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## Australia Day Breakfast Awards

Glen Eira City Council presented its annual *Citizen, Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year Awards* during an *Australia Day Breakfast* at Town Hall on Friday 24 January.

The *Awards*, which were presented by Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling, recognise residents and community groups in the City of Glen Eira who have significantly contributed to the local community.

Guest speaker at the breakfast was GriefLine Community & Family Services Inc. CEO Catherine Cini.

Twenty individuals and community groups were nominated for the *Awards*.

### Citizen of the Year

*Citizen of the Year* winner Kathleen Wells has been an active and dedicated member of the Glen Eira community for 33 years. She has worked with St Peter's Parish since 1978, was involved at Moongala Women's Community House between 1982 and 1990 and at Bethlehem Hospital between 1990 and 2009. Since 1990 Kathleen has worked at GriefLine, a helpline service which offers support to people who are experiencing grief as a consequence of significant loss in their lives. Kathleen manages and supports 170 GriefLine volunteers and is also responsible for its training programs. Kathleen has been selfless in giving time and support to the volunteers and

has made herself available at all hours of the day to ensure GriefLine runs uninterrupted.

### Young Citizen of the year

*Young Citizen of the Year* winner Clara Law has represented her school and local community with determination. The Shelford Girls' Grammar student has taken on various leadership roles within her school, as well as through her charity work and involvement with Scouts Australia. Within these roles, Clara not only represented her House as Sports Captain, but she raised \$8,000 for the Children's Cancer Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Canteen. Clara has also been Scout President for two years and has been involved in the planning and operation of many events.

### Community Group of the year

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc. (GEALC) and Bentleigh Bayside TransAccess were both awarded *Community Group of the Year*.

For more than 25 years, GEALC has provided the Glen Eira community with quality and affordable education.

The registered training organisation offers courses in English, languages, literacy, numeracy, computers and skill development. GEALC courses provide positive and relevant learning experiences that assist participants to develop and gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to go on to further study, to find work or to participate in their community.

Bentleigh Bayside TransAccess is the facilitator of a community transport service. The service comprises of 38 volunteer drivers and assistants who are available to transport Glen Eira residents unable to access mainstream public transport and taxis.

More than 650 residents are registered for the service, which has helped them not only to become more connected with the community, but has allowed them to better access health services and social networks.

Cover image: *Community Group of the Year* — Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc., *Young Citizen of the Year* — Clara Law, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling, *Citizen of the Year* — Kathleen Wells and *Community Group of the Year* — Bentleigh Bayside TransAccess. Photo: Rob Churchus.

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## Mayor's column

Welcome to the first edition of *Glen Eira News* for 2014. I hope everybody enjoyed celebrating the festive season and is feeling refreshed in the New Year.

On Friday 24 January at Glen Eira City Council's annual *Australia Day Breakfast*, I had the pleasure of presenting the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year* awards. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up and to all those who were nominated. We really do appreciate the great work these people and organisations carry out to enrich and support our community.

Council's *Party in the Park* series continues this month. Come and enjoy a day of music and entertainment on Sunday 16 February from 12pm to 4pm at Princes Park. There will also be an afternoon of fun for everyone at Allnutt Park on Sunday 2 March from 12pm to 4pm, including our popular *Pet Parade*. Further information can be found on page 12.

I am pleased to announce that on Tuesday 17 December, Council formally resolved to issue the planning permit for the current Caulfield Community Toy Library (currently housed within Carnegie Swim Centre) to be relocated to a vacant residential property owned by Council north-east of the swim centre. Refurbishment of the house has commenced with the aim of moving the Toy Library to the property in April.

As this is my first term as Mayor, I look forward to meeting many of you at Council events and meetings throughout the year, and trust it will be a prosperous and successful one for both Council and the community.

**Cr Neil Pilling  
Mayor**



## Centenary Park Pavilion

Glen Eira City Council has awarded the building contract of Centenary Park Pavilion.

The new Pavilion will provide additional change rooms, umpire facilities, covered spectator areas and improved accessibility for all-abilities. It will also provide a new community space that can be hired by the wider community.

The Pavilion will also incorporate a number of environmentally sustainable design features to make it energy-efficient, including a specially designed natural ventilation system.

Similar to other multi-purpose pavilions, the redevelopment will inject new vibrancy into the park and cater to all members of the community.

A separate car park upgrade will be undertaken in conjunction with a landscape architect designed passive recreation space once the building works are completed.

Acknowledging the importance of the Pavilion, the State Government is contributing \$500,000 towards the project.

Preliminary works include electrical service alterations, tree removal, irrigation works and construction of a new rotunda

and associated barbecue. Works have now officially started and it's estimated the project will be completed in 13 months, weather permitting.

### Social Support volunteers required

The Social Support and Monitoring Service provides a valuable community service to isolated older people and people with a disability living independently within the Glen Eira community. Volunteer roles include assisting with shopping; transport and escort to appointments; and friendly visiting. A car is essential and five years driving experience is required.

If you have a few hours to spare and enjoy the company of others, contact Co-ordinator Sandra Tauber on 9571 8622 or email [stauber@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:stauber@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

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### DEADLINES

The March edition of *Glen Eira News* will be delivered 24 February to 28 February (weather permitting).

#### Coming deadlines

The deadline for the April 2014 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 26 February for delivery 24 March to 28 March (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 VIC 3162 or email: [editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

# Less waste — more recycling: community recycling rate reaches 50 per cent

The Glen Eira community's recycling rate has been breaking records since August 2013. In December, rates reached 50 per cent with approximately 6,000 tonnes less waste being sent to landfill in the past 12 months compared to the previous year.

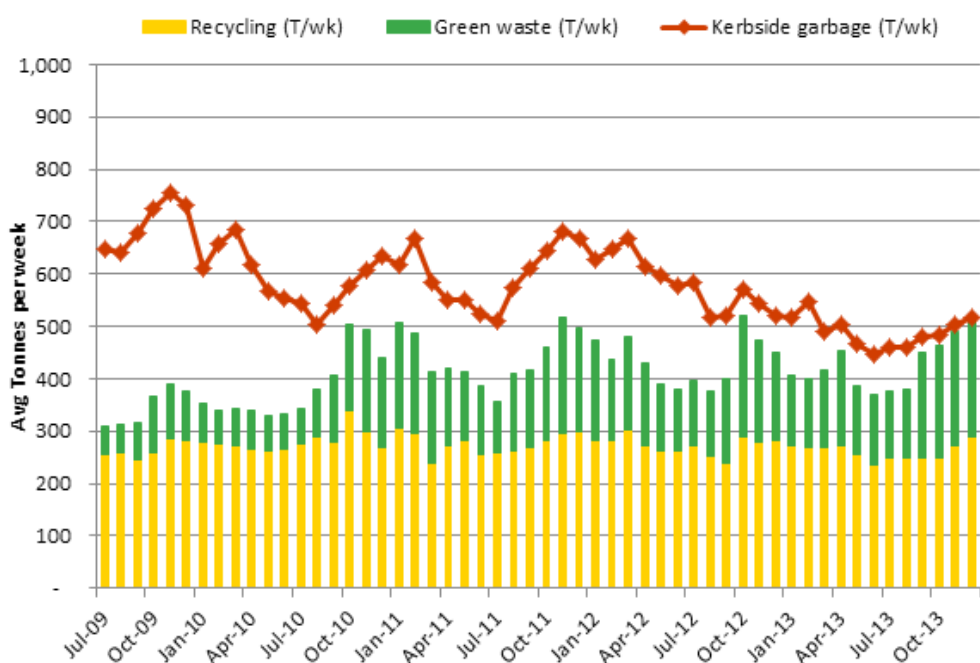
The increase in recycling rate is thanks to more households using green waste bins, as well as good levels of recycling of mixed materials.

Almost 10,000 residents responded to Council's recent survey on recycling and since then, more recycling bins have been put out for collection.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling said it's been great to receive such detailed and thoughtful responses from so many residents.

"The feedback is being collated and will be considered in detail," Cr Pilling said.

The less waste that goes to landfill, the better — not only is Melbourne running out of landfill space, but sending waste to landfill is expensive and contributes heavily to greenhouse gas emissions like carbon dioxide and methane.



## Community column

### Speaking up for our City

#### Council's Toy Library

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#### Council's 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 once-off fee of \$55.

Orders 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.

#### Engaging our community

#### Council recognised for utilising open space

Murrumbeena Park Playspace was a finalist in the *Community Sport and Recreation Awards* announced on Wednesday 4 December. The Minister for Sport and Recreation the Hon. Hugh Delahunty MP complimented Council on the imaginative design, range of experiences and scope of the project.

#### Community Consultation E-newsletter

Council produces a regular electronic newsletter that provides information about where and when consultations will be held and how to participate.

The *Community Consultation E-newsletter* is sent via email. To subscribe, go to [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



Council has made several changes recently to make it easier for residents and businesses to recycle:

- Recycling bins for businesses are now free with every Council garbage bin in Glen Eira.
- All users of Council's garbage services are eligible for a green waste bin for a once-off establishment fee of \$55.
- Extra recycling bins are available if needed for \$42 per year. Tenants will need the ratepayer's authority to order an extra recycling bin.

Bins can be ordered from Council's Service Centre by contacting 9524 3333.

## Traffic calming continues in local streets

Glen Eira City Council receives many requests for traffic calming treatments to be installed in local residential streets.

Safety has been improved recently in the following locations:

- College Street, Elsternwick — construction of a new road hump and upgrade of an existing road hump to further reduce vehicle speeds.
- Shoobra Road, Elsternwick — construction of a new road hump and upgrade of an existing road hump to further reduce vehicle speeds.
- Mawby Road, Bentleigh East — installation of road cushions at two locations to reduce vehicle speeds (while still allowing appropriate access

for buses). The existing roundabouts in Mawby Road will also be upgraded to further control speeds and provide improved landscaping opportunities.

These streets have been identified through Council's Traffic Management Priority List.

Council's Manager Transport Planning Terry Alexandrou said these new traffic calming treatments are designed to provide a safer lower speed environment which can encourage active travel, such as walking and cycling.

Traffic calming treatments will also be constructed in an additional three local streets in the next six months.





## CEO's column

The Auditor General has reported to State Parliament on the financial sustainability of all Victorian councils. He rated Glen Eira 'low risk' which is the best possible rating.

In the indicators which focus on updating infrastructure and community facilities, Glen Eira had the strongest performance of any of the 17 inner-metro councils. This reflects the work that has gone to date into our parks, playgrounds, community facilities and infrastructure.

Capital investment depends on making a surplus on day-to-day operations where Glen Eira was also rated strongly.

Glen Eira's borrowings are being fully repaid (including interest) by GESAC and at no cost to ratepayers. It is relevant that all but one of the other councils have higher average rates per property than we do. The *Auditor General's Report* is available on his website.

Council's future financial planning is to allocate increasing amounts of money towards providing additional public open space for the community. This will involve more appropriate levels of contributions from developers and allocation of Council's own funds. This program will be rolled out in accordance with the *Open Space Strategy* which is to be finalised and adopted shortly.

**Andrew Newton**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Keeping safe this summer

With record breaking temperatures this summer, here are some simple safety tips to help you get through the warmer months.

### Who is most at risk from heat-related illness?

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

### Preparing yourself for a heatwave

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

### Preparing your house for a heatwave

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

### Look out for others

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

### If you become unwell:

- stop any activity and sit quietly in a cool place;

- drink cold water to cool your body down;
- wet the skin with cool water or with wet cloths;
- seek medical advice, contact your Local GP or Nurse on Call 1300 60 60 24; and
- ring an ambulance if you continue to feel unwell.

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

### Cleaning out? Book a free hard rubbish collection

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

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

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## Reminder not to misuse disabled parking spaces

Glen Eira City Council would like to remind motorists if they use a disabled parking space and don't have a permit, they run the risk of being fined.

More than 200 motorists were fined during 2013 for misusing disabled parking bays.

Council's Manager Parking and Prosecutions Andrew Williams said disabled parking spaces allow people with a disability or low mobility easy access to shops and amenities.

"Disabled parking spaces are designed to assist people using mobility aids such as wheelchairs, scooters or walkers and people with low mobility to allow safe and appropriate access to and from vehicles," Mr Williams said.

When disabled parking spaces are misused, people with a genuine need for the space are unable to access local shops

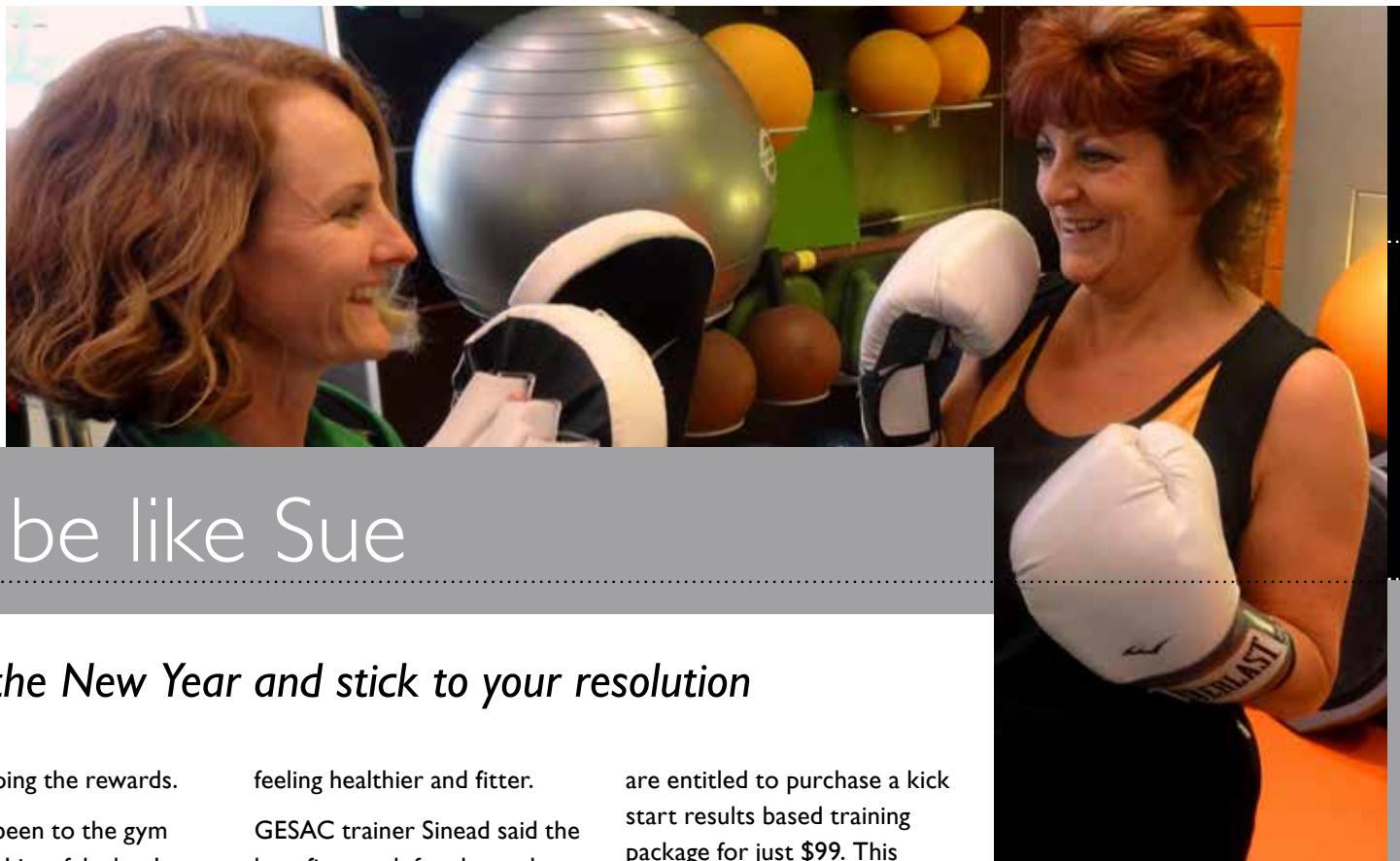
and amenities.

"There are limited disabled parking spaces in Glen Eira, so motorists are asked to show some consideration by not parking in the bays allocated for people with a disability."

To report misuse of a disabled parking space, contact Council's Parking and Prosecutions Department on 9524 3333.

To apply for a disabled parking permit, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)





# You too can be like Sue

## How to achieve results in the New Year and stick to your resolution

Now that the festive season is over, it's time to get back on track. Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) Foundation Member Susan Budlender has achieved great results with the help of personal training and the right attitude.

Sue admitted that other activities, such as work and family commitments, got in the way of finding time for the gym. However, after deciding to try personal training and developing the right mindset, she discovered how easy it was to fit into a weekly routine and

is now reaping the rewards.

"I'd never been to the gym before and I just felt that I needed to do something for myself," Sue said.

"Personal training was what got me motivated. I enjoyed it so much, I decided to have ongoing personal training sessions, which I would highly recommend to anyone."

Sue has so far lost a combined total of 90 centimetres from her body (waist, hips, thighs and arms) and acknowledged the benefits that come with a gym membership such as

feeling healthier and fitter.

GESAC trainer Sinead said the benefits speak for themselves.

"Sue has transformed her body, is 100 per cent committed to her nutrition plan and gives 150 per cent in every session she attends," Sinead said.

"This woman works hard.

"Sue is the ultimate example of proving that when you put in the work, the results come."

If you are looking for a bit of a push or help in achieving your goals faster, members

are entitled to purchase a kick start results based training package for just \$99. This includes four one-on-one sessions with GESAC's friendly and expert personal trainers.

## Book a hard rubbish collection to recycle old computers and television sets

Now that the analogue signal has been switched off, do you have an old television collecting dust? Since 1 July 2013, Glen Eira City Council has collected electronic equipment (e-waste) as part of its free kerbside hard rubbish collection.

Ninety eight per cent of e-waste is recyclable. Electronics contain a range of materials including plastic, lead, copper, gold platinum and rare earth materials that may be reused.

Every household is entitled to three free, on-demand hard rubbish collections from your nature strip each financial year.

E-waste appropriate for collection includes:

- televisions;
- computers and laptops;
- printers and fax machines; and
- DVD players.

**Please note:** residents are responsible for removing private or confidential data from electronics left out for collection.

For further information or to book, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) to book online. Collections are made within four working days.

## Cut your power bills — install an energy saving power controller for free

Did you know that your computer and home entertainment system still draw power when in standby mode?

Under Council's *Glen Eira Energy Saving Program*, most Glen Eira households can have standby power controllers and other energy saving products installed at no charge. Other products include chimney and door draught seals, lights, and water and energy saving showerheads.

The cost of appliances such as televisions, sound systems, computers and monitors which are switched on and not being used (on standby) can be responsible for about 10 per cent of household electricity bills. They can add more than \$100 to your annual power bill (Sustainability Victoria 2013).

Standby power controllers cut off power to your electronic devices when you switch them to stand-by mode by pressing the on/off button on your remote control. Standby power controllers can reduce your standby power usage by 99 per cent (Sustainability Victoria 2013). Standby

power devices are available in two types — AV and IT.

Glen Eira City Council has partnered with energy efficiency specialists Energy Makeovers to provide the *Glen Eira Energy Saving Program*.

**Please note:** most, but not all, households are eligible. Eligibility will be checked when an installation is booked. Residents can have a maximum of four standby power controllers installed in their house.

Book an installation or find out more by contacting Energy Makeovers on 1300 788 776 or [www.energymakeovers.com.au/energy-savers.html](http://www.energymakeovers.com.au/energy-savers.html)

Council has contracted with Energy Makeovers to provide the services. All dealings with Energy Makeovers will be confidential and Energy Makeovers will abide by the same privacy obligations that

Council has in relation to the information provided to them by residents who use the service.



# Neighbourhood Sustainable Garden Program

Caulfield South Primary School joins 180 members of Council's new *Neighbourhood Sustainable Garden Program*.



Glen Eira City Council's *Neighbourhood Sustainable Garden Program* is going from strength to strength with 180 members now signed up.

The latest member to join the *Program* is Caulfield South Primary School (left).

One of the teachers at the school, Stacey Fallon, said the students recently planted indigenous plants to attract local indigenous animals and have created a more sustainable and inviting playground.

"The students say that their sustainable garden brings a fresh feeling to the school and is a very friendly environment," Ms Fallon said.

Anyone who has (or is planning to have) a vegetable patch, fruit trees, compost system, local indigenous plants, water-wise features or chickens can join the *Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program*.

Registered gardeners will receive a welcome pack, which includes a sign that can be attached to their fence. They will be sent regular updates on local events (run by Council and community groups) and specific local garden information.

The *Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program* is designed to tap into and build on the passion, knowledge and skills of residents as gardeners and managers of open spaces.

Households, businesses, schools and other properties can also register their gardens.

Registration can be done online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/sustainable\\_garden](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/sustainable_garden) or by contacting Council's sustainability education officer on 9524 3333 or via email: [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Sustainability presentations

Glen Eira City Council is hosting the following free community presentations on sustainability in February.



These 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, contact Council's sustainability education officer on 9524 3333 or email [mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### Autumn vegie gardening tips Wednesday 19 February

Presented by My Green Garden's Maria Ciavarella

Ten tips for successful vegie gardening will be discussed including:

- soil preparation and crop rotation;
- suitable vegetables for winter; and
- tips and tricks on growing from seed.

### Dealing with 'Bill Shock' by saving energy at home Monday 24 February

Presented by Alternative Technology Association's John Knox

The following practical methods for reducing your energy use at home will be discussed.

- Simple changes that everyone can make (including renters and owners).
- What's fact and what's fiction when it comes to energy savings.

## Removal of graffiti from private property

Prompt removal of graffiti is often the best deterrent. Glen Eira City Council encourages residents and traders to remove graffiti from their properties promptly. To assist, Council provides Glen Eira residents and traders with personal graffiti removal kits available free of charge from Council's Service Centre.

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

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



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## Recycle your hard plastic packaging

As long as it's not made of polystyrene foam, you can place all hard plastic packaging in your yellow recycling bin and save it from landfill.

For further information or if you have any questions, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and search for garbage and recycling.



# News in brief

## Community Grants Program — applications open 3 March

More than \$350,000 will be awarded to local community groups through Glen Eira City Council's 2014–2015 Community Grants Program.

Applications for the Program open on Monday 3 March and close on Friday 18 April at 5pm.

This year, the Community Grants Program incorporates both Community Services Grants and Community Festivals and Events Grants.

Grants are available to support projects and services that address local issues, align with Council's priorities, and meet with funding guidelines and conditions.

## Community grants workshops

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

- Wednesday 12 March from 2.30pm–5pm at Carnegie Library;
- Thursday 13 March from 10am–12.30pm at Moorleigh Social Rooms; and
- Tuesday 18 March from 7pm–9.30pm at Caulfield Park Pavilion.

## Bookings are essential.

For further information about the 2014–2015 Community Grants Program, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Application assistance

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.

## Council Meeting dates 2014

- Tuesday 4 February
- Tuesday 25 February
- Tuesday 18 March
- Tuesday 8 April
- Tuesday 29 April
- Tuesday 20 May
- Tuesday 10 June
- Tuesday 1 July
- Tuesday 22 July
- Tuesday 12 August
- Tuesday 2 September
- Tuesday 23 September
- Tuesday 14 October
- Wednesday 5 November
- (Note: 4 November — Melbourne Cup Day holiday)
- Tuesday 25 November
- Tuesday 16 December

## Recognise your volunteers

Nominations are now open for the 2014 Glen Eira City Council Volunteer Recognition Program.

Not-for-profit community based organisations are invited to nominate volunteers in one of the six categories: 500, 1,000 or 2,000 hours of service or for one of the special awards which recognise

either 10, 20 or 30 years of continuous voluntary service.

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

Nominations close on Friday 14 March.

Further information and nomination forms are available from Council's Service Centre or from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Community Grants Program — Open Hands volunteer service.  
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## out and about



Left: Party in the Park Under the Stars — Packer Park: Cr Jamie Hyams, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Thomas Sounness, Cr Mary Delahunty, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling and Cr Karina Okotel. Photo: Rob Churchus.

Right: Australia Day Breakfast — Cr Margaret Esakoff, Lane Shmerling and Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Lipshutz. Photo: Rob Churchus.



## See our children's centres in action

### See our children's centres in action

Caulfield Children's Centre, Carnegie Children's Centre and Murrumbeena Children's Centre will host Open Days from 9.30am to 10.30am on Thursday 20 February, allowing families to inspect the centres and learn about their services.

When making decisions about child care, it is important that parents and children both feel comfortable in the centre environment. Glen Eira City Council children's centres will be opening their doors for families to visit and see what makes these learning and care programs special.

Visitors will be welcomed by the centres' qualified and experienced educators. As a Council operated service, you can feel confident that each centre's priority is the wellbeing of children and supporting local families, rather than producing a profit for a large organisation.

Please come along and see the early learning programs in action.

### The Breastfeeding Support Service is on the move

Breastfeeding is an unequalled way of providing ideal nutrition for the healthy growth and development of infants, as well as contributing to the health and wellbeing of mothers. Glen Eira City Council's Breastfeeding Support Service is available to assist mothers. A qualified maternal and child health nurse, who is also an accredited lactation consultant, is available to advise and assist you.

Support is available through home visits, telephone consultation and a weekly drop-in session. As of 1 February, the drop-in sessions have been relocated to the McKinnon Maternal and Child Health Centre, 186 McKinnon Road, McKinnon. The drop-in hours have now been extended to 1.30pm to 4pm every Tuesday.

For further information, contact 9524 3333 or 0459 168 542.

### Early intervention

If you have concerns about your child's behaviour, growth or health and development, it is a good idea to talk with a professional. Glen Eira City Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is a free service for families with children from birth to school entry, where highly trained nurses are able to discuss your child and any concerns you may have.

Every child develops differently and trying to decide if your child needs additional skills and support to provide them the best start in life is important. Your Maternal and Child Health nurse will be able to help with this and will be able to link you to other services if needed.

For further information about early intervention and services, contact:

[www.noahsarkinc.org.au](http://www.noahsarkinc.org.au)

[www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

[www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)

### Occasional Care moves to Carnegie

Council's Occasional Care program has recently relocated from Caulfield to the Carnegie Children's Multi-purpose Centre (part of the Carnegie Library precinct).

Opening in February 2014, this program will provide short-term and affordable care options for children aged between six months and five years. Not everyone needs a permanent full day of child care and the Carnegie Occasional Care Centre will provide three hours of early childhood learning and care from 9.30am to 12.30pm each Monday and Wednesday during school terms.

Places will also be available for permanent bookings so you can have a regular day/s each week. Casual bookings can also still be made each week.

The children's program is developed and provided by qualified early childhood educators to include a range of learning experiences that are age appropriate in a safe, secure and caring environment. For further information and bookings, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

## What is a Municipal Early Years Plan?

Glen Eira City Council is currently finalising the 2013–2017 *Municipal Early Years Plan (MEYP)*.

This *Plan* is an integral part of Council's vision for children, which aims to ensure that all children in Glen Eira have equitable access to environments and opportunities that promote and protect their health, safety, learning, development and wellbeing.

The *MEYP* outlines Council's priorities and strategies for the next four years.

An important part of the process is community consultation, connecting with the families who will be utilising services and providing them with an opportunity to provide their input. The new *MEYP* is available for public comment on Council's website and hard copies can be obtained from Maternal and Child Health Centres and Council's Service Centre.

We encourage all local families to participate in this important process.

Consultation will close on Friday 21 February.

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# Parent information sessions

Glen Eira City Council's 2014 *Parent Information Calendar* is now available.



Topics for the information sessions for parents and guardians will include:

- dads are parents too;
- starting school well;
- setting our children up for success;
- understanding children — avoiding the infamous 'personality clash';
- resilience and self-esteem for children; and
- understanding children's behaviour — survival tips for parents.

The 2014 *Calendar* includes four interactive question and answer sessions with an early year's specialist and a maternal and child health nurse facilitating. The sessions will provide participants greater opportunity to ask questions and share strategies that support better outcomes for their children.

Council's Manager Family and Children's Services Jill Jolliffe said the selected presenters are recognised within the early childhood field and have a

variety of expertise ranging from early childhood university lecturers and published authors to early childhood education consultants.

"The opportunity to attend parent information sessions relevant to their child's development aims to give parents greater knowledge and support and provide their children the best possible start in life," Ms Jolliffe said.

The *Calendar* is just one of the recommendations identified in Council's 2013-17 *Municipal Early Years Plan (Draft)*.

The 2014 *Parent Calendar* is available from Council's Service Centre or online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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

Well-known and respected early childhood specialist Kathy Walker will present this information session for parents and guardians of young children.

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 provides an overview of some of the reasons why children behave the way they do and gives some practical strategies for parents to support their children so they can guide their behaviours in appropriate ways.



**Date:** Thursday 13 February

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm (registration 7.15pm)

**Location:** Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

**Cost:** \$7

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.

## immunisation sessions

**Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health**  
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East  
Saturday 15 February and Saturday 15 March 9am-11am, Wednesday 12 February and Wednesday 12 March 5.30pm-7.30pm, Thursday 27 February and Thursday 27 March 5.30pm-7.30pm

**Carnegie Library and Community Centre**  
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie  
Wednesday 19 February and Wednesday 19 March 1pm-2.30pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm

**DC Bricker — Princes Park**  
Beech Street, Caulfield South  
Monday 24 February and Monday 24 March 9.30am-11.30am

**Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)**  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tuesday 11 February and Tuesday 11 March 9.30am-11.30am, Tuesday 4 February and Tuesday 4 March 6pm-7pm

**Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre**  
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly  
Wednesday 26 February and Wednesday 26 March 9.30am-11.30am

**McKinnon Public Hall**  
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon  
Monday 3 February and Monday 3 March 9.30am-11.30am



## Community Diary

Please note: due to high volume of submissions we receive, entries must be submitted monthly. Only submissions received each month will be published. For a list of deadlines, email: [sbrown@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:sbrown@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

**Bentleigh Over 50 Table Tennis** seeks new players for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Contact: 9557 5739.

**Dads in Distress** is a support group for men going through the trauma of divorce or separation. The group meets every Monday night at 7.30pm at Alma Road Community House, 200 Alma Road, St Kilda East.  
Contact: 1300 853 437.

**Glen Eira Combined Probus Club** meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10am–12pm. The club offers a wide range of social activities including guest speakers. Morning tea is provided. New members welcome.  
Contact: 0438 834 822.

**Glen Huntly Tennis Club** offers social tennis on Tuesdays from 7.30pm and Sundays from 2pm at Glen Huntly Park, corner Booran and Neerim Roads, Caulfield East. Cost is \$8 for non-members.  
Contact: 0415 535 838 for Tuesdays and 0400 598 705 for Sundays.

**Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club** welcomes people of all ages to join them on the first Friday of every month up to and including April. Come along and play barefoot bowls from 5.30pm at 26–28 Gerald Street, Murrumbeena. Cost is \$10 for non-members.  
Contact: 9569 6718.

**Piano Players Group** plays on the first Monday morning of every month. Newcomers of all grades welcome.  
Contact: 9391 4091.

**Port Philip Life Activities Club Inc.** offer a range of activities, including badminton, bridge, bushwalks, local walks,

book clubs, cinema, theatre and dine-outs for over 50s'.

Contact: 9645 4061, email [pplac@life.org.au](mailto:pplac@life.org.au) or visit [www.life.org.au/pplac](http://www.life.org.au/pplac)

**Scottish Dancing Bentleigh** commences on Monday 17 February from 8pm–10pm at K.G.Putt Hall, 2 Arthur Street, Bentleigh. No partners needed. Come along for some fun, while getting fit and making new friends.  
Contact: 0421 160 722.

### EVENTS

**Melbourne Begonia Show, Accents of Asia** will be held on Saturday 22 February from 10am–4pm and Sunday 23 February from 10am–3pm at the Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin.  
Contact: 9758 6642.

**Nirkoda Israeli Folk Dancing Club** beginners classes start on Tuesday 11 February and will be held on Thursday mornings, Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings. Cost for an eight week package is \$40.  
Contact: 9572 0992 or 0450 926303 or visit [www.nirkoda.org](http://www.nirkoda.org)

**Multicultural Music, Dance and Food Festival** will be held on Saturday

29 March from 11.30am–2.30pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond. Free activities include Bollywood and flamenco dancers, a Chinese lion dance, jumping castle and children's art and craft.  
Contact: 9578 8996.

**The Handmade Show** is a boutique craft market, opening on Saturday 2 April running on the third Saturday of every month from May to November and the second Saturday in December from 10.30am–3.30pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, corner Grange and Neerim Roads, Glen Huntly.  
Contact: 0423 727 607 (between 6pm–9pm) or visit [www.thehandmadeshow.blogspot.com](http://www.thehandmadeshow.blogspot.com)

### COMMUNITY

**Bowls** is for fun, no longer for frumpies. If you are interested in playing lawn bowls, contact 0400 720 105 or visit [www.elsternwickclub.com.au](http://www.elsternwickclub.com.au)

**Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre** offers computer and iPad classes (beginners to advanced), digital courses, MYOB, intro to business administration, career choices, wellness, art and writing classes.  
Contact: 9578 8996 or visit [www.gealc.org.au](http://www.gealc.org.au)

**GriefLine** offers support to people who are experiencing grief as a consequence of significant loss in their lives. It operates a telephone helpline every day of the year from 12pm–3am. An information evening will be held on Monday 17 February in Bentleigh East for those who are interested in volunteering. Upon selection, all volunteers participate in a loss and grief training program, which consists of three hour education sessions for 14 weeks.  
Contact: 9935 7444 or email [kathyw@griefline.org.au](mailto:kathyw@griefline.org.au)

**Murrumbeena House occasional care and activity groups** is taking enrolments for 2014. Morning sessions for two to three-year-olds will be held from 9am–11.45am. Afternoon sessions for three to four-year-olds will be held from 12.45pm–3.15pm. Term fee is \$205 per child per session.  
Contact: 0423 698 198 or visit [www.murrumbeenahouse.com](http://www.murrumbeenahouse.com)

## Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2014



Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2014. 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 5 March**  
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre  
7 Shepparson Avenue  
Carnegie

**Saturday 5 April**  
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community  
Health Centre  
Gardeners Road  
Bentleigh East

**Wednesday 7 May**  
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and  
Community Centre  
7 Shepparson Avenue  
Carnegie



**Glen Eira City Council**

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

## 澳大利亞國慶節早餐會頒獎儀式

Glen Eira 市政府於1月24日星期五在市政廳舉行的澳大利亞國慶節早餐會上頒發了年度市民獎、年度青年市民獎和年度社區團體獎。

Glen Eira 市長 Neil Pilling 頒發了這些獎項，表彰 Glen Eira 市政區對本地社區作出卓越貢獻的居民和社區團體。

早餐會特邀發言人 是 GriefLine 社區與家庭服務機構的首席執行官 Catherine Cini。

有 20 個個人和社區團體得到了這些獎項的提名。

### 年度市民獎

年度市民獎獲獎者 Kathleen Wells 在過去 33 年中一直是一名積極奉獻的 Glen Eira 社區成員。她自 1978 年起在聖彼得教區工作，1982 年至 1990 年服務於 Moongala 婦女社區之家，1990 年至 2009 年工作於 Bethlehem 醫院。Kathleen 從 1990 年起在 GriefLine 工作，這是一個救助專線服務機構，為失去親人而悲痛的人提供支持。Kathleen 管理並支持 170 名 GriefLine 義工，並且負責培訓項目。Kathleen 無私地為義工貢獻時間並提供支持，隨時為確保 GriefLine 的服務順利進行而努力。

### 年度青年市民獎

年度青年市民獎獲獎者是 Clara Law，她堅定、努力地代表她的學校和社區。這位 Shelford 女子文法學校的學生在學校擔任過各種職務，並在澳大利亞童子軍中開展慈善工作。Clara 是學校大組體育隊長，她還為皇家兒童醫院兒童癌症治療中心、Peter McCallum 和食堂募捐 \$8,000。Clara 擔任過兩年的童子軍主席，參與了許多活動的規劃和開展。

### 年度社區團體獎

年度社區團體獎由 Glen Eira 成人學習機構 (GEALC) 和 Bentleigh Bayside TransAccess 這兩個團體獲得。

GEALC 向 Glen Eira 社區提供優質且不昂貴的教育服務已逾 25 年。這家註冊培訓機構開設英語、其他語言、識字、算術、電腦和技能培養等課程。GEALC 的課程提供積極和切合實際的學習體驗，幫助學員獲得和提高進一步學習、尋找工作或積極參與社區所需的技能、知識及信心。

Bentleigh Bayside TransAccess 是社區交通服務的協助機構。該機構有 38 位義工駕駛員和助理，他們開車送無法乘坐公共交通或出租車的 Glen Eira 居民出行。現有逾 650 位居民註冊接受這項服務，這樣他們不僅能參與社區生活，還可更好地獲得醫療服務和參與社交網絡活動。

這個獎項的入圍機構是 McKinnon 籃球協會。

### 阿波諾米 獲獎者 在 2014 年 2 月 24 日 獲獎

Ο Δήμος Glen Eira απένειμε τα ετήσια Βραβεία Δημότη και Νέου Δημότη της Χρονιάς και Κοινωνικής Ομάδας της Χρονιάς του Δήμου κατά τη διάρκεια ενός ειδικού Προγεύματος της Ημέρας της Αυστραλίας στο Δημαρχείο την Παρασκευή 24 Ιανουαρίου.

Τα Βραβεία, τα οποία απένειμε ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Neil Pilling, τιμούν δημότες και κοινωνικές ομάδες στο Δήμο Glen Eira που έχουν συνεισφέρει σημαντικά στην τοπική κοινωνία.

Φιλοξενούμενος ομιλητής στο πρόγευμα ήταν η Γενική Σύμβουλος του Συνδέσμου Κοινωνικών και Οικογενειακών Υπηρεσιών της Γραμμής Πένθους Catherine Cini.

Είκοσι άτομα και κοινωνικές ομάδες είχαν προταθεί για τα Βραβεία.

### Δημότης της Χρονιάς

Η νικήτρια του βραβείου Δημότης της Χρονιάς Kathleen Wells είναι ένα δραστήριο και αφοσιωμένο μέλος της κοινότητας Glen Eira για 33 χρόνια. Εργάζεται στην Ενορία του St Peter's από το 1978, συμμετείχε στο Κοινοτικό Σπίτι Γυναικών Moongala μεταξύ 1982 και 1990 και στο Νοσοκομείο Bethlehem μεταξύ 1990 και 2009. Από το 1990, η Kathleen εργάζεται στη Γραμμή Πένθους GriefLine, μια υπηρεσία παροχής βοήθειας που προσφέρει συμπαράσταση σε άτομα που βιώνουν πένθος λόγω απώλειας αγαπημένων προσώπων στη ζωή τους. Η Kathleen διευθύνει και στηρίζει 170 εθελοντές της γραμμής GriefLine και είναι επίσης υπεύθυνη για τα προγράμματα κατάρτισης της γραμμής. Η Kathleen υπήρξε ανιδιοτελής προσφέροντας χρόνο και υποστήριξη στους εθελοντές και διαθέτει τον εαυτό της όλες τις ώρες της ημέρας για να εξασφαλιστεί ότι η γραμμή GriefLine λειτουργεί χωρίς διακοπή.

### Νέος Δημότης της Χρονιάς

Η νικήτρια του βραβείου Νέος Δημότης της Χρονιάς Clara Law εκπροσώπησε με αποφασιστικότητα το σχολείο και την τοπική της κοινότητα. Η μαθήτριά της του Λυκείου Θηλέων Shelford έχει αναλάβει διάφορους ηγετικούς ρόλους στο σχολείο της, καθώς επίσης και με το φιλανθρωπικό έργο και τη συμμετοχή της στους Προσκόπους Αυστραλίας. Μέσω αυτών των ρόλων, η Clara όχι μόνο εκπροσώπησε την τάξη της ως Αρχηγός της Αθλητικής Ομάδας, αλλά συγκέντρωσε \$8,000 για το Αντικαρκινικό Κέντρο Παιδιών στο Βασιλικό Νοσοκομείο Παιδιών, στο Peter McCallum και στην καντίνα. Η Clara είναι επίσης Πρόεδρος Προσκόπων για δύο χρόνια και συμμετέχει στο σχεδιασμό και στη διεξαγωγή πολλών εκδηλώσεων.

### Κοινωνική Ομάδα της Χρονιάς

Το Κέντρο Μάθησης Ενηλίκων Glen Eira (GEALC) και η Υπηρεσία Πρόσβασης Μεταφοράς Bentleigh Bayside έλαβαν από κοινού το βραβείο Κοινωνικής Ομάδας της Χρονιάς.

Για περισσότερα από 25 χρόνια, το Κέντρο GEALC παρέχει στην κοινότητα Glen Eira ποιοτική και προσιτή εκπαίδευση. Ο αναγνωρισμένος εκπαιδευτικός οργανισμός προσφέρει μαθήματα αγγλικής, άλλων γλωσσών, ανάγνωσης, αριθμητικής, μαθήματα για υπολογιστές και ανάπτυξη δεξιοτήτων. Τα μαθήματα GEALC παρέχουν θετικές και σχετικές εμπειρίες μάθησης που βοηθούν τους συμμετέχοντες να αναπτύξουν και να αποκτήσουν δεξιότητες, γνώσεις και εμπιστοσύνη για να προχωρήσουν σε περαιτέρω σπουδές, να βρουν δουλειά ή να συμμετέχουν στην κοινότητά τους.

Η Υπηρεσία Πρόσβασης Μεταφοράς Bentleigh Bayside συντονίζει τις υπηρεσίες κοινωνικής μεταφοράς. Η υπηρεσία αποτελείται από 38 εθελοντές οδηγούς και βοηθούς οι οποίοι διατίθενται για τη μεταφορά κατοίκων του Glen Eira που δεν μπορούν να χρησιμοποιούν τις δημόσιες συγκοινωνίες και τα ταξί. Περισσότεροι από 650 κάτοικοι έχουν εγγραφεί στην υπηρεσία, που τους βοηθάει όχι μόνο να έχουν περισσότερες διασυνδέσεις με την κοινότητα, αλλά τους επιτρέπει να έχουν καλύτερη πρόσβαση σε υπηρεσίες υγείας και κοινωνικά δίκτυα.

Φιναλιστ της κατηγορίας αυτής ήταν ο Σύνδεσμος Καλαθοσφαίρισης McKinnon.



## Community consultation

Consultation involves the community in Glen Eira City 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](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

Subject	Type	Date	Where
2013–2017 Municipal Early Year Plan	Comments and submissions	Open 3 February and closes 21 February	Copies available from Council's Service Centre, Maternal and Child Health centres and Council's website
Publications Survey 2014	Survey	Opens 3 February and closes 25 February	February edition of <i>Glen Eira News</i>
Publications Survey 2014	Survey	Opens 3 February and closes 25 February	Copies available from Council's Service Centre, four library branches and Council's website

**Future consultaion:** please check Council's website [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) and local newspapers for details on upcoming consultations. The consultations below will take place soon.

*Elsternwick Plaza Redevelopment*

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.

## PARTY in the PARK

**Princes Park**  
**Sunday 16 February, 12pm–4pm**  
**Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South**

MELWAY REFERENCE: 68 A6

Free rides

Free children's activities

Wildlife education programs

Talent quest

Children's cooking classes

Silent disco

Storytelling and face painting



Live shows by



## PARTY in the PARK

**and Pet Expo**  
**Allnutt Park**  
**Sunday 2 March, 12pm–4pm**  
**Wheatley Road, McKinnon**

MELWAY REFERENCE: 68 C11

Free children's activities and rides

Children's cooking classes

Pets welcome

Lure racing, flyball and pet parade

Storytelling and wildlife education

Live shows



Peppa Pig



Timmy Time



Presented by Glen Eira City Council  
 For further information and accessibility requirements,  
 contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333  
 or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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



Stephen Haley  
*Interval* 2012 (detail)  
 Lightjet photograph  
 Edition: 5, 122 x 222 cm  
 Glen Eira City Council  
 Art Collection

### Paintings, photographs and ceramics from Glen Eira City Council's Art Collection

Curator: Diane Soumilas

This exhibition features a diverse selection of major works from Glen Eira City Council's art collection covering the period from 1973 to 2012.

Works by Howard Arkley, Charles Blackman, Jon Campbell, Leonard French, Erica McGilchrist, Ponch Hawkes, Stephen Haley, Louise Paramor, Wolfgang Sievers and Fred Williams are included.

Glen Eira City Council (formerly Caulfield City Council) began its public art collection in 1975 with the purchase of a major painting by Fred Williams entitled *Lysterfield Landscape* 1973.

### International Baccalaureate Visual Arts exhibition 13 February–2 March

This exhibition features a diverse and exciting range of artworks from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Visual Arts Course, selected from the students' work created in 2013. The work exhibited will provide visitors with an understanding of the different approaches and the diverse work produced in this unique two year study. Contemporary digital media, installations, sculpture, photography, painting, textiles, drawing, printmaking and ceramics will be included.



Lily Wang  
 Presbyterian Ladies College  
*Where the Heart Is* 2013  
 Balsa wood, polystyrene head, mirror, pins, sculpture  
 30 x 30 x 35 cm

### The Living Together Schools Arts Project

As part of Glen Eira City Council's *Cultural Diversity Week* celebrations for 2014, the Arts and Culture team has launched the *Living Together Schools Arts Project*. All primary and secondary schools in Glen Eira have been invited to create an artistic banner that reflects what cultural diversity means to their school. Banners and paint have been provided to participating schools and the finished works will be installed during Council's *Cultural Diversity Week* events in March. The aim is to create a fantastic, colourful mural of banners that demonstrates the multicultural vitality of the City. The banners will be returned to each school following the exhibition. It is anticipated that the project will become an annual event, providing each school with a vibrant reflection of its own cultural diversity over time.

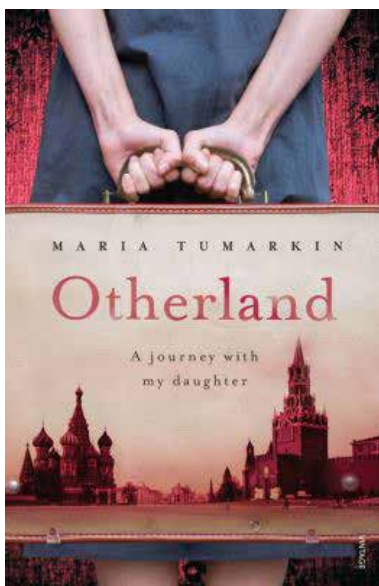
For further information about the project, contact Jane Brown on 9524 3333 or email [arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au)

## Reading Circle — Journeys of a post-migrant with Maria Tumarkin

Wednesday 26 February 2pm–3.30pm Carnegie Library

Join Maria Tumarkin for our first *Reading Circle* for the year. Maria is a Melbourne-based writer and historian and a 2013–2014 Sidney Myer Creative Fellow. She is the author of three critically acclaimed books of narrative non-fiction, which explore some of today's most pressing issues — identity, immigration, family, moral courage and trauma. Maria's novels *Traumascapes*, *Courage* and *Otherland* were all short-listed for literary prizes and she is currently working on her fourth novel, which will explore how we are formed by the past — ours, our parents' and our culture's.

The *Reading Circle* is a relaxed and enjoyable group, which discusses a selected topic each session with a guest author. Bookings are essential and can be made online at [library.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://library.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



### Weekend family StoryTimes

These popular *StoryTimes* that provide an opportunity for families to enjoy stories together are now held every weekend at 2pm on the following days:

Carnegie Library, Saturdays  
Caulfield Library, Sundays  
Bentleigh Library, Sundays

### Bedtime StoryTimes

*Bedtime StoryTimes* are a new 7pm session suitable for preschool and early primary school children. Come dressed in your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly toy for stories and songs.

### Library Lovers' Day Friday 14 February

Feel the love at your local Gen Eira library this Valentine's Day. Come and borrow a book and receive a bookmark and chocolate heart and then venture outside your comfort zone and try a 'blind date' with a book.

### New! Cover 2 Cover book club

Always wanted to join a book club but didn't like the year-long, costly commitment? Well join our new book club and select from a range of titles to be discussed at different libraries each month. You can select which titles most interest you or read them all.

In March, the book club will be discussing:

*Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent at Bentleigh Library on Tuesday 4 March from 7pm–8pm

*Elianne* by Judy Nunn at Elsternwick Library on Friday 14 March from 11am–12pm

*Eyrie* by Tim Winton at Caulfield Library on Thursday 20 March from 2pm–3pm

*Barracuda* by Christos Tsiolkas at Carnegie Library on Wednesday from 26 March 7pm–8pm

To join, visit the library hosting the title that interests you and borrow your *Cover 2 Cover* book club book bag. *Cover 2 Cover* book club is free for library members. Not a member? Join today — membership is free. Find out more at [library.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://library.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

### New for kids

#### Gaming

Children and teens can now enjoy a host of console games on weeknights at Caulfield Library from 4pm to 6pm. Ask a library staff member for information on the games available.

#### Movies 4 Kids

Children's movies are playing in the children's library at Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick Libraries on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12pm and on weekday afternoons between 4pm to 6pm at Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick Libraries. Come along to enjoy a host of classic family movies.

#### Book Chats

Our popular *Book Chats* return with the topic *Bestsellers* from 2013. Do you agree with what made it to the top of the list or are there titles that you think should have made it? Join us at 2pm for a discussion.

Caulfield Library, Tuesday 11 February

Carnegie Library, Monday 17 February

Elsternwick Library, Tuesday 18 February

Bentleigh Library, Thursday 20 February

## Getting connected

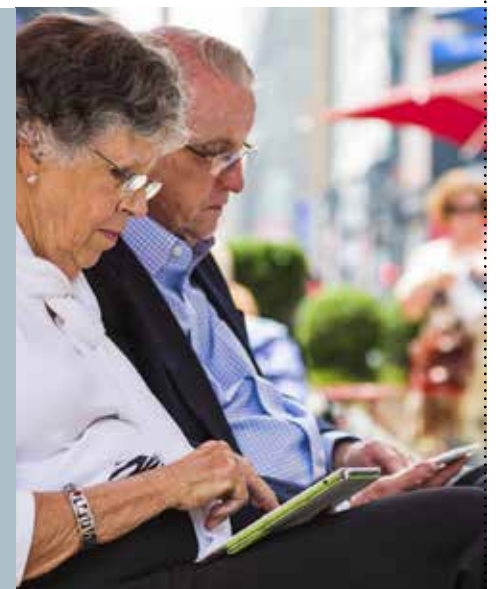
### Carnegie Library — Training Room

Getting started with iPads — Thursday 6 February from 10.30am–12.30pm

Getting started with Samsung tablets — Thursday 27 February from 10.30am–12.30pm

Getting started with iPads — Thursday 6 March from 10.30am–12.30pm

These workshops are designed for seniors and will demonstrate the basic functions to use your iPad or Samsung tablet. The two hour sessions are hands-on practical workshops. Bring your own device or one can be provided. Bookings are essential and limited numbers apply. To book, visit [library.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://library.gleneira.vic.gov.au)





## Young doctors looking out for you

Next time you're at Carnegie Swim Centre, rest assured that you have some of the most capable lifeguards in the state looking out for you.

As part of a proactive recruitment strategy, Centre operators YMCA has been recruiting staff through a number of local universities. Students are given practical experience to show them what to expect in a career in the medical field while Glen Eira residents can be assured

they are receiving the best in safety standards at the pool this summer.

Clare, Jess, Tom A, Mimi, Tom R and Brendan (above) are some of the paramedic and medical students employed by the YMCA this summer at Carnegie Swim Centre. They will be working as pool lifeguards and duty managers.

Be sure to say hello next time you're there.



## Packer Park West — bocce, bowls and barbecue

Looking for an activity that the whole family can enjoy?

Packer Park West (above right) offers a variety of activities for family fun, with bocce, bowls and a barbecue area.

The area features a combination of two outdoor bowling sports — lawn bowls and bocce. Each area is surrounded by trees associated with the countries in which each of the bowling forms originate. The area is open to the public at all times and can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

The bowling theme has a strong link with the site's former use as a bowling club between 1957 and 2003, firstly as

the home of Carnegie Bowling Club, and then for the Glen Eira Bowls Club.

Overlooking these areas are a rotunda, picnic seating and electric barbecue, which create the perfect setting for a family gathering, social game of bowls or an evening barbecue.

Like many other locations in Glen Eira, the rotunda can be booked for your special occasion. For booking enquiries, contact Glen Eira City Council's facilities bookings officer on 9524 3333.

Sets of bowls can be hired from Carnegie Recreation Centre or Carnegie Swim Centre by contacting 9519 7500.

## International Day of People with a Disability

The annual event was aimed at highlighting the ability of people with a disability and provided a welcoming environment for people to try a range of different activities at the premier sports and aquatic centre.

The day was a huge success, where participation exceeded expectation and fun was shared by everyone involved.

Marriott Support Services Disability Awareness and Inclusion Training Co-ordinator Cameron Lee said it was great to see so many people having a go at sports that they might otherwise never have tried.

The day commenced with some circus activities, basketball, balloon football, tennis and soccer in the stadium, followed by t-ball and cricket on Bailey Reserve Oval.

Glen Eira City Council Metro Access Officer Belinda Jordan said the event provided a fantastic opportunity for people with disabilities to not only showcase their skills and talent across a range of activities, but to try something new.

"Having the event at GESAC was a great opportunity to demonstrate what can be achieved by actively engaging with people of all ages and abilities through sport and recreation," Ms Jordan said.

GESAC is looking forward to continuing its partnership with Marriott Support Services, a local disability service organisation that provides innovative and relevant disability awareness and inclusion training to its 290 staff.



International Day of People with a Disability — Joshua Fry.  
Photo: Photography by Michele.

## Slip, slop, slap

With temperatures soaring and the Ultraviolet (UV) Index now reaching peak levels for the year, Glen Eira City Council is urging all residents to stay smart to avoid increasing their risk of skin cancer.

UV levels reach their peak between 10am and 3pm. However it is likely that UV levels will still be dangerously high outside of these times, so people need to be aware that sun protection is needed most of the day.

It is a common myth that sun protection is only needed when it's hot or sunny. You cannot see or feel UV radiation so using temperature as an indicator is not an effective method. UV Index levels are still likely to be high on cooler and cloudy days, which is when many people tend to get sunburnt. You should get in the habit of checking the UV Alert everyday to see what times you need

to get your sun protection gear on. The UV Index forecast can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology's website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/uv/index.shtml>

The SunSmart program recommends Victorians protect themselves in five ways: slip on sun protective clothing; slap on a hat; slop on some sunscreen; seek shade; and slide on some sunglasses.

Glen Eira residents have active outdoor lifestyles, so to enjoy the summer make sure you're well protected from the sun.



# 2013 Youth Leadership Team graduation



Glen Eira City Council's 2013 Youth Leadership Team (YLT) celebrated its success and achievement throughout 2013 at a graduation ceremony on 12 December.

The group (above) reflected on a great year with many highlights and great learning experiences.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling attended the night to formally recognise the group and commend members on their community work throughout the year.

"Council is extremely grateful to each individual member of the Youth Leadership Team for their fantastic contribution to the community through hosting events and campaigning for local

causes," Cr Pilling said.

Along with planning and running annual events such as the *Youth Art Expo* and *Battle of the Bands*, the 2013 group created the food donation campaign *Can with a Plan*, which highlighted what great work young people can do for the community. This initiative provided an invaluable opportunity for residents to make a difference to those in need. Congratulations to the 2013 YLT members for the positive impact their actions had on those around them.

Glen Eira Youth Services thanks each member for volunteering their time to participate in the YLT and wishes them well for their future endeavours.

## Can with a Plan — an overwhelming response

Council's Youth Leadership Team from 2013 and the Youth Services staff would like to thank the Glen Eira community for their generous donations during the fundraising campaign — *Can with a Plan*.

The aim of this event was to raise awareness and collections of food donations for Community Information Glen Eira's *Emergency Food Relief Program*. The local community was able to donate non-perishable foods to donation stations during November and December 2013.

Youth Services Team Co-ordinator Leigh Morris said the amount of food that had been donated was overwhelming.

"It's great to see the Glen Eira

community coming together to assist those who are less fortunate and in need," Mr Morris said.

More than 2,000 food items were donated by the Glen Eira community and made available to struggling families in the area.

Community Information Glen Eira's Val Gershman said the foods that have been donated are exactly what is needed. Thank you very much.



## Providing support for young people

Young people often face a range of challenging pressures as they grow and develop through their transition into adulthood. To support them through this time, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services provides free and confidential support to young people aged 10 to 25.

Young people can speak to Council's friendly youth workers about a range of issues they may be facing, including challenges with relationships, stress, body image and problems at school or home. The youth workers can help support

young people by connecting them with agencies and services that can specifically provide help with mental health, accommodation, employment and further training.

To make an appointment with a youth worker, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676. Appointments are available Monday to Thursday from 1pm to 6pm and Fridays from 1pm to 5pm.

Youth Art Expo 2014

## Art Entries wanted

Drawing Sculpture Painting Photography Textiles

Enter your artwork to win some great prizes

Junior Section  
10-15 year olds  
Senior Section  
16-25 year olds

Youth Art Expo  
will be held on  
Thursday 8 May

Entries close on  
Friday 1 May at  
4.30pm

To be sent an  
entry pack,  
contact Youth  
Services on  
9524 3676



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## B.A.M.

Self-defence and emotional awareness program for girls aged 14 to 16

Wednesdays 4pm-5pm

Youth Information Centre

86 Robert Street, Bentleigh 3204

For further information or to register, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or email [youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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# Women's Business Network meeting — LinkedIn® for your business



Learn why and how LinkedIn® is the most powerful search engine weapon that individuals and businesses have access to. LinkedIn® has grown from 400,000 professionals to 3.5 million over three years in Australia. Come along to this workshop to hear case studies and B2B research surrounding the value of LinkedIn® for traffic referral, website visitation and customer conversion.

Understand the new changes to LinkedIn® including recommendations and endorsements and recognise how to leverage groups to grow your network and business opportunities.

At this session you will:

- learn how to position your profile 100 per cent complete for search;
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- learn how to identify and communicate with your target market on LinkedIn®;
- identify prospects and communication etiquette in LinkedIn® groups; and
- learn how to use LinkedIn® as a daily part of your business development strategy.

### About the presenter:

**Content and Copy Australia Principle Consultant, LinkedInologist Jennifer Bishop**

Jennifer has 20 years of marketing and management experience with ASX organisations including being part of the executive team during the Powerdirect/AGL Merger in 2007. Her marketing management experience spans Assa Abloy and AGL/Powerdirect and she has worked in data analytics and consulting with PMP, AXA and Fairfax. She has a degree in marketing and post graduate qualifications in e-marketing, management and training. Jennifer has taught marketing at RMIT and Deakin universities. She now assists hundreds of clients to leverage LinkedIn® for business growth, personal and corporate branding.

Jennifer is a regular guest presenter at conferences and for CEOs, including the CFO Forum Australasia. She was privileged to be invited by LinkedIn® to present alongside LinkedIn®'s GM, at Melbourne's Social Media Club. Her articles have appeared in *Dynamic Business*, *Nine MSN Finance*, *Anthill*, *First5000*, *Smart Thinking*, *Social Media Today* and *Human Capital*.

Date: Thursday 20 February  
 Time: 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start  
 Where: Glen Eira Town Hall  
 Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
 Cost: \$20 per person  
 RSVP: Bookings essential by Monday 17 February 9524 3333  
 Dress code: Please wear colour



Glen Eira City Council's Business Development team has embarked on a *Think Local First* campaign, encouraging the Glen Eira community to support local independent businesses.

With the growing competitive pressure of online sales and attraction of the hard top shopping centres, it is important the business community gets on board and thinks local.

The *Think Local First* campaign promotes the value, advantages and experience, of shopping locally and raises awareness of supporting local businesses, shops and services.

## Think Local First — campaign

### What can your business do?

**Promote:** display the *Think Local First* logo on all your marketing collateral: print advertising; signage; windows; social media; website; carry bags; and reception areas. If you are in fashion, think about displaying the logos in your fitting rooms or if you own a restaurant, on your menus. Stick-on logos are available through Council.

**Use local first:** look locally for suppliers. If you are a restaurant, approach your local fishmonger, fruiterer and baker and tell them you are involved in the *Think Local First* campaign and would like to support them by providing an opportunity to submit pricing and service details.

**Reward local business:** encourage local businesses and their staff to buy your goods and services. Think about offering a local network discount.

The *Think Local First* campaign promotes the value, advantages and experience, of shopping locally and raises awareness of supporting local businesses, shops and services.

**Reward local shoppers:** think about how to leverage locally. Many retailers are using reward cards or discount coupons.

**Develop a community strategy:** link in with local community organisations, schools, clubs, charities, etc. Research sponsorship, event, promotional and linked fundraising opportunities, which will provide a win-win result.

We know the power of the community can make a difference, so get involved in *Think Local First*.

For further information and to obtain a *Think Local First* stick-on logo to display in your business, contact Council's Business Development team on 9524 3333.



VOLUNTEERING GLEN EIRA

Volunteering Glen Eira provides volunteers with a full range of possibilities in volunteering from which they can choose.



We offer information about all aspects of volunteering:

- Help people identify their areas of interest in volunteering.
- Offer a wide range of volunteering options.
- Assist non-profit organisations with volunteer recruitment.
- Promote volunteering within the community.



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## Keep hydrated this summer

For information on how to keep safe this summer, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)



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