

# glen eira news

## McKinnon Kindergarten extension

**Cr Margaret Esakoff, Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Elizabeth Miller MP State Member for Bentleigh at the official opening of the completed extension at McKinnon Kindergarten.**

Photo: Action Pix Photography.

**G**len Eira City Council is pleased to announce the completion of the extension to McKinnon Kindergarten.

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

"The renovated area at McKinnon Kindergarten means that we can cater for an additional 60 children and that there is better use of shared spaces, such as the foyer, bathroom area and bag storage areas."

"All four-year-old children have been offered a place in a community managed kindergarten and there are still 27 vacancies," Cr Hyams said.

In the past 12 months, an additional 275 funded four-year-old places have been created in Glen Eira in a

range of service settings including community managed kindergartens, long day care centres and early learning centres.

Early last year, Council's Family and Children's Services Unit made a successful State Government grant application for \$300,000 for the capital upgrade at the McKinnon Kindergarten.

The grant, along with Council's co-contribution of \$225,000 has resulted in a playroom that now caters for an additional 60 children. Other internal works, which included the refurbishment of the foyer and bathroom area and a new kitchen and meeting room, have also been completed.

Officially opened on 14 March by Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Elizabeth Miller MP State Member for Bentleigh, the McKinnon

Kindergarten was one of 97 early childhood services that benefited from more than \$40 million as part of the State Government's record investment in early childhood infrastructure.

McKinnon Kindergarten mother Karin said that there was such a need for extra kinder places in the area.

"The refurbishment has refreshed the kinder and allowed for a lot more children," Karin said. "This will help with my daughter's transition into primary school."

Some of the other comments received from parents at the opening:

"Playful, delightful, spacious and refreshing."

"A welcoming injection of new life."

Forty parents, educators and Council staff attended the official opening on 14 March.

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## Save the environment — save money

Glen Eira City Council has started converting lights in residential streets in the City of Glen Eira to a more energy-efficient alternative to deliver environmental and financial benefits to the community.

At the end of February, more than 1,500 street lights had been converted. By the end of May, Council's contractor will have replaced around 5,000 lights.

The new lights are 68 per cent more energy-efficient than the old lights, which Council has arranged to recycle as part of the project. The new lights will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 1,870 tonnes (the equivalent of taking 410 cars off the road) and reduce the cost of providing street lights in Glen Eira by about \$250,000 a year.

The project is a key action from Council's *Carbon Emission Reduction Plan*. It is a good example of projects which improve the environment while also demonstrating value-for-money.



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## Mayor's column



It was my pleasure to open the redeveloped area at McKinnon Kindergarten on Thursday 14 March alongside Elizabeth Miller MP State Member for Bentleigh. The works which included the refurbishment of the foyer and bathroom as well as a new play space that accommodates an additional 33 children, looks fantastic.

If you are currently seeking child care, Council's children's centres still have places available for 2013. You can contact our children's centres directly to discuss your needs or complete an application form which is available on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

I'd like to remind all community groups that applications for Glen Eira City Council's 2013–2014 Community Grants Program close on April 26. The Program supports and assists not-for-profit community based groups to implement many of their projects and activities that so greatly benefit Glen Eira residents.

Council's annual *Food Business Awards* will be held on Monday 29 April. As part of the evening, I have the pleasure of announcing the 2013 *Shop of the Year*, which is awarded to the food business which has delivered the highest standard of food safety in the City. This is just one of the many ways Council focusses on ensuring that all food sold is as safe as possible.

The 2013 *My Brother Jack Awards* are open to people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira and offer prizes for short stories and poetry in Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary and Open categories and photography in Youth and Open categories. I encourage you all to enter.

As the cricket season ends, I congratulate all Glen Eira teams that achieved success over the finals, and wish all our winter sport teams the best for the start of your season.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter, and for those celebrating Passover, Chag Sameach.

**Cr Jamie Hyams  
Mayor**

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## Deadlines

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

### Coming deadlines

The deadline for the June 2013 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 1 May for delivery 27–31 May (weather permitting).

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## Living a life of impact

As a councillor representing young families, Mary would like for people of Glen Eira to have their faith in Local Government restored.

"Those of us raising young families in Glen Eira are large consumers of Local Government products and yet we are not well represented at the elected level," Mary said.

Mary grew up in country Victoria in a small town called Alvie. She attended boarding school in Brighton and fell in love with Melbourne's inner suburbs at a young age. She has been living in Elsternwick with her husband and three children for the past six years.

Mary is a qualified Financial Planner and also has a Masters of Applied Finance with a major in Corporate Advisory. She is currently General Manager Business Development for a large industry superannuation fund based in Melbourne and serves on the board of Reclink Australia — a national not-for-profit organisation offering sports and arts opportunities to disadvantaged Australians.

As a large proportion of Melbournians do, Mary loves sport.

"I play, umpire and occasionally coach netball.

"Most winter weekends are spent cheering on the Saints either at the ground or at home," Mary said.

Another interest of Mary's is cooking.

"My husband and I are in a constant territorial battle over the kitchen because we both love to be in charge of the cooking," Mary said.

Along with this goes the perpetual hunting for produce.

"Glen Eira has a number of fantastic provedores such as Oasis Bakery where we often wander the aisles over the weekend."

As part of her first term on Council, Mary is passionate about delivering more open space for future generations to enjoy.

"I am passionate about sustainable growth; it is understandable that more and more people want to live in Glen Eira so it is the job of Council to ensure that our locally provided infrastructure can keep up with growth.

"My passion lies in the idea that Local Government can shape a community," Mary said.

"I believe the type of community the people of Glen Eira want, is one that protects the heritage of our area and allows for viable growth."

Mary's family has a long and proud history of community service.

Her extended family is well known to many Victorians. She has several cousins who have served or currently serve on state and local governments.

"I was always encouraged to live a life of impact. I felt that my skills could add value to my community," Mary said.

"At the end of four years, I want to be able to see the values that I hold represented by real change in the community."



Cr Mary Delahunty and her three children Sophie, Lyla and Maggie.

## Community column

### Speaking up for our City

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 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.

For further information, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Engaging our community

#### 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:

**Sunday 21 April — 8am–4pm**

Carnegie Swim Centre, Koornang Park, Moira Avenue, Carnegie

#### 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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) (search for green waste) or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## Limited vacancies exist in Council's Child Care Centres

If you are currently seeking child care, Council's children's centres still have available places for 2013. You can contact our children's centres directly to discuss your needs or complete an application form which is available on Council's website at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Council's three children's centres Caulfield Children's Centre; Carnegie Children's Centre; and Murrumbeena Children's Centre provide play-based learning opportunities which are guided by the *Early Years Learning and Development Framework*. The Framework supports educators' work with children and families to achieve the best outcomes for children.

Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said Council's children's centres provide high-quality programs that respond to children's needs.

"A play-based approach in the curriculum supports learning across physical, social, emotional and

intellectual areas of development," Jill said.

Children's early years are the foundation for future health, growth and development. They are critically important and influence your child for life.

Access to quality early childhood

programs, supports families through these important years.

"We have a big job in communicating what and how children learn in early learning environments.

"Our staff are constantly looking at ways to keep parents informed, and involve them in their child's day."



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### Barry Neve JP

Former Mayor of Glen Eira, Barry Neve JP passed away on 7 March 2013.

Cr Neve had been a Councillor and Mayor of the City of Moorabbin.

After the amalgamation of Councils, Cr Neve served on the Glen Eira Council 1997–2000 and was Mayor in 1998–99. He is remembered for his calm, wise decision making and his strong links with the community.

## 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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## Anzac Day Service

Glen Eira residents are invited to attend an Anzac Day Service on Sunday 21 April at 2.30pm at the Cenotaph (north-west side) in Caulfield Park.

Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the marquee located in Caulfield Park.

Those who wish to lay a wreath, please contact 9524 3225.



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# New fitness studio at GESAC

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is just about to complete its brand new Results Studio.

The studio will play host to a number of new specialised group training programs such as Kettle Bells, BOSU, X Fit, Barre Attack and Les Mills GRIT STRENGTH.

GESAC's Assistant Manager Paige Buse said the studio will be a wonderful addition to the already state-of-the-art health club.

"The new Results Studio aims to service members who struggle for motivation at times and want that extra personal attention to help them achieve the results they want," Paige said.

"It's a great way to take your fitness to a new level in a fun, sociable setting."

Construction of the 95 square metre room has been in progress for six weeks. Foundation memberships for the new studio are now on sale for a limited time with a saving of up to \$255.

For further information on GESAC's membership options or other facilities, contact 9570 9200, visit [www.gesac.com.au](http://www.gesac.com.au) or drop into 200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East.



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# Deadline looms for pet registration

Glen Eira pet owners are running out of time to renew their dog and cat registration.

Renewal notices were sent out in March and must be paid before Tuesday 10 April.

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

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

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

For a pet registration application form for new animals, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



Failure to register dogs or cats can result in a \$282 fine per animal. Photo: Lee Illustrations.

## 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.



**Saturday 13 April**  
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh Bayside  
Community Health  
Gardeners Road  
Bentleigh East

**Wednesday 1 May**  
4pm-6pm

Carnegie Library and  
Community Health Centre  
7 Shepperson Avenue  
Carnegie

**Saturday 1 June**  
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh Bayside  
Community Health  
Gardeners Road  
Bentleigh East



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# Family day care focus on community participation

Family day care in Glen Eira offers quality child care and education. One of the standout benefits of family day care is the flexibility it offers for children to be involved in the local community. For instance, family day care educators are able to walk preschool children to a local kindergarten if you have organised sessions. This offers flexibility and choice to families who want to balance the individual needs of their children.

In addition, educators regularly make use of our great local parks where children of all ages are able to explore and experience the natural environment and play. These types of experiences also build a strong sense of place and social connection with the community.

Educators' routines reflect the children's individual needs and family life so children are likely to participate in small shopping experiences, such as going to the post office and purchasing

stamps, posting letters or parcels. Community activities like these provide learning opportunities to choose and count items, practice numeracy skills and have conversations with local shop keepers.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordination Unit is a licensed children's service with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and has been assessed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as exceeding the National Quality Standard. A maximum of four preschool children can be cared for by educators who work from their own home and are supported by the co-ordination unit staff.

For further information about family day care and our current vacancies, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email [fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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## Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery

Glen Eira City Council urges all residents to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks at the end of Daylight Savings on Sunday 7 April.

### Replacing smoke alarms

Smoke alarms have a lifespan of 10 years. The date of manufacture is indicated on the alarm. After this time they should be replaced. The old smoke alarm can be disposed of with the rest of your household rubbish.

### Testing and maintaining smoke alarms

Testing and maintaining your smoke alarm is simple. The MFB recommends that residents:

- test smoke alarms each week by pressing the test button with a broom handle;
- vacuum the alarms monthly to clean the vents;
- change the batteries at the end of daylight savings to ensure correct operation. This not only applies to your residential home, but also your holiday home or caravan; and
- think of others who may need assistance in testing and maintaining their smoke alarms, particularly the elderly who may struggle to get up a ladder.

### Smoke alarms for the deaf and hearing impaired

There are special types of smoke alarms available for people who are

deaf or hearing impaired. The specialist smoke alarms consist of three components including:

- a smoke alarm fitted to the ceiling;
- a strobe light which sits in the eye sight of the house occupant; and
- a vibrating alarm which rests under a pillow or bedding.

For further information about the specialist model, contact the Victorian Deaf Society on 9473 1111, TTY 9473 1199 or visit [www.vicdeaf.com.au](http://www.vicdeaf.com.au)

For further information about home fire safety and smoke alarms, visit [www.mfb.vic.gov.au](http://www.mfb.vic.gov.au)



Now is the time to change your smoke alarm battery. Photo: Sharon Walker — On Location Photography.

## Fire levy on top of rates:

In the February and March *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 premiums.

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 other non-residential properties; and
- 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 confirmed what the variable components are going to be.

In 2012, the Department of Treasury gave examples using variable components of 0.00756 per cent for residential properties and 0.083 per cent for business properties. For illustrative purposes, the table below provides examples of the cost of the levy on a range of residential and business properties in Glen Eira:

Property type	Fixed charge	Property value	Levy rate	Fire services levy
Residential	\$100	\$400,000	0.0000756	\$130
Residential	\$100	\$850,000	0.0000756	\$164
Residential	\$100	\$1,500,000	0.0000756	\$213
Business	\$200	\$1,000,000	0.00083	\$1,030

Using a variable component of 0.00756 per cent for residential properties and a variable rate of 0.083 per cent on commercial/ industrial properties, the total levy on rateable Glen Eira property would be in excess of \$12 million.

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

## Berry punnets, yoghurt containers and foil cake trays are all recyclable

You may not realise that from your kitchen, juice containers, margarine containers, aerosol cans 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 Melbourne-wide campaign to improve recycling. The *Get it Right on Bin Night* campaign provides residents with practical information on how to increase the

amount of household waste recycled.

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

**Remember:** place 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](http://www.getitrightbinnight.vic.gov.au)



- Boxes/cardboard (no waxed boxes like fruit boxes)
- Cereal boxes/egg cartons
- Deli/butchers paper
- Envelopes/greeting cards
- Juice cartons
- Magazines/paper bags
- Phone books/pizza boxes



- Berry punnets/biscuit trays
- Plastic cake trays
- Bottles — milk, cordial, fruit juice and soft drink
- Detergent bottles
- Ice-cream containers
- Plastic trays to package fruit and vegetables
- Margarine containers
- Takeaway food containers
- Tupperware



- Aerosol cans
- Aluminium cans
- Aluminium baking trays
- Cooking oil tins (up to five litres)
- Foil (clean, rolled or scrunched)
- Food/pet food cans
- Formula tins



- Bottles and jars

## Attracting local native birds to Glen Eira: Grey Butcherbird

The Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*) gets its name from its habit of hanging uneaten food in the forks of branches or twigs in trees and may be found in local parks and gardens.

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

The Grey Butcherbird is found in forests, suburban parklands and wooded areas across most of Australia.

The Grey Butcherbird is grey in colour on the wings and back with a white underbelly and band around the neck. The head is black with dark eyes, a large beak with a distinctive hook at the end.

The Grey Butcherbird eats a wide variety of food from insects, fruits and seeds and small vertebrate animals such as other birds and reptiles.

It has a lovely song, which is its most distinctive feature.



**Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*).**  
Photo: James Booth — Natureshare.

There are a range of local indigenous shrubs that can help attract and protect the Grey Butcherbird, including the Black She-oak (*Allocasuarina littoralis*).

The Black She-oak is a medium tree which is moderately fast growing. This upright, almost conical form of tree makes a substitute for European conifers.

The tree becomes covered in tiny, orange flowers in autumn to winter.

The Black She-oak requires well-drained soils and lives in full sun or partial shade.

Height: four to eight metres

Width: two to five metres

Flowers: March to June

Your local indigenous nursery will be able to assist you with other indigenous plants that also help attract insects which are a source of food.



**Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*).**  
Photo: James Booth — Natureshare.

## Delivered meals — yes please!

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

More than 300 meals are delivered every day to older residents and residents with a disability who need support to live at home independently.

Local resident Jack has been receiving the service for 14 months now.

"The staff are very supportive and friendly when delivering the meals and the meals taste really good and are quick and easy to heat up and prepare," Jack said.

Jack also said that receiving Council's delivered meals has been a great help to him.

Meals are delivered each day between 9am and 1pm and are available chilled for those who wish to heat and eat the meal later in the day or hot for those clients who wish to eat the meal immediately.

Clients can select a daily meal from a choice of six mains and three desserts. Fruit juice is also included and the menu is updated twice a year to reflect seasonal changes. Soup is included during the winter months.

The menu includes favourites such as roast beef, grilled fish and spaghetti bolognese, as well as some new dishes including, chicken schnitzel and gravy, spinach and cheese cannelloni with napoli sauce, steak and mushroom casserole, beef and black bean sauce

and lamb and coriander meatballs in red wine sauce.

All meals are delivered in biodegradable containers which have a clear film lid so that the meal can be seen.

### How to access the service

All it takes is a quick telephone call to access this service. Delivered Meals staff will ask a few questions to determine your eligibility for the service and any dietary or delivery requirements. The service may be able to commence within two working days.

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



**More than 300 meals are delivered every day to older residents and residents with a disability who need support to live at home independently.**

Photo: John Brown Photography.

# News in brief

## Sustainability workshops

Glen Eira City Council will host the following sustainable community workshop during April. The workshop 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](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Wednesday 17 April

#### Raising chooks in a busy lifestyle and small backyard

- feeding your chooks;
- set-up requirements;
- chicken hutches and runs;
- caring for your flock's health; and
- local laws regarding keeping chooks in the city.

#### 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>

#### 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.

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.

#### Helping our children navigate technology and the media

Presented by Sharon Witt

Wednesday 1 May, 7.30pm–9.30pm

Caulfield Park Pavilion

Cost: \$6 per person

One of the greatest challenges facing families and young children in the 21st century is the increasing influence of media and technology. This session provides an overview of the impact of some of these technologies, and provides key strategies for parents on how to minimise risk and monitor the use and influence of media in children's lives.

Suitable for parents of children up to eight years old.

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to the session. No refunds or exchanges.

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

#### Detox Your Home mobile service

Detox Your Home mobile drop-off service, run by Sustainability Victoria, accepts a wide range of household chemical products.

Mobile drop-off days are scheduled at different council owned locations around Victoria, usually on a Saturday.

The next mobile service in our area will be held at on Saturday 4 May at the City of Stonnington from 9am to 5pm.

Participants must register to take part. The drop-off site location will be provided upon registration. Visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au) (services and advice section).

Old cleaners, left over paint, dead batteries and weed killer stored around your home can now be safely disposed of without putting a strain on the environment.

The free service can help households minimise the danger of accidents and reduce the risk to the environment.

The collected materials will be treated and recycled, or disposed of safely by a specialist team.

Materials not accepted include:

- chemicals used by businesses for industrial and commercial purposes;
- ammunition and flares;
- waste asbestos;

- farm chemicals; and
- containers over 20 litres.

For further information, contact Sustainability Victoria on 1800 353 233 or visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au) (Services and advice section).

#### Understanding children's behaviour: survival tips for parents

Presented by Kathy Walker

Wednesday 29 May, 7.30pm–9.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Boyd Room

Cost: \$6 per person

Do you sometimes feel like you just don't know what to do next in your parenting?

Do you wonder why your children behave the way they do and what to do about it?

This presentation looks at why children from birth to 10 years behave the way they do. Practical strategies for parents to support their children and guide their behaviours in appropriate ways will be presented. Parents are also able to raise questions on specific issues at the presentation.

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

## out and about



Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams and Elizabeth Miller MP State Member for Bentleigh cut the ribbon at the official opening of the McKinnon Kindergarten extension. Photo: Action Pix Photography.



Party in the Park — Allnutt Park  
Deputy Mayor Cr Oscar Lobo, Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Mary Delahunty and Cr Neil Pilling.

Photo: Action Pix Photography.

# Regenerate — *become a standout business*

*Regenerate — become a standout business, is the theme for Glen Eira City Council's May Small Business Month 2013.*

The 2013 calendar focuses on opportunities and ways to generate and breathe new life into your business.

With the new global economy placing increasing competition on the local market, creating an experience for the customer and building on the strengths of community is now considered the big advantage local businesses have over the increase in offshore sales.

The success of small business remains vital to our community and our economy. It is those businesses that embrace change, draw on the strengths of the human desire for a uniquely positive experience, and engage with the local community that have the greater chance at succeeding in a crowded market.

All events will be run at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (unless otherwise stated). Bookings are essential.

May Small Business Month aims to provide some tips, hints, and insights on how local businesses can adapt and regenerate new life and energy into their business, create and provide a vibrant customer experience, and build their own competitive advantage.

Stay abreast of new trends; learn about innovative sales and marketing tips and tricks to ensure you have the tools to be a standout business.

### *Regenerate your business during May.*

To register for May Small Business Month events or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



## Thursday 2 May Dinner Seminar — The power of small Presenter: Leon Gettler

The spirit of entrepreneurship is innovation — for the small local retailer as well as the big.

A unique thought provoking and inspirational exploration into the power of entrepreneurship, and what means for businesses — small and large — retail and service.

Leon will explain why those who are looking into the future will be around to enjoy it, and those who are not, won't. He will look at how Australian businesses make the mistake of thinking innovation is only for the big and is just about research and development.

Learn how our local businesses can benefit from adopting an innovative culture which supports a fearless approach to continuous improvement; and why the agility of small business has a distinct advantage over big.

At this session participants will:

- explore why some are successful at innovation and others are not;
- discover innovative, emerging business models and products that have had or will have an impact on small business; and
- focus on strategies that will help regenerate your business whether you are small, medium or large, local, retail or service driven.



Leon will show how easy it can be to turn your business into an ideas factory.

If you want to understand how to become a standout business, this is an event you should attend.

### **Presented by: Leon Gettler**

Leon Gettler is an award winning author and journalist, commentator, lecturer, and speaker on business management issues which cover a range of areas including strategy, globalisation, leadership, business ethics, entrepreneurship, innovation, IT, marketing and human resources.

Leon's engaging style and humour make him a sought after speaker and commentator.

**Date:** Thursday 2 May

**Time:** 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start — networking on arrival includes dinner

**Cost:** \$35 (including dinner)

**RSVP:** Monday 29 April

## Tuesday 7 May Seminar — Know the times — Do you know where you are going to ...? Presented by: Mark McCrindle

Today it is imperative that organisations and leaders observe the changes, understand the shifts and respond to the trends.

Mark McCrindle is a social analyst internationally renowned for tracking emerging issues, researching social trends and analysing customer segments.

This informative session will provide insights on current and emerging trends that will impact your business. It will provide you the foresight to respond to:

- social trends;
- technological initiatives;
- demographic shifts;
- communications and media trends; and
- customer changes;
- environmental issues.

A regular commentator for prominent media channels, Mark's understanding of the key social trends as well as his engaging communication style, places him in high demand in the press, on radio and on various television programs.

His advisory firm counts amongst its clients more than 100 of Australia's largest companies and he is regularly commissioned to deliver strategy and advice to the boards and executive committees on some of Australia's leading organisations.

**Date:** Tuesday 7 May

**Time:** 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start

**Cost:** \$20 — networking and light supper on arrival

**RSVP:** Wednesday 1 May

## Monday 6 May Workshop — two sessions Visualise the experience

**Date:** Monday 6 May

**Time:** Session one — 2pm for a 2.15pm start to 4.15pm OR  
Session two — 6pm for a 6.30pm start to 8.30pm (includes light supper)

**Cost:** \$30 per session

**RSVP:** Thursday 2 May

Now is the time to engage with your silent sales tool.

By optimising your physical space and environment and providing visual cues and stimuli, you can transform your business into a destination retailer or a preferred service provider.

Innovative and engaging visual merchandising design principles will align and build your brand and connect you to your customers. This powerful medium allows you to attract, engage, inspire and serve your customers, and ultimately increase the success of your business.

Learn simple tips and tricks to improve your customers in store shopping experience:

- What can visual merchandising and display do for your business?
- Three easy steps to creating a WOW display and window.

- Why the simplest of ideas can create the greatest experience.
- You will be inspired by many current trends, examples and case studies of clever displays that won't break the bank and will help you compete with online selling.

Move beyond the basics of visual merchandising, enhance visual impact and be a 'standout business'.

AUSVM is an Australian business specialising in retail display and visual merchandising solutions. Team members are dedicated retail visual merchandising specialists whom collectively have more than 30 years' experience in the industry.

**If you are a service industry, hairdresser, restaurateur or retailer, this is a session you should attend.**





**Thursday 9 May  
Dinner seminar —  
Fresh thinking  
Presenter: Jane Caro**

A presentation on creativity and innovation by Jan Caro.

Author, novelist, advertising creative, social commentator and regular contributor on *The Gruen Transfer* and *Q&A*, Jane Caro is a social provocateur and is unafraid of exploring the basis of standing out in the crowd.

Thirty years in advertising has given Jane a pool of ideas, processes and experiences to draw from that will inform, amuse and encourage you to experiment with a little fresh thinking to help you stand out in a sea of similarity and mediocrity.

**Date:** Thursday 9 May

**Time:** 6pm arrival for 6.20pm start  
— networking on arrival

**Where:** Yarra Yarra Golf Club Corner  
Warrigal and South Roads  
Bentleigh East

**Cost:** \$35 (includes dinner)

**RSVP:** Wednesday 1 May



you could plan for a better future? Regenerate your business through this two-part workshop.

**Monday 20 and 27 May  
Two part Workshop  
Presenter: Janey Francis**

Regenerate your business through this two-part workshop.

Find ways to optimise your performance, grow your horizon, adapt to change and think strategically about planning for your business's future.

**Date:** Monday 20 May Part 1  
Monday 27 May Part 2

**Time:** 8.45am arrival for  
9am start to 1.15pm

**Cost:** \$60 including the  
two sessions, workbook,  
morning tea

**RSVP:** Monday 13 May  
Please note — numbers are limited



**Monday 20 May  
Seminar — Mind field  
Presenter: Grant Davidson,  
Davidson Branding**

This seminar will delve into the human psyche — what motivates consumer behaviours and how we make purchasing decisions to assist your sales strategy.

**Date:** Monday 20 May

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

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Wednesday 15 May

**Thursday 23 May  
Seminar —  
Online creative marketing  
Presenter: Melissa Norfolk**

Come along and be challenged to think creatively about how you can use the internet as an integral business tool for productivity, communication, research, developing a website and internet marketing.

**Date:** Thursday 23 May

**Time:** 6pm for 6.30pm start

**Cost:** \$20 – networking and light  
supper on arrival

**RSVP:** Thursday 16 May

**Monday 24 June  
Workshop — Harvard  
Competitive Advantage ...**

A practical hands-on workshop focused on the seven secrets that highly competitive companies share, and the critical strategies for achieving sustainable business success.

*Access the thinking of some of the world's best business brains, including the distinguished Professor Michael Porter, who counsels world leaders such as Barack Obama and Steve Jobs in competitive advantage.*

**Date:** Monday 24 June

**Time:** 9.15am for 9.30am start to 1.30pm

**Cost:** \$30 – includes workbook  
and morning tea

**RSVP:** Tuesday 18 June

**Tuesday 28 May  
Seminar — Small business  
big online reputation  
Presenter: Gerry McCusker**

A comprehensive look at how to plan your social media strategy and create digital PR material — to boost your online visibility and enhance your reputation.

**Date:** Tuesday 28 May

**Time:** 6pm for 6.30pm start

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** Thursday 23 May



**Friday 31 May  
Workshop —  
Designing for growth  
Presenter: Danielle MacInnis**

Customer Journey Mapping is a new way of thinking about your customer's experience. Identify practices, behaviours and values you want to encourage and reward, and create powerful customer experiences.

**Date:** Friday 31 May

**Time:** 9.15am for 9.30am start

**Cost:** \$30 – networking and  
morning tea included

**RSVP:** Tuesday 28 May  
**Limited numbers**

**... become a standout  
Presented by:  
Davidson Branding,  
Grant Davidson**



**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.

**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.

**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.  
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 1pm.  
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.

**English Conversation** meets every Friday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena. All welcome.  
Contact: 9572 1876.

**Friendly Tours Social Club** has day tours to country areas on the first Sunday of each month.  
Contact: 9569 0134.

**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 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.  
Contact: 9583 4822.

**Glen Eira Tennis Club Inc.** offers over 50s doubles tennis at Princes Park, Beech Street, Caulfield South. Mens doubles and mixed doubles on Thursday mornings, 9am to 1pm. Ladies doubles on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am to 12pm.  
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 1pm 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 11am 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: 9557 6778.

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

**Scottish Dancing Bentleigh** is held on Mondays at 8pm at 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh. No partners needed.  
Contact: 9557 8652.

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

**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 Ormond Tennis Club** in Foch Street, Ormond invites you to join Wednesday night social tennis from 7pm. All standards welcome.  
Find us at:  
www.ormondtennisclub.org.au

**EVENTS**

**Bentleigh organ and music club** presents Jazz Bizz on Monday 8 April at the Coatesville Bowling Club 62 Mackie Road, East Bentleigh from 8pm. Cost is \$10.  
Contact: 9528 2539.

**Brighton General Cemetery** will hold the Anzac Walk on 21 April from 2pm at corner Hawthorn and North Roads, Brighton East. Cost is \$10 non-members and \$8 members.  
Contact: 9558 4248 or visit  
www.brightoncemetorians.org.au

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

**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.

**International organisation Hagar** is holding a fundraising launch on Sunday 21 April at St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick from 12.30pm. Cost is \$30 and concession is \$25  
Contact: 0405 016 535 or  
stjohns.elsternwick@ucappet.net

**Murrumbeena community market** will be held on Saturday 13 April from 9am to 2pm at 117 Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena.  
Contact: 9568 7190.

**The Ormond Tennis Club** will hold an open day at their courts in Foch Street on Sunday 21 April from 1pm to 5pm. All standards welcome.

Find us at:  
www.ormondtennisclub.org.au

**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 three-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

**Caulfield Hospital** will hold an information session on advance care planning on Wednesday 5 June at 10.30am at Ashley Ricketson Centre, Caulfield Hospital, Kooyong Road, Caulfield.  
Contact: 9076 6642.

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

**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

**Glen Eira City Choir** is seeking new members. Tenors and sopranos needed to sing 'Elijah' for forthcoming concert in June. Rehearsals are on Monday nights at 7.45pm at the Indonesian Uniting Church, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield North.  
Contact: 9578 1947.

**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.

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

**The Friends of Caulfield Park** will hold a concert at Caulfield Park Bandstand on the first Sunday in 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.

## 請在夏令時結束撥鐘時更換煙霧報警器的電池

Glen Eira 市政府提醒所有居民在4月7日夏令時結束撥鐘時更換家中的煙霧報警器電池。

如果家中發生火災，煙霧報警器能提供重要的早期警報。煙霧報警器如果接線故障、脫落或電池沒電了，就不會起到應有的效果。

據市區消防隊(MFB)說，如果家中沒有安裝煙霧報警器或煙霧報警器失效，就會出現以下情況：

- 房屋毀掉或受損的可能增加57%；
- 人嚴重受傷的可能增加26 %。

MFB編寫了一些簡便提示，幫助居民保護家人和住房的安全。

### 安裝煙霧報警器

每個睡覺的房間外面都應當安裝煙霧報警器。此外，如果睡覺時會關上臥房門，臥房里面也應當安裝煙霧報警器。如果住房是兩層樓的，每個樓層都須安裝煙霧報警器。

### 測試和維護煙霧報警器

測試和維護煙霧報警器很簡便。MFB建議居民：

- 每周一次測試煙霧報警器，方法是用掃帚柄按煙霧報警器上的測試按鈕；

- 每月一次用吸塵器清潔煙霧報警器上的通氣口；

- 夏令時結束時更換電池，確保煙霧報警器無故障。自己的住房應當這樣，度假屋或房車也應這樣；

- 有些人需要幫助才能測試和維護煙霧報警器，特別是無法上梯子的老年人，可向這些人提供協助。

### 更換煙霧報警器

煙霧報警器的使用壽命是十年，每個煙霧報警器上都標有生產日期。過了十年，煙霧報警器就應更換。更換下來的舊煙霧報警器可與家中垃圾一起倒掉。

### 聾人和聽力障礙者專用煙霧報警器

市場上有聾人或聽覺障礙者專用煙霧報警器供應。這類專用煙霧報警器有以下三個部分組成：

- 安裝在天花板上的煙霧報警器；
- 安裝在家中可看到處的頻閃燈；以及
- 放在枕頭或床單下面的震動報警器。

如需專用型號的詳情，請聯絡維州聾人協會，電話9473 1111，TTY 9473 1199 或登入網站www.vicdeaf.com.au。

如需住房防火安全和煙霧報警器的詳情，請登入網站www.mfb.vic.gov.au。

## Αλλάξετε την ώρα, αλλάξετε τη μπαταρία του συναγερμού καπνού

Ο Δήμος Glen Eira παροτρύνει όλους τους δημότες να αλλάξουν τη μπαταρία στο συναγερμό καπνού όταν αλλάξουν τα ρολόγια τους στο τέλος της Θερινής Ωρας την Κυριακή 7 Απριλίου.

Οι συναγερμοί καπνού παρέχουν μια ζωτική και έγκαιρη προειδοποίηση σε περίπτωση φωτιάς στο σπίτι σας. Είναι σχεδόν άχρηστοι αν δεν είναι συνδεδεμένοι, είναι κατεβασμένοι ή έχει τελειώσει η μπαταρία.

Σύμφωνα με τη Μητροπολιτική Πυροσβεστική Υπηρεσία (MFB), αν δεν έχετε εγκαταστήσει συναγερμό καπνού και είναι σε λειτουργία, έχετε:

- 57% περισσότερες πιθανότητες να προκληθεί ζημιά και απώλεια στο ακίνητό σας, και
- 26% περισσότερες πιθανότητες να πάθετε σοβαρό τραυματισμό.

Η Πυροσβεστική Υπηρεσία MFB συνέταξε μερικές απλές χρήσιμες συμβουλές για να βοηθήσει τους δημότες να διατηρήσουν την ασφάλεια και την προστασία των οικογενειών τους.

### Εγκατάσταση συναγερμών καπνού

Οι συναγερμοί καπνού θα πρέπει να τοποθετούνται έξω από κάθε χώρο ύπνου του σπιτιού. Επιπλέον, αν κάποιο άτομο κοιμάται με την πόρτα του υπνοδωματίου κλειστή, θα πρέπει να τοποθετηθεί συναγερμός καπνού μέσα στο υπνοδωμάτιό του. Αν μένετε σε διώροφο σπίτι, απαιτείται συναγερμός καπνού σε κάθε όροφο.

### Έλεγχος λειτουργίας και συντήρηση των συναγερμών καπνού

Ο έλεγχος και η συντήρηση του συναγερμού σας καπνού είναι απλός. Η MFB συνιστά στους δημότες:

- να ελέγχουν τη λειτουργία των συναγερμών καπνού κάθε εβδομάδα πατώντας του κουμπί ελέγχου με το ζύλο μιας σκούπας,
- να σκουπίζουν τους συναγερμούς με την ηλεκτρική σκούπα για να καθαρίσουν οι γριλιές,
- να αλλάζουν τις μπαταρίες στο τέλος της θερινής ώρας για να εξασφαλίζεται η σωστή λειτουργία. Αυτό ισχύει όχι μόνο για την κατοικία σας, αλλά επίσης για το εξοχικό ή το τροχόσπιτό σας, και
- να ισαπετείτε για άλλους που μπορεί να χρειάζονται βοήθεια στον έλεγχο και στη συντήρηση των συναγερμών τους καπνού, ειδικά ηλικιωμένοι που μπορεί να δυσκολεύονται να ανεβούν στη σκάλα.

### Αντικατάσταση των συναγερμών καπνού

Οι συναγερμοί καπνού έχουν 10 χρόνια διάρκεια ζωής. Η ημερομηνία κατασκευής αναγράφεται πάνω στο συναγερμό. Μετά τα δέκα χρόνια θα πρέπει να αντικατασταθούν. Μπορείτε να πετάξετε τον παλιό συναγερμό καπνού στα σκουπίδια του σπιτιού σας.

### Συναγερμοί καπνού για κωφούς ή άτομα με δυσκολίες ακοής

Πωλούνται ειδικού τύπου συναγερμοί καπνού για κωφούς ή άτομα με δυσκολίες ακοής. Οι ειδικοί συναγερμοί καπνού αποτελούνται από τρία εξαρτήματα, δηλαδή:

- συναγερμός καπνού που τοποθετείται στο ταβάνι,
- φώς σήματος που τοποθετείται στο οπτικό πεδίο του ένοικου του σπιτιού, και
- δονητής συναγερμός που τοποθετείται κάτω από το μαξιλάρι ή τα κλινοσκεπάσματα.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το ειδικό μοντέλο, επικοινωνήστε με το Ίδρυμα Κωφών Βικτώριας (Victorian Deaf Society) στο 9473 1111, TTY 9473 1199 ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.vicdeaf.com.au

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες για την ασφάλεια κατά των πυρκαγιών στο σπίτι και για τους συναγερμούς καπνού, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.mfb.vic.gov.au

## Cambia l’orario, cambia la batteria del dispositivo rilevazione fumo

Il Comune di Glen Eira esorta tutti i residenti a cambiare le batterie dei dispositivi di rilevazione fumo assieme all’orario sugli orologi domenica 7 aprile per la fine dell’Ora Legale.

I dispositivi domestici di rilevazione del fumo forniscono un vitale segnale di allarme anticipato nel caso in cui si verifichino incendi in casa.

Non sono di alcun aiuto se sono scollegati, staccati dalla sede o se la batteria è scarica.

Secondo il Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), se non si è installato un dispositivo di rilevazione del fumo o se lo stesso non è in funzione:

- nel 57 percento dei casi si è più suscettibili di subire perdita o danno alla proprietà; e
- nel 26 percento dei casi si è più suscettibili di subire lesioni gravi.

L’MFB fornisce dei semplici suggerimenti per aiutare i residenti a mantenere sicure e protette le abitazioni e le famiglie.

### Istallazione dei dispositivi di rilevazione fumo

I dispositivi di rilevazione fumo dovrebbero essere installati all’esterno di ciascuna area letto. Inoltre, se si dorme tenendo chiusa la porta della camera, si dovrebbe installare un dispositivo di rilevazione anche in camera da letto. In caso di abitazione a due piani, è necessario installare un dispositivo di rilevazione fumo in ciascun piano.

### Controllo e manutenzione dei dispositivi di rilevazione fumo

Il controllo e la manutenzione dei dispositivi è semplice. L’MFB raccomanda ai residenti di:

- controllare i dispositivi settimanalmente premendo il tasto di controllo con un bastone di scopa;
- spolverare i dispositivi mensilmente per mantenere puliti gli sfati;
- cambiare le batterie alla fine della stagione dell’ora legale per garantirne il corretto funzionamento. Ciò vale non soltanto per la casa di abitazione, ma anche per la casa di villeggiatura o la roulotte; e
- tenere in considerazione chi potrebbe necessitare di aiuto per effettuare il controllo e la manutenzione dei propri dispositivi, specialmente gli anziani che possono avere difficoltà a salire su di una scala.

### Sostituzione dei dispositivi di rilevazione fumo

I dispositivi hanno una durata di 10 anni, la data della manifattura è segnata sul dispositivo ed è bene sostituirli dopo la scadenza. Il vecchio dispositivo può essere eliminato assieme ai rifiuti domestici.

### Dispositivi di rilevazione fumo per i non udenti e per chi ha problemi uditivi

Esistono dei tipi speciali di dispositivi di rilevazione fumo per i non udenti o per chi ha problemi dell’udito. Questi dispositivi hanno tre componenti:

- un dispositivo di rilevazione fumo fissato al soffitto;
- una luce stroboscopica situata nel raggio visivo di chi occupa l’abitazione; e
- un allarme a vibrazione posto sotto il cuscino o il materasso.

Per ulteriori informazioni sul modello speciale, rivolgersi alla Victorian Deaf Society al numero 9473 1111, TTY 9473 1199 oppure visitare il sito www.vicdeaf.com.au

Per ulteriori informazioni sulla sicurezza antincendio in casa e sui dispositivi di rilevazione fumo visitare il sito www.mfb.vic.gov.au

## Когда переводите часы - замените батарейку в дымовом пожарном извещателе

Муниципалитет Glen Eira настоятельно рекомендует всем жителям заменить батарейки в своих дымовых пожарных извещателях одновременно с переводом часов при окончании летнего времени в воскресенье 7 апреля.

Дымовые пожарные извещатели обеспечивают жизненно важное раннее предупреждение в случае пожара в вашем доме.

От них нет никакой пользы, если они отсоединены, сняты с потолка, или если в них сели батарейки.

Согласно данным Городской пожарной бригады, если в вашем доме не установлены работающие дымовые пожарные извещатели, у вас:

- пна 57 процентов возрастает вероятность потери и повреждения имущества и жилья, а также
- на 26 процентов возрастает вероятность получения серьезных травм.

Городская пожарная бригада подготовила несколько простых советов, которые помогут жителям обезопасить и защитить свои семьи и жилье.

### Установка дымовых пожарных извещателей

Дымовые пожарные извещатели должны быть установлены на выходе из каждой спальной зоны. В дополнение к этому, если вы спите с закрытой дверью спальни, извещатель должен также помещаться внутри вашей спальни. Если вы живете в двухэтажном доме, дымовой пожарный извещатель должен быть установлен на каждом этаже.

### Проверка дымовых пожарных извещателей и уход за ними

Проверка дымовых пожарных извещателей и уход за ними просты. Городская пожарная бригада рекомендует жителям:

- проверять дымовые пожарные извещатели каждую неделю, нажимая на кнопку проверки ручкой швабры;
- очищать входные отверстия извещателей пылесосом каждый месяц;
- менять батарейки при окончании летнего времени, чтобы обеспечить надежную работу. Это относится не только к месту вашего постоянного проживания, но и к вашему загородному дому или жилому автофургону; кроме того,
- подумайте о других людях, которым может понадобиться помощь при проверке и уходе за дымовыми пожарными извещателями, особенно о пожилых людях, которым может быть трудно залезть на лестницу.

### Замена дымовых пожарных извещателей

Срок службы дымовых пожарных извещателей составляет 10 лет. Дата изготовления указана на извещателе. По истечении этого времени их необходимо заменить. Старый дымовой пожарный извещатель можно выбросить вместе с другим бытовым мусором.

### Дымовые пожарные извещатели для глухих и слабослышащих

Существуют специальные типы дымовых пожарных извещателей для глухих или слабослышащих людей. Такие специальные дымовые пожарные извещатели состоят из трех элементов, в которые входит:

- дымовой пожарный извещатель, прикрепленный к потолку;
- проблесковый световой оповещатель, расположенный в поле зрения жильца, и
- вибрационный сигнальный прибор, располагающийся под подушкой или под постелью.

Чтобы получить дополнительную информацию о такой специальной модели, обращайтесь в Общество глухих штата Виктория (The Victorian Deaf Society) по номеру телефона 9473 1111, по номеру для телефона с текстовым индикатором 9473 1199 или зайдите на сайт www.vicdeaf.com.au

Чтобы получить дополнительную информацию о пожарной безопасности в доме и дымовых пожарных извещателях, зайдите на сайт www.mfb.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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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## Glen Eira Youth Art Expo

To celebrate *National Youth Week* (NYW), held from 15–19 April, Glen Eira City Council is hosting its annual *Youth Art Expo*.

Talented young artists will showcase their works for the general public as a part of a nationwide celebration of young people and youth culture.

Entries can include sculpture, painting, textiles and sketches. Prizes will be

awarded on the night by a panel of judges and the public can vote for their favourite piece as part of the *People's Choice Award*.

Come along and show your support:

**Youth Art Expo**  
**Thursday 18 April**  
**5.30pm–8.30pm**

Glen Eira Town Hall  
Auditorium — first floor

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield 3162  
(Entry via Glen Eira Road)

Entries close on Friday 12 April (see poster).

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

## B.A.M. — Body and Mind.

Glen Eira Youth Services in partnership with Youth Express will host a seven week self-defence and emotional awareness program for young females aged 14 to 16 years of age.

The *B.A.M — Body and Mind* program focuses on re-engaging young females into their social contexts through learning basic self-defence techniques and group discussions. Free of charge, all sessions will be held at the Youth Information Centre on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday 1 May.

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](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

# Bike lane upgrades

Consistent with trends across Melbourne, cycling for pleasure, sport and commuting is continuing to grow in popularity in Glen Eira. The area's proximity to the CBD, great parks, playgrounds, cafes and shops make cycling an ideal way to get to places without having to contend with congestion or parking.

As part of Council's continuing commitment to promote and encourage cycling, the on-road bicycle network continues to grow with lanes being added to Booran Road, Tucker Road and Koornang Road. Examples of these lanes can be seen along Kooyong Road and Bambra Road, where bike lanes have been reinforced to provide greater separation from traffic.

If you are unsure about where to cycle, pick up a *TravelSmart Map* from Council offices or download one from Council's website. 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.



**Council has added bicycle lanes to Booran Road, Tucker Road and Koornang Road to promote and encourage cycling.**

Photo: George Stuckey.

## Winter sport

April is the time of year when the weather is getting cooler, the days are getting shorter but the action on sports fields is warming up. Yes the winter sports are in full flight following the final of the summer sports.

Australian Rules Football, soccer, lacrosse, and softball are sports that you will be able to watch throughout Glen Eira this winter. Why not take the time to go down to your local park, watch some games in action and follow a local team?

Residents are also able to join a local club and become involved in the action. Whether it's on the field as a competitor or lending a hand as a volunteer, there are numerous opportunities to meet new friends and learn new skills. No experience is necessary as clubs will offer coaching for their sports teams and often fantastic training support for volunteer roles.

Junior sports are particularly popular during the winter months as young people are keen to emulate the performances of their heroes seen on the television or at their favourite stadium. Sports clubs offer many opportunities for young people including coaching clinics, leadership opportunities as well as developing new friendship groups.

For further information about sports clubs in Glen Eira, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. Alternatively you can go to the *Community Resource Guide* at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) to find a sports club near you.

# History of the Hopetoun Gardens cannons

The cannons in Hopetoun Gardens were manufactured at the Royal Arsenal, England in 1866 for the Victorian Government. They were originally installed at Fort Gelibrand in 1901 and then erected in Hopetoun Gardens in 1910.

They are 80 pounds (36 kilos), rifle muzzle loading guns, mounted on wooden dwarf 'c' pivot mounts. The barrels are 6.3 inch (160 millimetres) calibre and each weighs 4064 kilos.

The cannon plaque was presented by the mayor and councillors of the City of Caulfield in conjunction with the Caulfield Historical Society as part of Victoria's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Unveiled by Mayor Cr Rudzki on 16 July 1985.



**The cannons in Hopetoun Gardens were manufactured at the Royal Arsenal, England in 1866 for the Victorian Government.**

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## 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 1 May 2013.

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 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 will not be accepted prior to 1 May 2013.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://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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## Library News

### Book Chats — Best sellers

**Tuesday 9 April — Caulfield Library, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield**

**Monday 15 April — Carnegie Library, 7 Shepparson Avenue Carnegie**

**Tuesday 16 April — Elsternwick Library, 4 Staniland Grove Elsternwick**

**Thursday 18 April — Bentleigh Library, 161 Jasper Road Bentleigh**

**All sessions are held from 2pm to 3pm**

Join our *Book Chats* sessions in April where we will be discussing bestsellers. What makes a bestseller and what are some of our all-time favourite bestsellers are just a few of the questions for discussion.

No bookings are required. Refreshments will be provided.



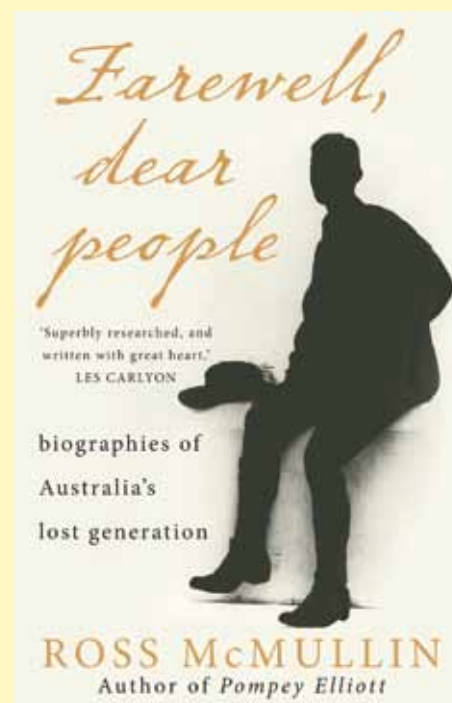
### Farewell, Dear People: biographies of Australia's gifted lost generation of the Great War with Ross McMullin

**Tuesday 23 April, 7pm–8pm  
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield**

Ross McMullin's latest book *Farewell, Dear People* contains extended biographies of 10 exceptional Australians from a variety of backgrounds who died in World War I. They exemplify our gifted lost generation of that conflict, but their names and their stirring stories are unknown today. Come along and hear Ross speak about these outstanding Australians, and be informed and inspired.

Ross McMullin is an experienced historian and an entertaining speaker. His biography *Pompey Elliott* won multiple awards, and his book *Will Dyson: Australia's Radical Genius* was shortlisted for the *National Biography Award*. His books also include the ALP centenary history *The Light on the Hill* and another political history *So Monstrous a Travesty: Chris Watson and the World's First National Labour Government*.

This is a free event however bookings are required. Book at any Glen Eira library, online at [library.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://library.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or contact 9524 3623.



### E-book starter sessions

Are you interested in learning more about e-books and e-readers? Join one of our e-book starter sessions:

**Wednesday 24 April**

**Carnegie Library — 10.30am–11.30am**

**7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie (Training Room)**

**Caulfield Library — 7pm–8pm**

**Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield (Training Room)**

### How to construct a family tree — with Jenny Cowen



**Tuesday 30 April, 11am–12pm**

**Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette**

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

This talk will assist with the tools and the background information to start or continue researching your family tree.

Jenny has more than 30 years' experience in researching genealogy, creating family histories and organising family reunions. She is a member of various genealogical organisations and is a solicitor.

Bookings are required. Book at any Glen Eira library, online at [library.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://library.gleneira.vic.gov.au), or contact 9524 3623.

## Easter opening hours

All Council libraries will be closed from Good Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April and will re-open at 10am on Tuesday 2 April. For your convenience the return chutes will remain open at the libraries during the Easter period.

## Games and more e-books

New to our e-book collection is Wheelers e-books. This new collection provides a diverse range of Australian and international titles including the popular *Lonely Planet* series. They can be downloaded to iPhones, iPads, Kobos, Android devices, PCs, laptops, Sony e-readers

and many other tablets. If a book you are interested in is being read by another library member, you can reserve it for free.

Also new to Glen Eira libraries are PS3 and Xbox games. A one week loan period applies.



# 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.

## Then, Here & Now Until 14 April

In 1993, artists Jennifer Fletcher, Lisa O’Keefe, Carolyn Roberts, Chris Rowe, Jill Symes and Dee Waterhouse presented *Form Figure Fragment*, an exhibition at Glen Eira City Council Art Gallery. Two decades on the same artists revisit their original concept of six individual explorations of the human perspective; each artist constructing a personal visual narrative. *Then, Here & Now* reflects how their work has evolved over the last 20 years.



**Lisa O’Keefe**  
*A Summer Read* 2012  
Acrylic on canvas  
40.5 x 55 cm

## Art Beat presented by the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group Until 14 April

*Art Beat* highlights the work of the Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group, featuring a broad range of mediums and styles. These include a mixture of drawings and traditional and contemporary paintings in oil, acrylics, watercolour and pastel. Through their works, the artists portray life movement with all its beauty and turmoil.



**Bruce Curtis**  
*All Tied Up* 2012  
Oil on canvas  
30 x 40 cm

## 100 Years of Australian Watercolour Presented by Without Pier Gallery 18 April–5 May

Without Pier Gallery will showcase the diversity and talent of the watercolour medium by Australian artists in its forthcoming exhibition.

This year, for the first time, Without Pier Gallery will exhibit collectable and contemporary paintings from some of the best names in Australian watercolour. The exhibition will be opened by leading international and Australian art expert Jon Dwyer on Wednesday 17 April at 6.30pm.



**Geoff La Gerche**  
*Beaumaris Pond* 2012  
Watercolour on paper  
152 x 57 cm



## Immunisation sessions

### Bentleigh Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Saturday 20 April 9am–11am and  
Saturday 18 May 9am–11am

Wednesday 10 April and Thursday  
18 April 5.30pm–7.30pm

Wednesday 8 May and Thursday  
23 May 5.30pm–7.30pm

### Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Wednesday 17 April 1pm–2.30pm and  
5.30pm–7.30pm

Wednesday 15 May 1pm–2.30pm and  
5.30pm–7.30pm

### DC Bricker — Princes Park

Beech Street, Caulfield South  
Monday 29 April 9.30am–11.30am

Monday 27 May 9.30am–11.30am

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

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn  
Roads, Caulfield

Tuesday 2 April 6pm–7pm and Tuesday  
9 April 9.30am–11.30am

Tuesday 14 May 9.30am–11.30am and  
6pm–7pm

### Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale  
Avenues, Glen Huntly

Wednesday 24 April 9.30am–11.30am  
and Wednesday 22 May 9.30am–11.30am

### McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 8 April 9.30am–11.30am and  
Monday 6 May 9.30am–11.30am

## My Brother Jack Awards 2013



The 2013 *My Brother Jack* Awards are open to people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira and offer prizes for short stories and poetry in Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary and Open categories and photography in Youth and Open categories. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Sunday 30 June, which will coincide with the closing of the annual *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival* at Glen Eira Town Hall.

### How to enter

#### Short story and poetry entries

1. All entries are received online only at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Connect/Arts\\_and\\_culture/My\\_Brother\\_Jack](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Connect/Arts_and_culture/My_Brother_Jack)
2. Short story or poetry must be presented as a doc, docx or pdf file.
3. The entrant's name and address must not appear on the entry.
4. The entry must be typed double space.
5. A separate entry form for each entry is required.

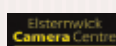
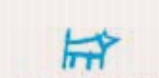
#### Photograph entries:

All entrants are asked to submit a photograph that captures a story relating to life in Glen Eira and must be uploaded to the *My Brother Jack* photographic awards or *My Brother Jack* photographic youth awards facebook page where viewers will vote for their favourite entry. If you do not have access to facebook, you may email your entry to [arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au) and the photo will be uploaded on your behalf.

#### Dates

Opening date: Tuesday 26 March  
Closing date: 5pm Monday 6 May

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# Take your business to the next step with the support of a mentor

Applications are now open for the April intake of the Glen Eira and Kingston City councils' *Mentor Partners Program*. This is an opportunity to gain support for you and your business from someone who understands the challenges of business.

The *Program* is a free, confidential service that matches up eligible local businesses with volunteer business mentors.

*Program* mentors are experienced business people from a broad spectrum of industries, who give their time freely to support business owners. The mentoring process runs for a six month period. It is designed to create the time and space for business owners to reflect on their business their approaches, and develop their strategy and action plan while building their confidence to move forward with more clarity.

The *Program* has assisted more than 300 small and medium sized businesses from a diverse range of industries.

Currently benefiting from the *Program* is Lisa Emrose of Rejuvenate Stays.

Lisa Emrose founded Rejuvenate Stays ([www.rejuvenatestays.com.au](http://www.rejuvenatestays.com.au)) in 2008, a personalised booking service for short-term holidays, corporate stays and relocations. While Lisa had a strong corporate background, this was her first attempt at working for herself.

Over the years, the portfolio of properties grew and Lisa could see significant growth opportunities for the business. She realised to achieve this potential she needed to step back

and develop a clear business strategy. She recognised she would benefit from the help of a mentor and contacted Council's *Mentor Partners Program*. After an initial briefing, she was matched with program mentor Danny Shafar.

"Danny is extremely perceptive and quickly understood my challenges despite knowing little about my industry prior to mentoring us," Lisa said.

"With Danny's guidance I have clarified and strengthened my direction, what I want my brand and service offering to be, my target market and how I differentiate my business from my competition.

"Danny was a fantastic support during the process of hiring our first employee and gave me confidence to take this big and important step in growing my business.

"I am now much more focussed and disciplined in how I work on my business and have a concrete vision of where I want to be and how we are going to get there. It is a big comfort knowing that I have an experienced business person supporting me."

Danny, who has an impressive background in managing and developing businesses, expressed his enjoyment of mentoring Lisa.

"Lisa is very motivated about her business. She understands the need to view her business objectively and works hard during and outside of sessions to formulate the right strategy to achieve her vision," Danny said.

"Lisa was quick to ascertain that in order to grow she needed to take the step of employing someone to take on some of her load, so that she had time to work on the business and execute her strategy. I have no doubt that she will succeed in achieving her vision, and I look forward to seeing it happen," Danny said.

To be eligible to apply for the *Program*, your business must be based in either

Glen Eira or Kingston, have been in operation for at least 12 months, not operate under a franchise agreement and you must be committed to developing your business.

If you are interested in applying for the *Program* or would like more information, visit [www.mentorpartners.com.au](http://www.mentorpartners.com.au) or contact Council's program co-ordinator on 9524 3333.



Program mentor Danny Shafar with mentoree Lisa Emrose of Rejuvenate Stays. Photo: Action Pix Photography.

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