televisions, Glen Eira City Council will continue its free e-waste drop-off service in 2013.

Drop-off locations in 2013 Saturday 23 March — 8am-4pm

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

Please note: entrance off Hawthorn Road only.

Sunday 21 April — 8am-4pm

Carnegie Swim Centre, Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie

Sunday 26 May — 8am-4pm

Moorleigh Community Village, 90–92 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East

Although it is a small fraction of total waste, according to *Clean Up Australia* statistics, e-waste is one of the fastest growing contributors to our waste stream. The replacement of old televisions and increased

turnover of electronic devices such as mobile phones and computers are all contributing to the growth in e-waste volumes.

Ninety eight per cent of e-waste is recyclable. E-waste contains a range of materials including plastic, lead, copper, gold, platinum and rare earth metals.

Why recycle e-waste?

- to reuse scarce and valuable non-renewable resources;
- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- to reduce the burden on our landfills.

Please note: residents are responsible for removing private or confidential data from any equipment provided for recycling. Limit of 15 items per drop. Commercial quantities will not be accepted.

For further information on Council's e-waste drop off days, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Family support

All parents need support at some time in their child's life. Support can come from your family and friends, health or childcare professionals or information on online or from community resources.

Support from people in your social network is crucial in the long-term. But there will be times when you need more formal support. It's always best to check with a professional if you:

- have a serious concern or are worried about any aspect of your child's health, development or behaviour;
- have tried strategies suggested by friends and relatives on websites or in books and are still having trouble;
- are having persistent feelings of depression, anger or resentment towards your child; or
- are frequently fighting with your partner, having fights that aren't

resolved, or if there is violence in your relationship.

Often the first steps in getting support are to ask for it. To make a start, you can speak with your maternal and child health nurse or GP, call Parentline Victoria or visit one of the community health centres located in Council's municipality.

Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health Service — 9524 3333

Parentline Victoria — 13 22 89 (8am to midnight seven days a week)

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service — 9575 5353

Caulfield Community Health Service — 9076 6862

Other professional resources and links can be found online at the Raising Children Network: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/professional.html

News in brief

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

Glen Eira City Council also continues to assist residents by removing graffiti from the title boundary of private property (both residential and commercial), which is visible from a public place. Requests are referred to a priority list for consideration.

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

Sustainability workshops

Glen Eira City Council will host the following sustainable community workshops during March and April. The workshops will be held at Glen Eira Town Hall in the Caulfield Cup Room from 7pm to 8.30pm. For further information and to RSVP, visit Council's website (Upcoming Events) or contact Council's Sustainability Support Officer on 9524 3333 or by emailing mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Monday 4 March

Sustainable home — energy efficient design

 Whether you are making small changes to your home, undertaking a major renovation or building a new home, learn the basics of energy-efficient design.

- By using passive design principles you can reduce your heating and cooling bills and make your home more comfortable to live in.
- Learn what initiatives will provide the most value to your home and the effectiveness of various strategies.

Monday 18 March Composting — making black gold

- How to reduce your carbon footprint and make black 'gold' for your garden.
- What can and can't be composted and be prepared for some surprises.
- Look at the different ways to recycle kitchen and garden waste including using worm farms.
- How to use compost in the garden.

Wednesday 17 April

Raising chooks in a busy lifestyle and small backyard

- feeding your chooks;
- set-up requirements;

in the city.

- chicken hutches and runs;
- caring for your flock's health; and
- local laws regarding keeping chooks

Community Environment Forum

Glen Eira City Council's annual Community Environment Forum will be held on Wednesday 13 March from 7pm to 9pm.

To be held in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, the *Forum* is an opportunity to have your say about Glen Eira's plans on

greenhouse gas emissions, waste and recycling, water and biodiversity.

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

Navigating the parenting journey

Presented by Warren Cann

Wednesday 6 March, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Not only do children not come with a manual, but we often start our parenting careers with no idea about how we will tackle this huge and daunting new role.

The truth is that very little in human parenting is instinctive, but nor are we doomed to replay our own parents; instead, parenting is mainly learned on the job.

In this session, we will look at some new things research is telling us about parenting, how we develop as parents and how best to filter and manage all the invited and uninvited parenting advice we get these days.

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

Presented by Emergcare Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

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

This valuable session will look at:

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

Please note: this paediatric first aid course is for families and guardians.

Recognise your volunteers

Nominations are now open for the 2013 Glen Eira City Council Volunteer Recognition Program.

Award recipients will be announced during *National Volunteers Week* in May at an awards ceremony.

Nominations close on Friday 29 March.

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

Caulfield Community Day and Caulfield Racecourse Run

On Sunday 21 April the Rotary Club of Glen Eira, the Melbourne Racing Club, Bendigo Bank and David Southwick MP, will be hosting the Caulfield Community Day and Caulfield Racecourse Run.

The fun run, which takes place at 10am, will raise money for participants' favourite local community groups. You can register and sponsor friends online at http://mycause.com. au/events/CaulfieldRacecourseRun

out and about



Party in the Park — Princes Park
Cr Thomas Sounness, Cr Oscar Lobo, Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams.
Photo: Action Pix Photography.



Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Margaret Esakoff join the community at the Ormond Twilight Healthy Living Festival. Photo: Action Pix Photography.

Four-year-old kindergarten 2015 enrolment reminder

Glen Eira City Council operates a central enrolment system for 13 community based kindergartens within the municipality.

Parents wanting their child to attend four-year-old kindergarten in 2015 are reminded that enrolments open on I May 2013.

Children whose birth dates fall between I May 2010 and 30 April 2011 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2015.

Applications are taken in date of receipt order from 1 May 2013. Applications wil not be accepted prior to 1 May 2013

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov. au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. An application fee of \$17 applies.

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

Please note: Kindergarten programs are also offered in community and privately owned long day care centres, early learning centres, and kindergarten centres.

Families interested in securing places in those services should contact them directly.

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Four-year-old immunisation sessions

Due to the popularity of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions, Glen Eira City Council will be conducting monthly sessions in 2013.

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

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

Chrissy from Ormond has been twice to the four-year-old immunisation sessions at Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

"I found the sessions a positive experience for my kids," Chrissy said.

"The sessions made the two injections that Heath and Lana received only a small part of the total experience.

"The sessions were entertaining for the kids. They received a showbag with goodies in it and a balloon each.

"There was also an entertainer who makes balloon animals and shapes that the kids can watch while they are

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

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

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 of age at the time of a special four-yearold 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 fouryear-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."



Since the introduction of the special four-year-old immunisation sessions in 2007, between 60 and 70 children have been immunised at each session. Photo: Les O'Rourke Photography.



All children who are immunised at the free sessions will receive a show bag and helium balloon and will be entertained with magic tricks and face painting. Photo: Les O'Rourke Photography.

Immunisation sessions

Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 16 March and Saturday 20 April 9am-I Iam

Wednesday 13 March, Thursday 21 March, Wednesday 10 April and Thursday 18 April 5.30pm-7.30pm

Carnegie Library and **Community Centre**

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 27 March Ipm-2.30pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

5.30pm-7.30pm

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

Monday 25 March and 29 April 9.30am-11.30am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 5 March and 2 April 6pm-7pm and Tuesday 12 March and 9 April 9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Wednesday 17 April 1pm-2.30pm and Glen Huntly Maternal and Child **Health Centre**

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 20 March and 24 April 9.30am-11.30am

McKinnon Public Hall 118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 4 March and 8 April 9.30am-11.30am



The importance of immunisation

Immunisation protects children and adults from harmful infections.

It is important because:

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

How does immunisation work?

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

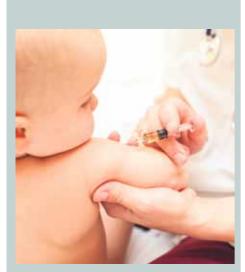
If the person comes into contact with that disease in the future, their body will be able to make an immune response fast enough to prevent them from falling ill.

When should children be immunised?

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

"Recent statistics show a high level of immunity within the City of Glen Eira, with more than 93 per cent of children fully immunised by the age of five," Ms Gannon said.

"This is a fantastic result, however in the continued effort to prevent infection and disease, Council encourages all children to be vaccinated on time."



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Working to protect our children



Kathie is a familiar face around Glen Eira City Council, having worked in the immunisation team for the past eight years.

Photo: Action Pix Photography.

Who would have thought being an immunisation nurse would make you so well-known in the community?

Being stopped in her local supermarket or on the street is something Kathie Craig has come to expect these days.

Kathie is a familiar face around Glen Eira City Council, having worked in the immunisation team for the past eight years.

"Each month I attend 10 immunisation sessions at various locations across the municipality and one special four-yearold immunisation session," Kathie said.

"I visit up to 15 schools, three times a year to administer vaccines to students in years seven and 10.

"I also spend one day a week at one of Council's maternal and child health centres vaccinating six-week-old babies."

Kathie said she not only enjoys her job because of its flexibility and family-friendly nature, she also enjoys the people she works with. "The immunisation team is not only a group of dedicated and fun people, but they are very professional and show empathy towards the parents," Kathie said.

"Parents, especially first-time parents, are very anxious when they attend the sessions as they don't know what to expect or how their child might react.

"I take a positive approach to delivering vaccines and try and make the parent as relaxed as possible.

"I also involve the child in the process and give them special jobs to do, for example closing their eyes, putting their arm around mum or dad and wriggling their toes.

"Most children forget what is happening as they are trying to concentrate on doing the things I have asked them to do."

Council's immunisation team can be contacted on 9524 3333 or email agannon@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Children immunised overseas

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

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

The history form can be completed by a doctor or by Glen Eira City Council's immunisation staff.

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

Parents must provide a record of the immunisations given overseas, as well as a valid Medicare card, which includes your child's name. Children who are fully vaccinated may also be eligible for an incentive payment from the Federal Government

Council can complete a history form for children who are not listed on a Medicare card and provide information of any further vaccinations so that parents can attend at a GP to receive these immunisations.

Please note: Medicare eligibility is required to attend Council's immunisation sessions.



Parents must provide a record of the immunisations given overseas to Council staff at the sessions.

Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2013

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2013. 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.



Wednesday 6 March 4pm-6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Health Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 13 April 9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Gardeners Road Bentleigh East

Wednesday I May 4pm-6pm

Carnegie Library and Community Health Centre 7 Shepparson Avenue Carnegie



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MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Arthritis Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12pm at Bentleigh Bayside Community Health, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9598 3094.

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 3171.

Beale Grand Piano meets monthly every Monday morning in the City. Contact: 9391 4091.

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

Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month except December at St. John's Anglican Church Hall, corner of Centre and Tucker Roads Bentleigh, from 7.45pm. Contact: 9570 1488.

Bentleigh Ladies Probus Club meets on the first Thursday of each month from 10am at the Uniting Church, 497 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9557 4067.

Bentleigh Men's Probus Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from 10.15am at Bentleigh RSL. Contact: 9579 5506.

Bentleigh Over 50's activities include table tennis, billiards, tai-chi, cards, scrabble, line dancing and more. Day and night times available.
Contact: 9557 5739.

Bentleigh Travel Club has organsied a short getaway to Lakes Entrance for three nights. Sightseeing, boat trips and most meals included.
Contact: 9557 5739.

Carnegie Lions club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm at Murrumbeena Park Bowling Club, Gerald Street, Murrumbeena. Contact: 0423 680 163.

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

Caulfield Combined Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am at Gladys Machin Hall, 8–10 Cedar Street, Caulfield South. Contact: 9563 5105.

Caulfield Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 8pm at St John's, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Guest speaker will be Lynsey Poore on Tuesday 5 March. 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 Park Petanque Club welcomes all fitness levels to learn to play French boules. Coaching and boules provided. Play social games on Saturdays from 1 pm.

Contact: 0409 381 808.

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

East Bentleigh Soccer Club Bailey Reserve, East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East offers soccer for people interested to play for a family friendly club. Contact: signup@eastbentsc.com or visit www.eastbentleighsc.com

English Conversation meets every Friday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. All welcome.

Contact: 9572 1876.

Glen Eira Artists 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 Brass Band is inviting novice and experienced brass and percussion players to join the band. Practice is held every Wednesday from 7.30pm at Caulfield Park in the Croquet Club Room. Contact: 0403 163 283.

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 Combined Probus Club for retirees meets on the fourth Friday of each month from 10am at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Guest speakers and morning tea. New members welcome. Contact: 9583 4822.

Glen Eira Independent Retirees (AIR) meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 10am at the Elsternwick Hotel. All retirees welcome. Contact: 9598 5179.

Glenhuntly Tennis Club offers social tennis every Sunday from Ipm at Glenhuntly Park, Neerim Roads, Glenhuntly. Visit: ghtc.com.au

Glen Eira Tennis Club Inc. offers over 50's doubles tennis at Princes Park, Beech Street, Caulfield South. Mens doubles and mixed doubles on Thursday mornings, 9am to I pm. Ladies doubles on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am to I 2pm. Contact: 9523 6966.

Ladies Probus Club of Ormond meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10am at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh.
Contact: 9569 7576.

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

McKinnon Needlepointers meet every Thursday from Ipm at Godfrey Street Community House, 9 Godfrey Street, Bentleigh. \$5 per session. 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.

Ormond Senior Citizens Club meets at 2 Newham Grove, Ormond. Activities include table tennis, billiards, bowls, cards, chess, dancing, yoga and zumba. Contact: 9557 1856.

Qigong and Tai Chi classes are held on Mondays (except 5 November) at I I am at Bentleigh Senior Citizens Club, Arthur Street, Bentleigh. Includes Tai Chi for arthritis.

Contact: 9584 2428.

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

Rotary Club of Glen Eira meets every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8pm at The London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South. Contact: 0408 024 224.

Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club meets on the first Monday of each month from 10am at Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9578 1322.

Scottish Country Dancing is held every Friday from 8pm to 10pm at Ormond Uniting Church. Classes are free during March.
Contact: 9555 7421or 9579 5532.

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

Contact: 0415 501 312.

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

EVENTS

Bentleigh Organ and Music Club is holding a concert on Monday 4 March commencing at 8pm at the Coatesville Bowling Club, 62 Mackie Road, East Bentleigh.
Contact: 9528 2539.

East Bentleigh Primary School operates a community market every Thursday from 3.30pm. Contact: 9570 3525.

Glen Eira Historical Society will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27 March at Glen Eira Town Hall. Dr Gary Presland will discuss pre-European Aboriginal culture in Glen Eira.
Contact: 9077 5395.

Mental Health Carers' Expo will be held on 16 April for two weeks from 2pm to 7.30pm at St Kilda Town Hall. Contact: 9076 6204.

Glen Eira Multicultural Music, Dance and Food Festival will be held on Saturday 2 March from 11.30am–2.30pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond. Contact: 9578 8996.

Murrumbeena Primary School
Carnival will be held on Saturday
16 March from 12pm to 7pm at Hobart
Road, Murrumbeena.
Contact: 9568 1300 or visit
www.murrumbeenapscarnival.weebly.com

Music Lovers' Society Concert will be held on 23 March at 8pm at Ewing Memorial Uniting Church, corner Coppin Street and Burke Road, Malvern East. Admission: \$22, seniors \$18, pensioners \$13, students \$9 and families \$50. Members free. Contact: 0435 997 037.

COMMUNITY

Bentleigh Calisthenics College, Uniting Church Hall, 497 Centre Road, Bentleigh accepting new enrolments for all students aged three to 26 years. Contact: 0400 648 822 or visit www.bentleighcalisthenics.com

Carnegie Playgroup runs sessions every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Visit: http://home.vicnet.net. au/~carnegieplaygroup

Carnegie Playgroup Inc 3 Year Old Activity Group has 2013 places available each Tuesday of the school term. Operating at the Children Multi-purpose Centre. Contact:

3yearoldactivitygroup@gmail.com

Coatesville Playgroup hold sessions from Tuesday to Friday at the Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East.
Contact: coatesvilleplaygroup@gmail.com

Community Pottery Classes holds evening and day classes for all ages. Contact: 0419 634 049.

East Bentleigh Primary School, 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh East offers lush playgrounds, personalised learning and a small village school environment. Contact: 9570 3525.

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre is offering computer classes, MYOB, career choices, Introduction to Business Administration, Improve your Writing, English for Migrants, French and Art classes. Contact: 9578 8996 or visit www.gealc.com.au

Moongala Community House is offering new classes for adults in computer classes in eBay, using your ipad, Word 2007 and Editing Photos and Business and Marketing classes in Small Business, websites, social media and women back to work classes. Contact: 9570 3468.

Moongala Community House has vacancies for over three-year-olds and for babies in its sessional childcare program. For both general and for mums experiencing difficulties in motherhood. Contact: 9570 3468.

Murrumbeena Playgroup, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena is open Monday to Friday, February to December, including school holidays. Contact: 0432 271 204.

Temple Society Bentleigh German School, 152 Tucker Road Bentleigh provides after school German language classes for school aged children. Enrolments are now being accepted. Contact: 0407 271 764.

The Friends of Caulfield Park will hold two concerts at Caulfield Park Bandstand on the first Sunday in March and April from 2pm.
Contact: 0407 557 881.

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.

Moorabbin Area Toy Library is open Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Fridays from 9.30am to 11am and Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Moorleigh Community Centre, Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9570 3590.

市政税之上另再收税:一千萬澳元?

二月份的《Glen Eira 新聞》報道了州政府決定 通過市征税系統向所有物業征税,以支付消防 服務的消息。從2013年7月起,這項稅將包含在 所有市政稅賬單上。對物業的征稅將取代消防 稅加印花稅再加目前物業保險費上的消費稅。

對物業的征税將於2013年7月1日起生效,其中 包括:

- · 對民居征收的\$100固定税費,對商業、工業和農業生產物業征收的\$200固定税費;以及
- · 按物業資本增值百分比計算的非固定税費。

政府將向目前享受市政税優惠的人士退款\$50。

州政府還未宣布非固定税費的計算方法。

財政部在2012年提供了非固定税率為0.007563%的計算樣例。作為舉例説明,如果非固定税率是0.007563%,估價為\$600,000的民居物業税費就是\$100加上\$45.38 = \$145.38。

如果非固定税率是0.007563%,Glen Eira 市政 區應税物業的總税額將在一千萬澳元左右。

預計州政府將在2013年4月或5月確定非固定 税率。

Εισφορά Πυρκαγιάς επιπρόσθετα των Δημοτικών Τελών: 10 εκατομμύρια δολάρια;

Στο ενημερωτικό δελτίο Glen Eira News του Φεβρουαρίου, αναφερθήκαμε στην απόφαση της Πολιτειακής Κυβέρνησης να φορολογήσει όλα τα ακίνητα μέσω του συστήματος Δημοτικών Τελών για να πληρώσει για τις πυροσβεστικές υπηρεσίες. Η εισφορά θα περιλαμβάνεται σε όλες τις Ειδοποιήσεις Δημοτικών Τελών από τον Ιούλιο του 2013. Η εισφορά στα ακίνητα θα αντικαταστήσει την εισφορά συν Χαρτόσημο συν ΦΠΑ η οποία τώρα χρεώνεται με τα ασφάλιστρα ακινήτων.

Η εισφορά στα ακίνητα θα τεθεί σε ισχύ από την 1η Ιουλίου 2013. Θα αποτελείται από:

- ένα σταθερό στοιχείο των \$100 για οικιακά και \$200 για εμπορικά, βιομηχανικά και γεωργικά ακίνητα, και
- ένα μεταβλητό στοιχείο που υπολογίζεται ως ποσοστό επί της βελτιωμένης κεφαλαιακής αξίας του ακινήτου.

Η Κυβέρνηση θα χρηματοδοτήσει μια επιστροφή \$50 για κατόχους εκπτώσεων που τώρα πληρούν τις προϋποθέσεις για εκπτώσεις στα δημοτικά τέλη.

Η Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση δεν έχει ανακοινώσει ακόμη ποιο θα είναι το μεταβλητό στοιχείο.

Το 2012, το Υπουργείο Οικονομικών έδωσε ένα παράδειγμα χρησιμοποιώντας ένα μεταβλητό στοιχείο του 0,007563 τοις εκατό. Για επεξηγηματικούς λόγους, αν το 0,007563 τοις εκατό που ήταν το πραγματικό στοιχείο, η εισφορά επί ακινήτου αξίας 600.000 δολαρίων θα είναι \$100 συν \$45,38 = \$145,38.

Χρησιμοποιώντας το μεταβλητό στοιχείο του 0,007563 τοις εκατό, η συνολική εισφορά για φορολογητέα ακίνητα στο Glen Eira θα είναι της τάξεως των 10 εκατ. δολαρίων.

Το πραγματικό στοιχείο αναμένεται να καθοριστεί από την Πολιτειακή Κυβέρνηση τον Απρίλιο ή Μάιο 2013.

Imposta incendio addizionale alla tassa comunale: \$10 milioni?

Nel notiziario Glen Eira News di febbraio abbiamo riferito la decisione presa dal Governo Statale di imporre una tassa incendio su tutte le proprietà in addizione al sistema di tassazione comunale per far fronte al costo dei servizi antincendio. La nuova imposta verrà inclusa in tutte le notifiche di pagamento della tassa comunale annuale ad iniziare dal luglio 2013. L'imposta sulle proprietà sostituirà quella con addizionale imposta di bollo e GST che veniva applicata al premio assicurativo sulla proprietà.

L'imposta sulle proprietà entrerà in vigore dal 1 luglio 2013 e consisterà di:

- Una componente fissa di \$100 per le proprietà residenziali e di \$200 per quelle commerciali, industriali e di produzione primaria; e
- Una componente variabile calcolata in percentuale sul valore di accrescimento di capitale della proprietà.

Il Governo fornirà una sovvenzione di \$50 di sconto per i tesserati e per coloro che attualmente usufruiscono di rimborso fiscale.

Il Governo Statale non ha ancora comunicato quale sarà la componente variabile.

Nel 2012, il Dipartimento della Tesoreria ha fornito un esempio utilizzando una componente variabile dello 0,007563 per cento. A scopo illustrativo, se lo 0,007563 per cento costituisse la componente corrente, l'imposta su di una proprietà residenziale valutata \$600,000 ammonterebbe a \$100 più \$45.38 = \$145.38.

Utilizzando una componente variabile dello 0,007563 per cento, l'imposta totale applicata sulle proprietà contribuenti di Glen Eira risulterebbe nell'ordine di \$10 milioni.

La componente verrà stabilita dal Governo Statale entro aprile o maggio 2013.

Налог на недвижимость плюс противопожарный налог: \$10 миллионов?

В февральском выпуске нашей газеты Glen Eira News мы писали о том, что Правительство штата Виктория вводит новый налог на всех владельцев недвижимости. Сбор от налога будет использоваться для развития противопожарной службы. Новый налог будет включен во все Налоговые уведомления (Rates Notice) начиная с июля 2013г. Этот налог заменяет собой ряд платежей, которые в настоящее время включены в страховые взносы при страховке недвижимости, а именно: налог плюс гербовый сбор (Stamp Duty) плюс налог GST.

Противопожарный налог вступает в действие 1 июля 2013г. Сумма налога будет состоять из:

- фиксированного компонента \$100 для владельцев жилья и \$200 для владельцев коммерческой, промышленной и сельскохозяйственной недвижимости:
- переменного компонента, который будет определяться как процент от капитальной стоимости недвижимости.

Те, кто в настоящее время получают скидку с налога на недвижимость, будут также получать скидку \$50 с противопожарного налога.

Правительство штата пока что не объявило, каким образом будет исчисляться переменный компонент налога.

В 2012г. Министерство финансов приводило пример исчисления налога с переменным компонентом 0.007563 процента. Если переменный компонент действительно будет таким, то, например, для жилой недвижимости стоимостью \$600 000 противопожарный налог составит \$100 плюс \$45.38 = \$145.38.

При переменном компоненте 0.007563 процента общий сбор противопожарного налога в муниципалитете Glen Eira составит примерно 10 миллионов долларов.

Окончательное решение по поводу исчисления переменного компонента налога будет принято в апреле-мае 2013г.

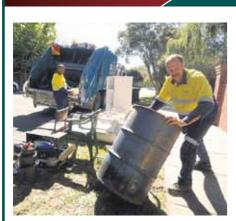
Community consultation

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

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

Recent consultation opportunities

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Subject	Туре	Date	Where
Open Space Strategy	Survey	Closes 4 March	City of Glen Eira, Caulfield South, Vic 3162
Development of Municipal Early Years Plan 2013–2016	Community forum	6 March, 6pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room
Development of Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013–2017	Service provider forum	12 March, 2pm	Caulfield Park Pavilion
Development of Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013–2017	Community forum	13 March, 6pm	Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room
Development of Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013–2017	Community forum	14 March, 2pm	Caulfield Park Pavilion



Cleaning out? Book a free hard rubbish collection

- Get rid of old or unwanted items at a time that's convenient for you.
- Every household is entitled to three free, on-demand hard rubbish and bundled branches collections each financial year.
- Council will collect up to four cubic metres of rubbish in each collection.

Guidelines apply. To book, contact Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333, Monday–Friday, 8am–5.30pm and Tuesdays, 8am–7.15pm or visit

www.gleneira.vic.gov.au
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Summer sports finals

Bentleigh • Bentleigh East • Carnegie

Caulfield • Elsternwick • Gardenvale

March is a great time to take a walk through Glen Eira's parks, especially those where cricket is being played on weekends. It is very likely that you will be watching a finals match of local cricket.

Many sporting clubs throughout Glen Eira have worked hard to reach this time of year and will need all the support they can get to make their finals dreams come true.

Whether it's a junior or senior match, competition is sure to be fierce, so it's worth taking time out to watch the game. It may even be one of your neighbours playing at the local park.

So why not wander down to your local park on the weekend and watch some great cricket in action.

Dog walking

Dogs make wonderful companions for people of all ages. Owning a dog can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health and wellbeing. A four-legged friend can provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love. However, along with these benefits comes certain responsibilities.

Exercising your dog

All dogs must be properly restrained whenever they are in public places in the City of Glen Eira. This includes roads, streets, footpaths, car parks or any parks or reserves which are on-leash.

In order to cater for the needs of all residents, many parks have designated off-leash areas. In these areas, dogs must not be off-leash within 20 metres of:

- playgrounds;
- barbecue or picnic areas;
- Duncan Mackinnon athletics track and netball facilities;
- · Packer Park Velodrome; or
- schools and sportsgrounds during training and match times.

Dogs must be kept on a leash not exceeding 1.5 metres at all times in public places, except in designated off-leash areas. While off-leash, owners must have a clear, uninterrupted view of the dog and must keep the dog under effective voice control.

Visit Council's website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au for a listing of off-leash parks.

Cleaning up after your dog

It is your responsibility to clean up

after your dog at all times. You can do this by using a bag or a pooper scooper. Please don't inconvenience others by leaving your dog's droppings behind. Penalties apply if you fail to pick up after your dog.

To assist dog owners, Council has installed bag dispensers in many parks. However, be sure to take a bag with you whenever you exercise your dog, in case there isn't a bag dispenser close by.



Dogs must be kept on a leash not exceeding 1.5 metres at all times in public places. Photo: In2uitionphotography.

Personal training in Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council has implemented personal training regulations within the municipality, providing the opportunity for people to exercise while also making sure commercial fitness activities do not prevent or interfere with residents from enjoying Glen Eira's parks.

Applying for a permit

Commercial health and fitness operators using open space and sportsgrounds in Glen Eira are required to hold a valid permit. Personal trainers wishing to obtain an annual permit must submit an application to Council's Recreation Services Department.

For further information, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or email

recreationservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Murrumbeena Park play space



Works have commenced on the redevelopment of the play space at Murrumbeena Park.

Glen Eira City Council has commenced the redevelopment of the play space at Murrumbeena Park on Kangaroo Road. The exciting project sees the creation of a new play space in the eastern side of the park.

The design goes beyond any existing playground and merges traditional play equipment with interactive landscaping, family picnic areas, tree plantings and a public toilet. All equipment and infrastructure will conform to Australian standards and provide a high level of accessibility and safety. The range of play equipment and landscaping extends from toddler pieces, to the large combination unit and more advanced pieces like the cableway and pod spinner.

The use of recycled plastics, wooden sculptures and environmentally considerate landscaping make this a modern and contemporary space that will become a popular destination for the whole community.

Council received \$258,921 to assist in the construction of the play space as part of Sport and Recreation Victoria's *Community Facility Funding Program*. The project is expected to be completed in June.

If you would like further information on the redevelopment, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Book Chats

Book Chats are a relaxed and informal chat about books and reading. Led by our knowledgeable book enthusiasts, Book Chats are held monthly. This month we will be discussing Secret ingredients: food and fiction. Enjoy our discussion about books that make food part of the narrative, celebrate food and the joys of cooking.

Afternoon tea is provided and bookings are not required.

Join us at 2pm at:

Caulfield Library Tuesday 12 March

Carnegie Library Monday 18 March

Elsternwick Library Tuesday 19 March

Bentleigh Library Thursday 21 March



Join our March April Holiday Mania

Join us for fun holiday events.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday 19 March at 9am and can be purchased online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au Alternatively, you can purchase tickets from Council's Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5.30pm and Tuesday evenings until 7.15pm.

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

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

All tickets are \$8 and adults are free.

The Magical Mountains **Music Show**

Meet the animals of Magical Mountains. They love to sing and dance and want you to come along and join in this fun, musical performance.

For ages up to seven years.

Thursday I I April

Two shows:

IIam-II.45am

1.30pm-2.15pm

Includes time to meet the characters

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette **Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn** Roads, Caulfield



Hip-hop dance

Hip-hop developed from jazz, rock, tap and American and Latino cultures. It is unique and energetic, allowing dancers to perform with freedom of movement, adding in their own personalities. Let our hip-hop expert show you the right moves. Strictly for ages seven to nine years.

Friday 12 April

9.30am-10.30am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room level one

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Breakdance

Breakdancing is a form of hip-hop with cool moves and quick spins. Learn 'downrock' and 'uprock' moves and have the chance to incorporate your own

Strictly for ages 10 years and up.

Friday 12 April

I lam-I2pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room level one

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie



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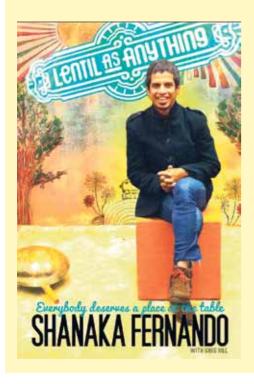
The importance of discomfort

Shanaka Fernando

Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette **Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn** Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 19 March, 7pm-8pm

Shanaka Fernando is a revolutionary. For many years he has been well-known in Melbourne as the



pioneer of the Lentil as Anything pay-asyou-feel vegetarian restaurants. Shanaka inspires by example and advocates an inclusive, ethical approach to business and life, and a belief in the innate goodness and generosity of his fellow human beings. Shanaka will discuss his recently released biography Lentil as anything: everyone deserves a place at the

Book at any Glen Eira library, online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact 9524 3623.

Peter Rabbit StoryTime

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie Friday 22 March I lam to I2pm

Join us at this special StoryTime to celebrate one of the most loved children's characters — Peter Rabbit. Meet Peter Rabbit and enjoy tales from his classic stories.

This StoryTime is for children aged three to five years. This is a free event and bookings are not required.



Erotica — is this the new romance?

With author Nicki Reed Wednesday 27 March **Carnegie Library**

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie 7pm-8.30pm

Join our discussion on the changing face of romance novels and chick literature. Have books like Fifty Shades of Grey changed the types of books we read or is erotica a passing fad? Join Nicki Reed the author of *Unzipped*, which is a mix of Mills & Boon, the raunchy Fifty Shades series and comedy.

Wine and refreshments provided. Limited numbers apply. Book at any Glen Eira library, online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact 9563 0971.

e-book starter sessions

Wednesday 27 March Carnegie Library — Training Room 7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie 10am-11am

Caulfield Library — Training Room **Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn** Roads, Caulfield 6.30pm-7.30pm

Are you interested in learning more about accessing e-books at the library? Then join one of our monthly e-book starter sessions. Learn about different types of e-readers and the e-books you can access free at Glen Eira libraries. No bookings are required to attend.



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.

Victorian and Tasmanian Schools' **International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition 2013**

Until 3 March

This exhibition will feature a diverse and exciting range of artworks from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Visual Arts Course, selected from the November 2012 examination session. Contemporary digital media, installations, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, photography, painting, textiles and ceramics will be included.

Fresh — Contemporary jewellery from the jewellery studio, MADA — Monash Art, Design and Architecture

7-24 March

A participant of the 2013 L'Oréal Melbourne **Fashion Festival Cultural Program**

This exhibition will showcase the talent and innovation of staff and emerging jewellers recently graduated from the jewellery studio at MADA -Monash Art, Design and Architecture. Concepts of personal adornment, identity and connections with the body and wearer are addressed through a dynamic selection of contemporary jewellery and a diverse range of materials and approaches.

Sonia Payes — The White Dress 7-24 March

A participant of the 2013 L'Oréal Melbourne **Fashion Festival Cultural Program**

Internationally renowned artist Sonia Payes explores the relationship between contemporary photography and fashion, in her series of bride photographs inspired by an elaborate couture wedding dress created by contemporary Melbourne designer J'Aton Couture. Haunting and mysterious, Payes' powerful photographs address concepts of feminine identity, memory, personal history and connections with the body and wearer.



Sonia Payes BrideScape Series #04, 2011 C. type print Edition: 5 +2 A/P 72 x 92.5 cm Courtesy of Fehily Contemporary Gallery, Collingwood

Elyse Barker — Floral 7-24 March

A participant of the 2013 L'Oréal Melbourne **Fashion Festival Cultural Program**

This exhibition will feature a vibrant selection of garments by emerging Melbourne fashion designer Elyse Barker. The exhibition investigates the relationship between the garment and the body, fashion and femininity. Barker's intricate and textured garments, assembled from detailed knitted floral pieces, will be displayed with colourful, hand ruffled floral bouquets, knitted flower brooches, head pieces and other accessories.



Elyse Barker **Photographer: Kelly Defina** www.fashionising.com

16-24 March 2013

Come and Party in the Park

The first of Council's Party in the Park series held at Princes Park was a huge success. An estimated record audience of more than 7,000 attended the free event.

Thousands of kids enjoyed free rides, face painting and Dorothy the Dinosaur and Fireman Sam shows.

Arts and Culture Co-ordinator Tori Hayat said the day was perfect.

"A sunny 26 degrees attracted people of all ages — especially families. It was great to watch all the excitement and fun being had by so many," Tori said.

Allnutt Park, McKinnon, will host the final Party in the Park event on Sunday 3 March from 12pm to 4pm. There will be live shows by Angelina Ballerina and Raa Raa the Noisy Lion, art and craft activities; kids cooking classes, a silent disco, animal farm, wildlife education program and free rides.

Council's annual Pet Expo will also be held so bring your pets along and enter them in the Pet Parade. There will also be free vet advice, discounted micro-chipping and interactive dog activities.

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



Child care centre limited vacancies

Glen Eira City Council's high quality child GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL care centres have limited vacancies in all age groups. Our stimulating indoor and outdoor play experiences enhance children's learning and development in supportive small group environments.

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For all enquiries, contact Council's Service centre on 9524 3333.

y Brother Jack Awards

The 2013 My Brother Jack Literary and Photographic Awards are open to people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira and offer prizes for poetry, short stories and photography in primary, junior secondary, senior secondary and open categories.

Entry forms and information are now available on Council's website www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information on any Arts and Culture events, contact the Service Centre on 9524 3333 and follow Glen Eira Arts and Culture on facebook www.facebook.com/gleneiraarts

Self-defence for teenage girls

Glen Eira Youth Services in partnership with Youth Express will host a seven week program for young females aged 14 to 16 years of age. BAM — Body and Mind Self Defence, a girls only self-defence and emotional awareness program, will focus on re-engaging young females into their social contexts through learning basic self-defence techniques and group discussion about a range of topics. All sessions will be held at the Youth Information Centre on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday I May, free of charge.

Places are limited so please register early. For further information about this program or any other program or services, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Parent information night: from 'can't do' to 'can do'

As part of National Youth Week, Glen Eira Youth Services is hosting a parent information night with guest speaker Dr Andrew Fuller.

Andrew is a clinical psychologist, family therapist and author of bestsellers, *Tricky Kids*, *Life:A Guide* and *Tricky People*. He is in demand across Australia and internationally as a facilitator of learning experiences.

Andrew's sessions provide an opportunity to hear valuable information in an entertaining and informative manner. Not only will you leave with great hints and tips for dealing with adolescents, but you'll also enjoy a laugh during the presentation.

This information session will look at helping young people develop a positive growth oriented mindset, where they can improve over time and overcome setbacks powerfully.

Topics to be discussed include:

- using 'I noticed' feedback;
- praise effort more than ability; and
- · dealing with setbacks.

Date: Wednesday 10 April

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

This is a free event, however bookings are essential. To book, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Plugged In @ Glen Eira Youth Services

Plugged In is a music program for young people interested in learning about the recording process. Held at the Youth Information Centre's recording studio, Plugged In is facilitated by local sound engineer and musician Tom McEwan, who has more than 30 years' experience in the music industry.

Plugged In runs once a week for nine sessions during the school term. Students gain valuable experience and learn how to set up and run recording sessions. The program is free for young people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

For further information or to register your interest in the next program, contact Tanya at Youth Services on 9524 3676.



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

outh Services provides a range of

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

A short course covering sound recording and engineering basics.

No prior experience required.

Held at the fully equipped Glen Eira

City Council Youth Services Plugged In Music Studio, this course is available to young people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

For further information on Youth Services programs or youth support, contact 9524 3676 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



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



Enter your artwork for the chance to win some great prizes!

Entries close 4.30pm on Friday 12 April 2013.

For further information or an entry pack, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



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Disability Reference Committee seeks new members

Glen Eira City Council's Disability Reference Committee is looking for new members.

The Committee not only represents the interests of people with disabilities, their family and carers, but provides advice to enable a considered response to issues affecting people with disabilities who live, work or study within the municipality.

The committee also acts as a resource on matters relating to inclusion and access for people with disabilities, their family and carers.

The Committee meets bi-monthly and consists of:

- five community representatives who are either residents or a family member or carer of people with a disability;
- two community representatives of disability service organisations with the Glen Eira municipality;
 and
- three Council officers, including the metro access officer, representing Glen Eira City Council.

Over the years, the Committee has been involved in a number of events and projects including *International Day of People with a Disability*; and Glen Eira's *Disability Parking Trial*.

If you are interested in becoming a Committee member, please submit your Expression of Interest Form by Friday 15 March.

To gain an Expression of Interest Form or for further information about the Committee, contact 9524 3333.



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



Remove it, lock it or lose it

Over the past few months, there has been a significant increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles reported. Glen Eira City Council is reminding all residents to lock their cars.

Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram from Moorabbin Police Station said that the thieves are not too fussed about where the motor vehicle is parked — whether it is in the street or in your driveway.

"The real main concern is that owners of the vehicles have been leaving their vehicles unlocked," Senior Constable Oram said.

Theft from motor vehicles is an offence that can be prevented. Before leaving your car, remember to:

 Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving your car even if the car is parked in your driveway or garage. The smallest gap can enable windows to be forced.

- Lock your car when paying for fuel or making a quick trip into the shops.
- Lock all valuables in the boot or take them with you — do not leave valuables within view.
- Hide all valuables before arriving at your destination. Do not hide them upon arrival as thieves could be monitoring the car park.
- Remove your portable satellite navigation system from out of sight before leaving your car — this is one of the most attractive items for thieves. Be sure to wipe the round suction cap marks from the window with a moist, soft cloth.
- Never leave money, including loose change within view.



Over the past few months, there has been a significant increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles reported. Photo: Bernie Bickerton.





Walking to school and kindergarten

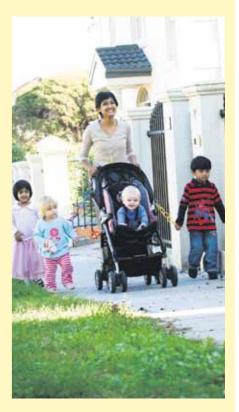
A lot of children in our municipality walk or ride to school, kindergarten or childcare. This has benefits for health and wellbeing as well as reducing traffic around these activity hubs.

Children who walk or ride to education and care are more likely to be fitter and more active than others. Research has shown that exercise is beneficial in helping children to think, concentrate and solve problems, all of which are essential skills when it comes to learning. So, walking to school, kindergarten or child care will help your child get the amount of exercise they need to stay healthy and help them learn as well.

It's also a great way for your child to:

- get to know their local area;
- meet other children in their neighbourhood;
- learn safety skills, like crossing the road; and
- gain confidence and the ability to travel independently as they get older.

Your child will also learn about pedestrian safety by watching you, so use safe behaviour around cars, roads, footpaths and car parks. Always stop, look, listen and think before crossing a road, and use pedestrian crossings wherever possible.



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