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Community Grants Program

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 at 5pm on Thursday 24 April.

This year, the Community Grants Program incorporates both Community Services Grants (up to \$7,500 per grant) and Community Festivals and Events Grants (up to \$10,000 per grant).

Each year, Council awards grants in six categories: Public Health and Wellbeing; Families, Youth and Children; Sports and Recreation; Active Senior Citizens; Environmental Sustainability; and Arts and Culture.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling said the Program assists community groups and organisations within the municipality to implement projects and activities.

“Council is committed to investing in the community, especially in the volunteer groups that do so much for so many people across the municipality,” Cr Pilling said.

As part of the 2013–2014 Community Grants Program, 116 not-for-profit community groups received a grant, including the D.J. Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club.

The Club received \$4,775 to assist with

the purchase and installation of a new film projector and accessories to connect to the existing audio system.

Other community groups to receive grants in 2013 included:

- National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic) — \$7,500 to assist in running its *Caring Mum's* program; and
- City of Caulfield Lions Club — \$1,200 to assist with the purchase of a new barbecue.

Free information sessions

To assist organisations in understanding funding guidelines and eligibility criteria, Council will host the following information sessions:

- Wednesday 12 March, 2.30pm–5pm at Carnegie Library — Boyd Room;
- Thursday 13 March, 10am–12.30pm at Moorleigh Pavilion; and
- Tuesday 18 March, 7pm–9.30pm at Caulfield Park Pavilion.

Bookings are essential.

Free workshops

Community groups wanting to learn more about applying for grants to run a festival or event, grow an environmental project or create an arts and cultural project are invited to attend the following workshops:

- Community festivals and events: Tuesday 11 March, 7pm–9.30pm at DC Bricker Pavilion;
- Environmental sustainability projects: Monday 17 March, 6.30pm–9pm at Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room; and
- Arts and cultural projects: Thursday 20 March, 7pm–9.30pm at DC Bricker Pavilion.

Bookings are essential.

Application assistance

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

For further information about the 2014–2015 Community Grants Program and to make a booking, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

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Mayor's column

To celebrate the Victorian Multicultural Commission's *Cultural Diversity Week* from 15 to 23 March, Glen Eira City Council will host a new and exciting event — *A Cultural Bazaar*.

The event will provide the opportunity for people to come together and share aspects of their culture, faith and language.

A Cultural Bazaar will be held on Sunday 16 March at Murrumbeena Station Reserve from 11am to 4pm and will include street food hawkers, music and dance and market stalls. For further information, see page 12.

Residents are reminded to register their pets. Renewal notices for 2014–2015 will be sent this month to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April.

As part of the *Glen Eira Energy Saving Program*, your household could be eligible for a free installation of a brand new water efficient showerhead/s and other energy saving products. Other products include chimney and door draught seals, lights and standby power controllers.

To find out more, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

From 1 April 2014, smoking will be banned at areas commonly used by children and young people for recreational and sporting activities.

To ensure ongoing compliance and to protect children within the City of Glen Eira, Council will be sending out educative material to affected sporting clubs and swimming pools. For further information, see page 6.

Finally, entries are now open for the *Youth Art Expo 2014*. If you are a budding artist aged 10 to 25, contact Council's Youth Services on 9524 3676 for information on how to enter.

Cr Neil Pilling
Mayor



Neighbour Day

Your local community starts at your front door.

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community. It encourages neighbours to come together, whether they live next door or across the street, for a cup of tea, a barbecue or just a chat.

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

Unlike other awareness days, you don't have to make a donation or buy anything. You are simply encouraged to go out and meet the people who live closest to you in your local community.

Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and to strengthen your community by checking on each other, especially elderly, vulnerable or disadvantaged neighbours.

Connecting with your community makes people feel cared for, supported and valued. When you connect with your neighbours, you are directly helping to ensure your community is safer, healthier and happier. If you haven't already done so, take the opportunity to go out and introduce yourself to your neighbours in

the lead up to or on Sunday 30 March.

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

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DEADLINES

The deadline for the next edition (April) of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 26 February for delivery 24 to 28 March (weather permitting).

Coming deadlines

The deadline for the May 2014 edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 2 April for delivery 28 April to 2 May (weather permitting).

For advertising and *Community Diary* enquiries, contact 9524 3333 or email editor@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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

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

Glen Eira's recycling survey results and common questions

Community column

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Thank you to all residents that completed Glen Eira City Council's *Recycling Survey* in 2013. Council received almost 10,000 responses and we are currently considering the feedback in detail. For the first time, the community achieved a 50 per cent recycling rate in December 2013.

Below are some answers to common questions asked and issues raised.

Where can I dispose of batteries, light globes and phones? How about paints and chemicals?

Dispose of household chargeable and non-chargeable batteries at Aldi supermarkets and selected Officeworks.

Regular light bulbs can be placed in your garbage bin.

Fluorescent tubes and CFL globes, car batteries, paints, oil, and chemicals can be dropped off for free (non-commercial quantities) at Detox Your Home sites (visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au) including at the Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station.

Mobile phones can be dropped off at Glen Eira Town Hall for recycling.

How can I dispose of old computers/printers/televisions and furniture?

You can book a hard rubbish collection by contacting Council on 9524 3333.

E-waste and metals collected are sent to the proper recycling plant. Each household

is entitled to three free hard rubbish collections each year.

Note: please do NOT leave rubbish on your nature strip without making a booking — this is a type of rubbish dumping.

Can we recycle polystyrene?

Any kind of plastic foam or polystyrene cannot be put in your recycling bin. If it is 'hard' or 'rigid' plastic rather than 'foam' you can put it in your recycling bin.

Do I still have to rinse or clean my recycling?

No, you don't need to rinse recycling. You should scrape out food, but you don't need to rinse. It's also best to leave lids off bottles (they can still go in the recycling bin).

I'm frustrated by the number of plastic bags I see in bins.

We encourage residents to return plastic bags to selected supermarkets. Recycling facilities currently do not have the technology to recycle soft plastics. This applies not just to plastic bags but to cling wrap and the thin plastic wrap found around many items.

People are dumping rubbish on the nature strip near my house or on my street.

Council relies on reports by residents to identify dumped rubbish, which is

inspected and removed. Dumping rubbish is an offense.

Residents are encouraged to report dumped rubbish to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or by email to mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au. Photos are welcome and if it is a repeat issue, it is helpful to let Council know.

Our recycling bin is always full; I think recycling collections should be weekly.

Although most households surveyed had enough room in their recycling bins, around 10 per cent of respondents told us that their recycling bin regularly gets full or that they'd like weekly collections.

Extra recycling bins are currently available for \$42 per year. These can be ordered from the Service Centre on 9524 3333 during business hours.

Please note: tenants will need their landlord's authority to order an additional recycling bin. Using extra recycling bins is a better option than more frequent collections as it is less costly and more environmentally friendly.

Speaking up for our City

A new Walking Strategy for Glen Eira

After formally consulting with the community, Glen Eira City Council has adopted a new *Walking Strategy — Towards a Walking Community*.

The *Strategy* includes more than 30 actions which will assist Council in working towards its long-term vision that walking is the preferred option for the community when making short trips within the municipality.

Actions outlined in the *Strategy* include:

- treat locations that present a barrier/disincentive to walk;
- continue safety and walkability audits around schools, shopping centres and shared paths;
- undertake safety and walkability audits around parks/reserves and public transport facilities; and
- reduce speed limits on major Council roads.

The *Strategy* will be available on Council's website soon.

Engaging our community

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.

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

GESAC provides relief during summer months

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) provided thousands of users a place to escape the heat this summer.

As temperatures soared above 40 degrees with a record breaking week of four consecutive days over 40 degrees in January, GESAC became the perfect oasis for people to cool off.

Centre usage was up by more than 28 per cent during that week, with an average of 3,800 visits per day with the majority of visits centred around the swimming pools.

Manager Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre Mark Collins said a lot of work went on behind the scenes at GESAC during the warmer months.

"Extra planning was required to meet

the constant demand of people trying to escape the heat," Mr Collins said.

"To further cater for the increase in demand, the outside pool was open an hour later each day.

"The waterslides and inflatables were also in operation for longer periods of time, catering to the increased demands earlier in the day."

GESAC has now been operating for 20 months and continues to be a Centre for Every Body.





CEO's column

Communities need to work together to contain infectious diseases and the effects of heat waves.

If we keep our collective rate of immunisation high, infectious diseases do not take hold and epidemics do not happen. This has only been achieved in the last generation or two and it is important that we do not take it for granted. By keeping up all immunisations, all of us can make a contribution to each other's health and to the health of the community as a whole. This edition of *Glen Eira News* contains information on immunisations, why they are important and how to complete them.

Heat stroke can creep up on people and can be fatal. In the face of increasing numbers of extremely hot days, it is important that we not only change our own behaviour but that we look out for relatives and neighbours. Keeping cool and hydrated, not going out in the heat of the day and never leaving children in hot cars need to become standard behaviours in Melbourne's summers. Council staff contact residents who may be at risk, open libraries and swimming pools into the evenings and provide information. But we are all in a position to reinforce good habits and keep an eye on others who may need assistance.

All of us will be safer and healthier if we work together.

Andrew Newton
Chief Executive Officer



Safer travel to school

Since 2007, Glen Eira City Council has undertaken safety audits in the vicinity of 22 schools.

A safety audit is a proactive investigation to identify potential safety problems for road users and to provide recommendations to eliminate or reduce the problems.

Audits have recently been completed at Adass Israel School in Elsternwick, Melbourne Montessori School in Caulfield South, Kilvington Grammar and Katandra School in Ormond.

The following recommendations are being considered for Adass Israel School:

- Refresh the line marking and update the school crossing posts at the children's crossing in King Street in Elsternwick.
- Install traffic calming treatments in the vicinity of the school to further control vehicle speeds.

The following recommendations are being considered for Melbourne Montessori School:

- Continue to advocate for safety improvements at the Glenhuntly and Bambra Roads intersection through the Federal *Blackspot Program*.
- Collect traffic data to determine the need for traffic calming in the vicinity of the school.
- Partner with Bicycle Network Victoria's *Ride2School* program to assist in increasing active travel to and from the school.

Work has recently started on the Katandra Road pedestrian safety scheme in the vicinity of Kilvington Grammar and Katandra School.

The scheme includes:

- Provision of four new pedestrian refuges on Katandra Road allowing for pedestrians (particularly children and parents) to stage their crossing of Katandra Road.
- Provision of two road humps in Katandra Road to further control vehicle speeds.
- Provision of new or upgraded traffic islands in Leila Road and Oakleigh Road in Carnegie and Dorothy Avenue in Glen Huntly to improve safety when crossing these side roads.

Council's Manager Transport Planning Terry Alexandrou said it's anticipated the provision of new treatments in the vicinity of schools, such as the Katandra Road *Pedestrian Safety Scheme*, will encourage more children to use active means to travel to and from school.

Council demonstrates its solar power

Glen Eira City Council recently installed solar panels on the roof of six of its buildings to reduce the use of non-renewable energy and reduce operating costs. The new panels are on the roofs of Bentleigh Reserve Pavilion, Murrumbeena Child Care Centre, Leila Road Community Centre, and Senior Citizen Centres in Bentleigh, East Bentleigh and Ormond.

Council's Buildings Operations Co-ordinator Garry Baker said the new solar systems range in size from five kilowatts to 10 kilowatts. Combined, the systems will generate clean electricity in the order of 52,000 kilowatt hours per year, the equivalent of the power used by approximately eight average homes in Caulfield.

The buildings were selected as they are high energy users and pay a higher price for electricity than some of Council's other buildings.

Sustainability Manager Rachel Ollivier said Council has an ongoing commitment to reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

"Council will consider installing more solar panels in the coming year. Installation of solar power around Australia has increased dramatically over the last five years. Prices have dropped and installing solar power is also a good financial move in many situations."

Solar power in Glen Eira

The solar power industry is now well developed with good competition and a large range of models and products available. Choosing to install solar power is far less complicated than 10 or 15 years ago. Around five per cent of dwellings within Glen Eira use solar power. This is a significant increase compared to only two years ago, although lower than the average across Victoria of around 10 percent (Australian PV Institute 2014).

For residents that are interested in solar power for their own homes, Council runs free presentations each year. Sign-up to Council's sustainability e-newsletter to receive regular notifications by sending a request to mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au





Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program

Bentleigh resident, Diana, contacted *Glen Eira News* to share her gardening experience, following her registration in the *Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program*.

Diana said she is thrilled following the redesign of her garden to include small bushes and undergrowth of local indigenous plants. Since the redesign, small birds such as finches have now returned to her garden.

The garden is used by two house cats and a small dog, and they happily cohabitate with the local wildlife.

"I am often congratulated for having an interesting garden

and it is a bit of a haven for small wildlife," Diana said.

Diana loves her bird, butterfly and bee-attracting plants and has a pond and bird baths.

"Shallow sturdy bird baths — not ice-cream containers — are vital for birds to drink from, with bushes nearby for protection," Diana said.

Diana now plans to try and grow Chinese vegetables and more herbs for cooking.

Are you interested in Joining the Sustainable Gardening Program?

Glen Eira City Council launched its *Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program* for residents, schools,

organisations and businesses in Glen Eira, to encourage everyone to make their garden more sustainable.

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 *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 gardening 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.

You can register online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/sustainable_garden

For further information, contact Council's sustainability education officer on 9524 3333 or email mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Four-year-old kindergarten 2016 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 2016 are reminded that enrolments open on 1 May 2014.

Children whose birth dates fall between 1 May 2011 and 30 April 2012 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2016.

Applications are taken in the date order of enrolment receipt from 1 May 2014. Applications will not be accepted prior to 1 May 2014.

Enrolment forms are available from your local kindergarten, online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or by contacting Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. An application fee of \$18 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.

Reminder to register your pet

Renewal notices for 2014–15 will be sent in March to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April 2014.

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

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

Renewal notices for 2014–15 will be sent in March to existing registered owners and must be paid before 10 April 2014.

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

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

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

"Anyone who registers a new pet by law

must have the pet microchipped before it can be registered by Council," Mr Bordignon said.

"Dogs and cats which have been microchipped and desexed will be eligible to have the annual registration fee for the second year of registration waived."

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

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

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

Failure to register dogs and cats can result in a \$289 fine per animal.

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





Free presentations on chooks and electric vehicles

Detox your Home — free household chemical collection

Dispose of unwanted household chemicals that are not safe to dispose of in your regular rubbish collection.

A wide range of household chemicals are accepted including acids, pesticides, fuels, oils, glues, nail polish, fertiliser, fluorescent lights and antifreeze. Visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome for a full list of accepted items and other collection dates and locations.

Collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

When: Sunday 16 March

Time: 8am to 4pm

Where: Cheltenham — site address provided upon registration

Registration is essential. Register online at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au or by contacting 1800 353 233.

What about paint, household batteries and other common products?

Paint, household batteries, fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps can be disposed of at any time at permanent Victorian drop-off sites,

including at Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station in Notting Hill.

Detox your Home is a free service for all Victorian householders. It is administered by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with local councils and funded by the Victorian landfill levy.



Glen Eira City Council will host the following free presentations during March.

Raising chooks in a small backyard

Monday 24 March, 7pm–8.30pm

Bentleigh West Primary School
23 Brewer Road, Bentleigh

Imagine having farm fresh eggs just beyond your back door. A small area can be enough space for chickens to produce organic eggs.

My Green Garden's Maria Ciavarella will share tips on:

- setting up a coop;
- local laws regarding keeping chooks;
- keeping your chooks safe;
- feeding; and
- choosing chooks.

will be on display for residents to explore.

Presented by Alternative Technology Association, two technical and friendly staff will be on-hand to talk about and demonstrate:

- how electric vehicles work;
- pros and cons;
- current vehicles available;
- what to look for when buying; and
- outcomes of the Victorian Government's electric vehicle trial.

For further information and to RSVP, contact Council's sustainability education officer on 9524 3333 or email mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Electric vehicles — display and presentation

Sunday 30 March, 2pm–4pm

Glen Eira Town Hall —
Caulfield Cup Room

Electric cars and bikes are the way of the future.

Two electric vehicles and electric bikes



New tobacco laws protecting children at recreational and sporting activities

The State Government is set to introduce new tobacco laws aimed at protecting children from tobacco smoke.

From 1 April 2014, smoking will be banned at areas commonly used by children and young people for recreational and sporting activities.

Under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking will be banned:

- at or within 10 metres of children's playground equipment that is an outdoor public place;
- at or within 10 metres of a

skate park that is an outdoor public place;

- at or within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event, including training or practice sessions and during breaks or intervals in play; and
- in an outdoor area of a swimming pool complex that is a public place.

The new bans have strong community support.

To ensure ongoing compliance

and to protect children within the Glen Eira community, Glen Eira City Council will send educational material to affected sporting clubs and swimming pools.

Council will also respond to any public complaints once the new laws come into effect.

For further information about the new laws, visit the State Government's website: www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms/ or contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9524 3333.



News in brief

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

Presented by Emergcare, this valuable session for families and guardians will look at:

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

Date: Wednesday 12 March

Time: 7.30pm–9.30pm

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

Cost: \$45 per person

Places are limited. Registration and payment must be received prior to each session. No refunds or exchanges. To book online, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Presented by Suzanne Wakefield, this session will provide an understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Aspergers Syndrome. Parents will receive practical strategies to assist children with eating, toilet training and behaviour guidance needs.

Date: Wednesday 2 April

Time: 7.30pm–9.30pm

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

Cost: \$7 per person

Places are limited. Registration and

payment must be received prior to each session. No refunds or exchanges. To book online, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Responsible Service of Alcohol training

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training provides people with the knowledge and awareness necessary to serve alcohol responsibly.

The free training session will be held on Monday 7 April from 6.30pm to 10.30pm in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall. The session is ideal for sporting and community group representatives.

Light refreshments will be provided. Places are limited and bookings are essential. RSVP by Monday 31 March to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Caulfield Blood Donor Centre

The Caulfield Blood Donor Centre has changed its operating hours.

Located at 322 Hawthorn Road in Caulfield, the new hours are:

Monday: 7.30am–3.30pm

Tuesday: 7.30am–7.30pm

Wednesday: 12pm–7.30pm

Thursday: 7.30am–7.30pm

Friday: 7.30am–3.30pm

Sunday: 8am–3.30pm

For further information or to book your next blood donation appointment, contact 13 14 95.

Parent information night Raising Boys

Tuesday 11 March, 7pm–8pm

This is an opportunity for parents and the community to attend an informative and entertaining evening with clinical psychologist, family therapist and author Andrew Fuller. *Raising Boys* aims to equip you with knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand the world of boys. Andrew explores the development, discipline and learning of boys.

To book, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Caulfield Blood Donor Centre.
Photo: Doug Allen.

out and about



Left: Australia Day Breakfast — Faye Kirkwood, Cr Mary Delahunty and Dora Swietycki. Photo: Rob Churchus.



Right: Princes Park — Cr Jamie Hyams, Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling and Cr Margaret Esakoff enjoying Party in the Park with the community. Photo: Rob Churchus.



Council immunisation sessions

Glen Eira City Council conducts 12 free four-year-old sessions a year (one each month) and 10 free general immunisation sessions throughout the year at various venues within the municipality.

All vaccines recommended by the *National Immunisation Program*, as set by the National Health and Medical Research Council, are offered free of charge.

Council's Director Community Services Peter Jones said the sessions have been designed to meet the needs of all families, from the stay-at-home parent to those who work full-time.

"We want to make our immunisation sessions accessible to everyone in the community," Mr Jones said.

Tammy, mum of four-year-old son Dustin (pictured right), recently took advantage of one of Council's four-year-old sessions when her son was due for his immunisations.

"I had heard about how fun Council tries to make its immunisation sessions for the kids so I decided to bring my son down," Tammy said.

"It was a very comfortable environment for him and he loved having his face painted and taking home a balloon animal that the clown had made especially for him.

"The staff were very warm and welcoming and were able to explain to me what was going to happen. They also understood that it was just as

much about giving the parents a bit of reassurance as it was the child.

They didn't make me feel silly for having a little cry even though my son didn't."

Council offers four morning sessions, one afternoon session, four evening sessions and one Saturday morning session.

Bookings are not required.

What to bring to an immunisation session

When attending, you must bring the following:

- infant health record book;
- Medicare card (if you have one); and
- any other immunisation records, including records from overseas.



Not immunising can be fatal

Victoria has one of the highest immunisation rates in the country, but recent Health Department data shows that several inner-city and bayside areas, are below the state average. While Glen Eira's immunisations rates are still at safe levels, Glen Eira City Council would like to emphasise the importance of immunisation.

Data to 31 December 2013 shows Glen Eira's coverage at 12 months is 91 per cent; two years at 94 per cent and five years is 93 percent. The state-wide coverage for two years is 93 per cent and five years is 92 per cent.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer Dr Rosemary Lester said childhood diseases such as measles and whooping cough (pertussis) are serious and potentially fatal.

"The risk of complications from diseases such as these is much higher than the risks of complications from immunisation," Dr Lester said.

"Conditions such as autism and sudden unexpected death in infancy have been shown to be not associated with immunisation," she said. "Choosing not to vaccinate children not only puts them at risk, but puts the wider community at risk, including babies too young to be immunised, and persons with lowered immunity.

"People with little first-hand experience

of childhood infectious diseases can underestimate the effects and complications of infectious diseases," she said.

The Australian Medical Association Victoria also encourages all parents to vaccinate their children.

Dr Stephen Parnis said immunisation is the most effective preventative measure against a large number of serious, and potentially lethal, infectious diseases. These include diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox.

"People need to understand the dangers associated with infectious diseases like measles," Dr Parnis said. "In the last 10 years, there have been more than 900 measles cases in Australia.

"Many older Australians will remember outbreaks of these diseases which caused devastating illness, deaths and long-term disability, as there was no vaccine at the time," Dr Parnis said.

"Every vaccine used in Australia has been thoroughly tested for safety and effectiveness, approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and is subject to ongoing monitoring and evaluation," Dr Parnis said.

"AMA Victoria strongly recommends that all Victorians participate in the immunisation program," Dr Parnis said.

Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Program extended

HPV stands for Human Papillomavirus — a common virus that affects both males and females, passed from person to person through sexual contact. HPV can stay in the body, causing changes to cells that can lead to HPV-related cancers and disease in males and females. Different types of HPV can affect different parts of the body, and some types are more harmful than others.

HPV can cause penile, anal, cervical, vulval and vaginal cancers, as well as genital warts. Four out of five people will have a HPV infection at some point in their lives. HPV doesn't usually cause symptoms, so people infected with the

virus may not know they have it. The vaccine is most effective when given before a person becomes sexually active.

The national school-based *HPV Vaccination Program*, provided through the *National Immunisation Program*, was extended in 2013 to include males. From February 2013, Glen Eira City Council has been providing males and females aged 12 to 13 years the course of HPV through the secondary school program. Males aged 14 to 15 years will also receive the vaccine as part of a catch-up program until the end of the 2014 school year.

Council's Immunisation Administration Officer Anne-Marie Gannon wants to ensure parents understand the importance for students to complete the three-dose course in a timely manner.

"If a student misses a dose of the vaccine at school, Council will be in contact by letter and SMS, where necessary, to ensure parents are aware they need to follow up," Ms Gannon said.

For parents who are unsure about the HPV vaccine, it is safe and well tolerated.

"Millions of doses have been given worldwide. The vaccine does not contain HPV but appears similar

enough to the virus so that the body produces antibodies, which prevent HPV infection," Ms Gannon said.

Council is required to upload the HPV doses administered to people on the *National HPV Vaccination Program Register (HPV Register)*. The Register collects data to evaluate the impact of the *HPV Vaccination Program* on rates of HPV related cancers, to issue reminders if the course is incomplete, to issue confirmation the course is complete and to contact vaccine recipients if booster doses are required.

Working to protect our children

Glen Eira City Council runs more than 150 scheduled immunisation sessions throughout the year.



Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Administration Officer Anne-Marie Gannon works to protect Glen Eira children from serious illness and reduce the incidence of infectious disease in our community.

With more than 150 different immunisation sessions scheduled throughout the year, it's Anne-Marie's job to ensure the whole process runs smoothly.

Now into her 11th year, Anne-Marie co-ordinates a dedicated team of staff to ensure Glen Eira children are immunised against diseases like pneumococcal, rotavirus and rubella.

"I attend nine out of Councils 10 community immunisation sessions each month, all special four-year-old sessions and I also attend at 48 school visits each year," Ms Gannon said.

She is also the secretary for the Southern Regional Immunisation Network, a group of 11 councils which meet quarterly to discuss changes, updates and new initiatives.

The main challenge that the immunisation staff face is to be more accessible to families and make sure immunisation is not a scary experience

for the child or the parent.

The combination of a number of vaccines into one has cut back the amount of needles required for the same level of immunisation. This is a huge positive and as a result, Council hopes it will encourage more people to immunise their children.

Director Community Services Peter Jones said 95 per cent of Glen Eira children are fully immunised, which makes Council's program one of the most successful in the State. However, a small per cent of parents still won't immunise their children.

"Parents should realise that the risk of disease far outweighs the risk of having a bad reaction," Mr Jones said.

"I strongly recommend immunisation and I ask that parents make an informed decision when it comes to immunising their child."

If parents are unsure or undecided about any issues in relation to immunisation, Council's dedicated immunisation team is happy to answer any questions they may have.

For further information, contact 9524 3333 or email agannon@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Importance of immunisation

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way of protecting children and adults against harmful infections and serious diseases. If enough people in the community are immunised, the number of infectious diseases will be reduced and may even be eliminated. Once you have been immunised, you are in a better position to fight off infections if you are exposed to them.

Some diseases that are caused by viruses cannot be cured with antibiotics. The only way to control them is by immunisation. This makes it extremely important for both children and adults to keep up-to-date with their immunisations.

How does immunisation work?

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

If the person comes into contact with the disease in the future, their

body is able to make an immune response fast enough to prevent that person getting sick.

When should my child be immunised?

Under the *National Immunisation Program*, it is important for children to be vaccinated at:

- birth;
- six weeks;
- four months;
- six months;
- 12 months;
- 18 months; and
- four years.



immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Saturday 15 March and Saturday 12 April
9am-11am, Wednesday 12 March and
Wednesday 16 April 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 27 March and Thursday 10 April
5.30pm-7.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 19 March and Wednesday 23
April 1pm-2.30pm and
5.30pm-7.30pm

DC Bricker — Princes Park
Beech Street, Caulfield South
Monday 24 March and Monday 28 April
9.30am-11.30am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium
(entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn
Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 11 March and Tuesday
8 April 9.30am-11.30am, Tuesday
4 March and Tuesday 1 April
6pm-7pm

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

McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 3 March and Monday 7 April
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

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

Australian Plants Society South East Melbourne Region meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 8pm at Hughesdale Community Centre, corner Poath and Kangaroo Roads, Hughesdale. Guest speaker and light supper. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact Helen: 9578 3171.

Bentleigh Bayside Parkinson's Support Group meets on the fourth Monday of every month from 1.30pm–3.30pm at Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health, Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East. Contact Parkinson's Victoria: 9581 8700.

Bentleigh Over 50s belly dancing commences in late February on Thursday evenings at 6pm. Contact: 9557 5739.

Bentleigh Over 50s table tennis seeks new players for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact: 9557 5739.

Caulfield Garden Club meets on first Tuesday of every month from February and the second Tuesday in November from 8pm at 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 March. Guest speaker will be Keith Edwards from Diggers Seeds. All welcome. Contact Ellen: 9532 7848.

Centenary Park Tennis Club offers Wednesday night mixed social tennis from 7.30pm at 140 Brady Road, Bentleigh East. Cost is \$8 for non-members, including light snacks. Contact John: 0415 535 838.

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 until 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.

Ormond Tennis Club welcomes new players for its Wednesday night mixed social tennis from 7.15pm at Foch Street, Ormond. Light supper provided. Cost is \$8. Contact: 9579 0451.

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

Sandbelt Ladies Probud Club meets on the first Monday of every month from 10am at Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9557 6778.

EVENTS

Caulfield Photographic Society is running an introduction to photography course over eight sessions commencing Tuesday 11 March. Contact JP Weibel: 0438 418 815 or visit www.caulfieldphoto.org

Glen Huntly Primary School is turning 100 in March. To celebrate, a 100th birthday school reunion will be held at the school on Sunday 16 March. Registrations open at 12.45pm, followed by formalities in the Wendy Wilson Hall at 1pm. Reunion rooms on the junior and senior sites will open at 2pm. Contact: kmirams@bigpond.com

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, African drummers, 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 and 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.thehandmadeshows.blogspot.com

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 7 March at 10.30am at St John's Anglican Church, corner Centre and Tucker Roads, Bentleigh. Morning tea will be available after the service.

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

Glen Eira U3A'S annual membership of \$40 allows members to undertake computer tuition for \$1.25 per hour. Courses include Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and computers for beginners. Contact: 9572 0571.

Murrumbeena Playgroup, corner Poath and Dalny Roads, Murrumbeena is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (February–December) including school holidays. Contact: 0432 271 204 or visit www.murrumbeena-playgroup.org.au

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre offers computer classes, MYOB, career choices, intro to business admin, English for migrants and stress management classes. Contact: 9578 8996 or visit www.gealc.org.au

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 Shepparton 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 Shepparton Avenue
Carnegie



Glen Eira City Council

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

社區撥款方案於3月3日開始接受申請

Glen Eira 市政府 “2014-2015年度社區撥款方案” 將向本地社區團體撥款逾\$350,000。

撥款申請將於3月3日星期一開始接受，申請截止時間是4月24日星期四下午5.00。

今年的社區撥款包括 “社區服務撥款” (每項最多撥款\$7,500) 和 “社區節慶和活動撥款” (每項最多撥款\$10,000) 市政府年度撥款分六個類別：公共健康與福祉；家庭、青年與兒童；體育與休閒；活躍的高齡市民；環境可持續性；以及藝術與文化。

Glen Eira 市長 Neil Pilling 說撥款方案可協助本市政區內的社區團體和機構開展項目和活動。

Pilling 市長還說道：“市政府致力於投資社區，特別是為義工團體撥款，因為他們為本市政區的許多人做了許多事情。”

在 “2013-2014年度社區撥款方案” 之下，116個非營利社區團體得到了撥款，其中包括 DJ Coakley East Bentleigh 高齡市民俱樂部。

該俱樂部得到了\$4,775款額，用於購買和安裝新的電影放映機與連接現有音響設備的部件。

2013 年得到社區撥款的其他社區團體包括：

- 全國猶太裔婦女理事會(維州分會)— \$7,500 用於開展 “母親的精心呵護” 計劃；
- Caulfield 獅子會 — \$1,200 用於購買新的燒烤爐。

免費的信息會

為了協助社區團體與機構瞭解資助準則與資格條件，市政府將舉辦以下信息會：

- 3月12日星期三下午2.30-5.00，地點 Carnegie 圖書館的 Boyd Room；
- 3月13日星期四上午10.00-12.30，地點 Moorleigh Pavilion；
- 3月18日星期二晚上7.00-9.30，地點 Caulfield Park Pavilion。

必須預訂。

免費的討論會

社區團體如想瞭解舉行節慶或活動、開展環保項目或創造藝術和文化項目的撥款申請，可前來參加以下的討論會：

- 社區節慶與活動：3月11日星期二晚上7.00 - 9.30，地點 DC Bricker Pavilion；
- 環境可持續性項目：3月17日星期一晚上6.30 - 9.00，地點 Glen Eira 市政廳的 Caulfield Cup Room；
- 藝術與文化項目：3月20日星期四晚上7.00 - 9.30，地點 DC Bricker Pavilion。

必須預訂。

申請協助

市政府社區發展員可在預約時間協助非營利機構填寫社區撥款申請表。

如需 “2014 - 2015年度社區撥款方案” 的詳情或會議預訂，請聯絡市政府服務中心，電話9524 3333，或登入網站 www.gleneira.vic.gov.au。

Η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων θα ξεκινήσει στις 3 Μαρτίου

Πάνω από \$350.000 θα δοθούν σε τοπικούς κοινοτικούς συλλόγους μέσω του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2014-2015 του Δήμου Glen Eira.

Η υποβολή αιτήσεων για το Πρόγραμμα ξεκίνησε τη Δευτέρα 3 Μαρτίου και θα κλείσει στις 5μμ την Πέμπτη 24 Απριλίου.

Εφέτος στο Πρόγραμμα Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων ενσωματώνονται τόσο τα Κονδύλια Κοινοτικών Υπηρεσιών (μέχρι \$7.500 κάθε κονδύλιο) και τα Κονδύλια Κοινοτικών Θεσπιβάλ και Εκδηλώσεων (μέχρι \$10.000 κάθε κονδύλιο).

Κάθε χρόνο ο Δήμος παρέχει κονδύλια σε έξι κατηγορίες: Δημόσια υγεία και ευρωστία, Οικογένειες, νεολαία και παιδιά, Άθληση και ψυχαγωγία, Δραστήριοι ηλικιωμένοι δημότες, Περιβαλλοντική βιωσιμότητα και Τέχνες και πολιτισμός.

Ο Δήμαρχος Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling είπε ότι το Πρόγραμμα βοηθάει κοινοτικές ομάδες και οργανισμούς εντός

του δήμου να εφαρμόσουν προγράμματα και δραστηριότητες. «Ο Δήμος έχει δεσμευθεί να επενδύει στην κοινότητα, ειδικά σε εθελοντικές ομάδες που επιτελούν τόσα πολλά σε ολόκληρο το δήμο», ανέφερε ο κ. Pilling.

Ως μέρος του Προγράμματος Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2013-2014, 116 μη κερδοσκοπικές κοινοτικές ομάδες έλαβαν κονδύλιο, περιλαμβανομένου και του Συλλόγου Ηλικιωμένων DJ Coakley East Bentleigh.

Ο Σύλλογος έλαβε \$4.775 για να βοηθήσει στην αγορά και στην εγκατάσταση μιας καινούργιας μηχανής και εξαρτημάτων κινηματογραφικών προβολών που θα συνδεθεί στο υπάρχον σύστημα ήχου.

Μεταξύ των άλλων κοινοτικών ομάδων που έλαβαν κονδύλια το 2013 είναι:

- το Εθνικό Συμβούλιο Εβραίων Γυναίκων Αυστραλίας (Βικτόρια) - \$7.500 για να βοηθήσει στη διεξαγωγή του προγράμματος τους Στοιχεικές Μητέρες, και
- η Λέσχη Lions της Περιοχής Caulfield - \$1.200 για να βοηθήσει στην αγορά καινούργιου μπάρμπεκιου.

Δωρεάν ενημερωτικές συνεδρίες

Για να βοηθήσει τους οργανισμούς να καταλάβουν τις προδιαγραφές χρηματοδότησης και τα κριτήρια επιλεξιμότητας, ο Δήμος θα πραγματοποιήσει τις παρακάτω ενημερωτικές συνεδρίες:

- Τετάρτη 12 Μαρτίου, 2.30μμ-5μμ στη Βιβλιοθήκη Carnegie— Αίθουσα Boyd Room,
- Πέμπτη 13 Μαρτίου, 10πμ-12.30μμ στο Moorleigh Pavilion, και
- Τρίτη 18 Μαρτίου, 7μμ-9.30μμ στο Caulfield Park Pavilion.

Η κράτηση θέσεων είναι απαραίτητη.

Δωρεάν εργαστήρια

Οι κοινοτικές ομάδες που θέλουν να μάθουν περισσότερα σχετικά με την υποβολή αιτήσεων για τη χορήγηση κονδυλίων, για να διοργανώσουν κάποιο φεστιβάλ ή εκδήλωση, να αναπτύξουν ένα περιβαλλοντικό έργο, ή να δημιουργήσουν ένα πρόγραμμα τεχνών και πολιτισμού προσκαλούνται να παρευρεθούν στα παρακάτω εργαστήρια:

- Κοινοτικά φεστιβάλ και εκδηλώσεις: Τρίτη 11 Μαρτίου, 7μμ-9.30μμ στο DC Bricker Pavilion,
- Έργα περιβαλλοντικής βιωσιμότητας: Δευτέρα 17 Μαρτίου, 6.30μμ-9μμ στο Δημαρχείο Glen Eira Town Hall — Αίθουσα Caulfield Cup Room, και
- Προγράμματα τεχνών και πολιτισμού: Πέμπτη 20 Μαρτίου, 7μμ-9.30μμ στο DC Bricker Pavilion.

Η κράτηση θέσεων είναι απαραίτητη.

Βοήθεια με τις αιτήσεις

Ο δημοτικός υπάλληλος κοινοτικής ανάπτυξης διατίθεται κατόπιν ραντεβού για να βοηθήσει μη κερδοσκοπικούς οργανισμούς με τις αιτήσεις τους για κοινοτικά κονδύλια.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το Πρόγραμμα Κοινοτικών Κονδυλίων 2014-2015 και για να κάνετε μια κράτηση, επικοινωνήστε με το Κέντρο Εξυπηρέτησης Δημοτών του Δήμου στο 9524 3333 ή επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Il termine di presentazione delle domande di partecipazione al Programma di Sovvenzioni Comunitarie avrà inizio il 3 marzo

Il Comune di Glen Eira assegnerà più di \$350,000 a gruppi comunitari locali nell'ambito del programma di sovvenzioni comunitarie per il 2014-2015 Community Grants Program.

Il termine di presentazione delle domande di partecipazione al Programma avrà inizio lunedì 3 marzo e si chiuderà alle 17:00 di giovedì 24 aprile.

Quest'anno il programma Community Grants Program incorpora sia le sovvenzioni per servizi comunitari Community Services Grants (fino a \$7,500 per finanziamento) che quelle per

eventi comunitari Community Festivals and Events Grants (fino a \$10,000 per finanziamento).

Il Consiglio assegna ogni anno sovvenzioni a sei categorie: Salute e benessere pubblico; Famiglie, giovani e bambini; Sport e attività ricreative; Cittadini anziani attivi; Sostenibilità ambientale; Arte e cultura.

Il Sindaco di Glen Eira, Cons. Neil Pilling, ha affermato che il Programma intende assistere, nell'attuazione di progetti e attività, quei gruppi e organizzazioni comunitarie che operano in seno alla municipalità.

“Il Comune è impegnato ad investire nella comunità e soprattutto nei gruppi di volontariato che si prestano così tanto per molti residenti della nostra municipalità” ha ribadito il Cons. Pilling.

Nell'ambito del programma per il 2013-2014 Community Grants Program, la sovvenzione è stata assegnata a 116 gruppi comunitari operanti senza scopo di lucro e tra di essi il DJ Coakley East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club.

Al Club è stata assegnata la cifra di \$4,775 di compartecipazione all'acquisto e installazione di un nuovo proiettore cinematografico con inclusi gli accessori per il collegamento al pre-esistente sistema audio.

Altri gruppi comunitari hanno ricevuto finanziamenti nel 2013 e tra di essi:

- Il National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (Vic) — \$7,500 di compartecipazione alla gestione del programma Caring Mum's; and
- Il City of Caulfield Lions Club — \$1,200 di compartecipazione all'acquisto di un nuovo barbecue.

Sedute informative gratuite

Il Comune ha indetto le seguenti sedute informative allo scopo di assistere le organizzazioni nella comprensione del regolamento e dei criteri di idoneità alle sovvenzioni:

- Mercoledì 12 marzo, 14:30-17:00 presso la Carnegie Library — Boyd Room;
- Giovedì 13 marzo, 10:00-12:30 presso il Moorleigh Pavilion; e
- Martedì 18 marzo, 19:00-21.30 presso il Caulfield Park Pavilion.

È essenziale prenotare.

Seminari informativi gratuiti

I gruppi comunitari che desiderano ulteriori informazioni su come fare domanda per le sovvenzioni da utilizzare per gestire festival o eventi, portare avanti un progetto ambientale oppure dare vita ad un progetto artistico e culturale sono invitati a partecipare ai seguenti seminari informativi:

- Festival ed eventi comunitari: martedì 11 marzo, 19:00-21:30 presso il DC Bricker Pavilion;
- Progetti di sostenibilità ambientale: lunedì 17 marzo, 18:30-21:00 presso la Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room; e
- Progetti artistici e culturali: giovedì 20 marzo, 19:00-21:30 presso il DC Bricker Pavilion.

È essenziale prenotare.

Assistenza per presentare domanda

Il funzionario del Comune addetto allo sviluppo comunitario sarà disponibile per appuntamento per prestare assistenza per la presentazione delle domande di richiesta sovvenzione da parte delle organizzazioni che operano senza scopo di lucro.

Per ulteriori informazioni sul programma 2014-2015 Community Grants Program e per prenotare, si prega di rivolgersi al Centro Servizi del Comune al numero 9524 3333 oppure visitare il sito www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Подача заявлений Программы общественных грантов начинается 3 марта

Более 350 000 долларов будет присуждаться местным общественным группам в рамках Программы общественных грантов муниципалитета Glen Eira 2014 – 2015 гг.

Подача заявлений для участия в этой программе начинается в понедельник 3 марта и заканчивается в 17:00 в четверг 24 апреля.

В этом году в Программу общественных грантов входят Гранты на нужды социального обеспечения (до 7 500 долларов на грант) и Гранты на общественные фестивали и мероприятия (до 10 000 долларов на грант).

Каждый год муниципалитет присуждает гранты в шести категориях: Здоровье и благополучие населения, Вопросы семьи, детей и молодежи, Спорт и досуг, Активность пожилых людей, Экологическая устойчивость, Искусство и культура.

Мэр района Glen Eira член совета Neil Pilling сказал, что эта программа помогает общественным группам и организациям муниципального района осуществлять различные проекты и мероприятия.

“Наш муниципалитет постоянно вкладывает средства в общественную жизнь, особенно в группы, работающие на добровольных началах, которые делают так много для большого числа населения района”, - сказал господин Pilling.

В рамках Программы общественных грантов 2013-2014 гг. 116 некоммерческих общественных групп получили гранты, в том числе проект “DJ Coakley” Клуба пенсионеров района East Bentleigh (East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Club).

Клуб получил 4 775 долларов на приобретение и установку нового кинопроектора и оборудования для существующей аудиосистемы.

Другие общественные группы, получившие гранты в 2013 г.:

- Национальный совет еврейских женщин Австралии (National Council of Jewish Women of Australia) (штат Виктория) - 7 500 долларов на работу его программы *Заботливые мамы (Caring Mums)*, а также
- Клуб Lions района Caulfield (City of Caulfield Lions Club) - 1 200 долларов на приобретение новой жаровни барбекю.

Бесплатные ознакомительные собрания

Чтобы помочь организациям понять условия финансирования и критерии выбора, муниципалитет проведет следующие бесплатные ознакомительные собрания:

- Среда 12 марта, 14:30-17:00 в зале Boyd Room библиотеки района Carnegie (Carnegie Library);
- Четверг 13 марта, 10:00-12:30 в Moorleigh Pavilion; и
- Вторник 18 марта, 19:00-21:30 в Caulfield Park Pavilion.

Для участия необходимо зарегистрироваться заранее.

Бесплатные семинары

Общественные группы, которые хотят узнать, как подать заявление на получение гранта для проведения фестиваля или мероприятия, на развитие экологического проекта или на создание проекта в сфере искусства и культуры, приглашаются на следующие семинары:

- Общественные фестивали и мероприятия: вторник 11 марта, 19:00-21:30 в DC Bricker Pavilion;
- Проекты экологической устойчивости: понедельник 17 марта, 18:30-21:00 в зале Caulfield Cup Room здания муниципалитета Glen Eira (Glen Eira Town Hall); а также
- Проекты в сфере искусства и культуры: четверг 20 марта, 19:00-21:30 в DC Bricker Pavilion.

Для участия необходимо зарегистрироваться заранее.

Помощь в подаче заявлений

Сотрудник муниципалитета, отвечающий за развитие общественной жизни, может помочь некоммерческим организациям в оформлении заявлений на получение общественных грантов. Необходимо записаться на прием.

Чтобы получить дополнительную информацию о Программе общественных грантов 2014-2015 гг. и зарезервировать места, звоните в муниципальный Центр обслуживания клиентов по номеру 9524 3333 или зайдите на сайт www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Glen Eira Energy Saving Program

Free water efficient showerhead installations to help residents save water, energy and money.

As part of Glen Eira City Council's Energy Saving Program, your household could be eligible for free installation of a brand new water efficient showerhead/s valued at approximately \$24.50 and other energy saving products. Other products include chimney and door draught seals, lights and standby power controllers.

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

Book an installation or find out more by contacting Energy Makeovers on 1300 788 776 or visit www.energymakeovers.com.au

How does a water efficient shower head save energy?

As well as saving water installing water efficient showerheads saves energy by reducing how much water needs to be heated up. Water saving showerheads can reduce energy bills and water bills. Water efficient showerheads reduce water consumption without reducing pressure.

A family of four that has a water efficient showerhead/s installed could save around \$150 a year in water bills and approximately 52,000 litres of water a year (assuming they have six minute showers at a water usage charge of \$2.77 per kilolitre).

These savings are possible because a water efficient showerhead uses no more than nine litres of water per minute compared to standard showerheads which can use up to 20 litres of water per minute.

Please note: most, but not all, households are eligible. Eligible residents can have a maximum of two water efficient showerheads installed in their house. Water efficient showerheads are not suitable for use with gravity feed water systems. Eligibility will be checked by Energy Makeovers when an installation is booked.

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.



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.

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 provides 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 are included.

Locale 6–23 March

This exhibition showcases the work of selected contemporary artists who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira. This exhibition celebrates the diversity of artistic practice that exists in the local community, featuring a wide range of media including photography, drawing, sculpture, digital media, video, performance and installation. Works by Gregory Alexander, Veronica Caven Aldous, Tiziana Borghese, Karyn Lindner, Paula Mahoney, Vicki McConville, Michelle Neal, Marion Piper, Pamela Salen, Kerrie Sheridan, Luhsun Tan and Hartmut Veit are included.



Luhsun Tan
Conversation 2013
Giclee print
100 x 100 cm



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

Public programs

Great, Expectations! A 2013 performance reading by artist Marion Piper will be held on Wednesday 12 March from 6pm to 8pm. Glen Eira City Council Gallery — free admission.

Director's Choice 2014 Presented by Jenny Pihan Fine Art

26 March–13 April
An exhibition featuring four major Australian artists selected from the Jenny Pihan Fine Art stable. This exhibition will showcase a diversity of themes and techniques by contemporary Australian artists.

Highlights from Glen Eira City Council's art collection 26 March–13 April

Glen Eira City Council began its public art collection in 1975 with the purchase of a major painting by Fred Williams entitled *Lysterfield Landscape* 1973. The collection now contains more than 300 works including modern and contemporary Australian paintings, works on paper, photography, sculpture, jewellery and ceramics.

This exhibition features a diverse selection of works by Charles Blackman, Arthur Boyd, Merric Boyd, Emma Minnie Boyd, Jane Burton, Jon Campbell, Leonard French, Stephen Haley, Ponch Hawkes, Louise Paramor, Wolfgang Sievers and Fred Williams from Council's art collection covering the period from 1973 to 2012.

A Cultural Bazaar

A *Cultural Bazaar* is a new event initiated by Glen Eira City Council to celebrate *Cultural Diversity Week*.

Cultural Diversity Week is an opportunity for Victorians to come together to share important aspects of their culture and celebrate cultural diversity. The Glen Eira population is wonderfully diverse, with more than one third of residents born overseas, originating from more than 50 other countries. There is much to celebrate!

Residents and their friends will be offered a feast for the senses at A *Cultural Bazaar*, from cultures all over the world. In the tradition of the North African Souk and hawker-style street markets, the event will offer street food, market stalls and roving

entertainment. Come along and get a feel for African drumming or bellydancing in an informal workshop, taste a South African braai, listen to the Japanese koto performance or just sit on the grass under a colourful umbrella and watch the world go by.

A *Cultural Bazaar* will also incorporate *The Living Together Schools Arts Project*. This community engagement initiative aims to showcase what cultural diversity means to our young students. It is set to be a vibrant, multi-faceted and highly enjoyable day for all the family.

A *Cultural Bazaar* will be held on Sunday 16 March from 11am to 4pm at Murrumbeena Station Reserve, Neerim Road, Murrumbeena.

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

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 /gleneiraarts



Holiday Mania

School holiday fun is taking place at your local Glen Eira Library!

Visit the library website for library and venue details — library.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Rockpool Discovery Thursday 10 April, 11am–12pm Carnegie Library

Learn why an elephant snail forages for food at night, why a sea-horse has a curly-wurly tail, why some crabs have 'pop-up' eyes and why the sea apple is red — like a street stop sign. Suitable for children aged five to 12.

Tickets: \$10

Magical World Friday 11 April, 11am–12.30pm Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Duck Cameron's wonderful award winning show will leave children spellbound; incorporating comedy, magic and movement. The show will be followed by a short workshop showing some magic secrets.

Suitable for children aged five to 12.
Tickets: \$10

Tickets can be purchased online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au from 9am Monday 24 March.

Vintage Bookmarks Monday 7 April, 2pm–4pm Bentleigh Library

Visit Bentleigh Library during the afternoon and make your own bookmark to take home.

Suitable for children three years and over. This is a free event. Bookings are not required.

Holiday console gaming Caulfield Library School holiday weekdays 1pm–6pm

Enjoy extended Xbox 360 and Wii play during the holidays. Free, but bookings are required by contacting 9524 3623.

A passion for sport with Ken Piesse

Tuesday 25 March, 7pm–8pm Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Ken Piesse is a sports journalist and commentator known as 'The Master'. A prolific author and President of the Australian Cricket Society, his latest book is *Great Ashes Moments*. Ken has attended numerous Ashes' series, so we can expect a range of observations and colourful stories that are sure to delight cricket fans.

This is a free event, but bookings are required. Bookings can be made online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au, at any Glen Eira library or by contacting 9524 3623.



Authors and talks

Develop your child's love of reading with Lee Fox



Wednesday 19 March, 7pm–8pm Carnegie Library

Children's author Lee Fox will share with parents of preschool and early primary school aged children her ideas on how to develop a love of reading in a relaxed and fun way.

This is a free event, but numbers are limited. Bookings can be made online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au at any Glen Eira library or by contacting 9563 0971.

Introduction to social media for seniors

Thursday 27 March, 10.30am–12.30pm Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Developed for seniors, this session will focus on social networking and the basics of Facebook for beginners.

This is a free event, but numbers are limited. Bookings can be made online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au, at any Glen Eira library or by contacting 9524 3623.

Join in

Language Café Carnegie Library Tuesdays, 2pm–3pm

English not your first language? Then join us for a cup of tea, meet new people from the local area and have the opportunity to improve your English conversational skills.

Mind Games Carnegie Library — Fridays, 2pm–4pm Caulfield Library — Fridays, 2pm–4pm Elsternwick Library — Fridays, 2pm–4pm

Enjoy chess, word games and brain twisters? Then join our new *Mind Games* groups for adults.

Like a yarn? Carnegie Library Thursdays, 11am–12.30pm

Enjoy knitting, crochet or needlework and like to meet people with similar interests? Well gather your yarns and threads and come along for a session of craft and conversation.

Bedtime StoryTime Come dressed in your pyjamas and bring your favourite cuddly toy for bedtime stories and songs. Suitable for preschool and lower primary school children.

Carnegie Library — Tuesday 4 March, 7pm

Bentleigh Library — Thursday 13 March, 7pm

Library Melodies Carnegie Library Sunday 16 March, 2pm–4pm

Everyone can relax and enjoy songs and tunes at the library.

Garden & Plate Bentleigh Library Friday 28 March, 2pm–3pm

Bring along your gardening and cooking ideas, tips and recipes and share them with others.

Your Family Tree

Finding your British ancestry Carnegie Library — Training Room Monday 17 March, 10.30am–12pm

Finding your Australian ancestry Carnegie Library — Training Room Monday 24 March, 10.30am–12pm

These workshops will assist you in your search for family history. Following a short presentation, you will have the opportunity to sample the available

resources. Sessions are small to enable individual assistance. Bookings are essential and can be made online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au, at any Glen Eira library or by contacting 9524 0971.

Family History Centre Carnegie Library — Training Room Tuesdays, 10.30am–12.30pm

Have you always wanted to trace your family history and didn't know where

to start? Then visit our Family History Centre.



Playgrounds with shade in Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council has been proactive in installing shade sails and providing shade at numerous playgrounds throughout Glen Eira. Where possible, playgrounds have also been designed to utilise the existing natural shade and some have benefited from the planting of new trees that will grow to provide an effective shade canopy in the future.

When visiting playgrounds, Council encourages all park users to:

- slip on appropriate clothing;
- slop on sunscreen;
- slap on a hat;
- slide on sunglasses; and
- seek shade protection.

Above all, be sun smart. Avoid heading out in the heat of the day to reduce your exposure to the harmful stronger UV rays.

Below is a list of playgrounds with shade.

Please note: the natural shade will vary depending on the time of day.

Allnutt Park, McKinnon (Melway: 68 C11)	Halley Park, Bentleigh (Melway: 77 E3)
Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh (Melway: 68 K12)	Harleston Park, Elsternwick (Melway: 67 H2)
Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh (Melway: 77 F1)	Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick (Melway: 67 H4)
Boyd Park, Murrumbeena (Melway: 69 C5)	Joyce Park, McKinnon (Melway: 68 F9)
Carnegie Library Playspace, Carnegie (Melway: 68 J4)	King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway: 77 K4)
Caulfield Park — Aviary Gardens, Caulfield (Melway: 59 C12)	Koornang Park, Carnegie (Melway: 68 H6)
Caulfield Park — Park Crescent, Caulfield (Melway: 59 C12)	Mackie Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway: 69 C12)
Centenary Park, Bentleigh East (Melway: 78 B3)	Marlborough Street Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway: 69 A11)
Dega Avenue Reserve, Bentleigh East (Melway: 77 H4)	McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon (Melway: 68 G11)
Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbeena (Melway: 68 K9)	Packer Park, Carnegie (Melway: 68 J8)
EE Gunn Reserve, Ormond (Melway: 68 E7)	Princes Park, Caulfield South (Melway: 68 B6)
East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield East (Melway: 68 G2)	Victory Park, Bentleigh (Melway: 77 C2)
Garden Avenue Park, Carnegie (Melway: 68 F6)	Glen Huntly Park, Caulfield East (Melway: 68 E3)
Gardenvale Park, Gardenvale (Melway: 67 H7)	Greenmeadows Gardens, St Kilda East (Melway: 58 G12)



Dog off-leash areas

Dogs make wonderful companions for people of all ages. Owning a dog can help boost self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve health and wellbeing. Studies have shown that owning a pet improves your health by encouraging owners to exercise. For those with children, dog ownership also teaches children responsibility and helps them develop their social and nurturing skills.

A four-legged friend can provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love.

Along with these benefits come certain responsibilities for our pets

and the wider community. Being a responsible dog owner is not only about understanding your pet's needs, but also your responsibilities to other dog owners and park users.

The City of Glen Eira has 24 dog off-leash areas, which are located in shared open space. By observing these areas, members of the community can enjoy all that Glen Eira's parks have to offer.

For further information about off-leash areas, including maps, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

National Ride2School Day

Glen Eira City Council is encouraging students, teachers and parents to leave the car at home on Wednesday 19 March for *National Ride2School Day*. More than 250,000 students are expected to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school — many for the first time.

Active transport is a great way to encourage a healthy lifestyle among students and the wider school community. Whether they ride or scoot all the way — or part way — it's a great way for all students to get active, learn new skills and increase their confidence.

National Ride2School Day is a chance for new riders, parents and teachers to experience riding and walking to school for the first time. They might find it is quicker, more interesting and lots of fun. People are encouraged to keep the momentum going throughout the year.

Sports finals

March is a great time to take a walk through Glen Eira's parks, especially those where cricket is being played. Whether it's a junior or senior match, it is worth taking time out to watch the game — you may see a neighbour or friend playing.

A lot of training and effort has gone into making the finals, so why not wander down to your local park and show your support for a local team.



How to keep up-to-date with Glen Eira Youth Services in 2014



Throughout 2014, Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will host a variety of programs and events for young people aged 10 to 25. Programs include one-on-one support, art and music events, music recording, girls' only self-esteem and self-defence classes, youth leadership opportunities, parent information nights and a variety of school-based programs.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date, contact Youth Services on 9534 3676 or email youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au to register your contact details on our

parent or youth mailing list. Being on this list will ensure that you receive regular program and event information.

For further information about our service and programs, visit Council's website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth or the Youth Services Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GlenEiraYouthServices

We look forward to another great year of supporting young people and keeping in touch.

WATCH THIS SPACE — free holiday activities for young people

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services will host teen holiday activities during the April school holidays. Activities will include an advanced *Plugged In* session, an excursion to Bounce Trampoline Park, Pilates and first aid training.

Places for each session will be limited and all activities are free.

Further information will be available on Council's website:

www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth and

Youth Services Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/GlenEiraYouthServices.

Youth Leadership Team 2014

The year has kicked-off for the 2014 Youth Leadership Team (YLT). This year we have Naomi, Tori, Georgia, Hannah, Colleen, Jamiee (pictured above) and Sam working together to bring the Glen Eira community quality events.

Once the YLT members have undertaken their event management training, they will start planning Glen Eira City Council's *Youth Art Expo* and will then put their stamp on more other exciting events during 2014.

We can't wait to see what 2014 has in store for this group of ambitious youths. Stay tuned and watch out for regular updates.



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

Youth Services provides a range of programs, including:

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

A short course covering sound recording and engineering basics. No prior experience required. Held at the fully equipped Glen Eira City Council Youth Services *Plugged In Music Studio*, this course is available to young people who live, work or study in the City of Glen Eira.

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



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



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



Women's Business Network meeting — your fresh approach ... moving dreams into actions

Take a fresh approach to goal setting and be introduced to tools to help you develop a stronger road map for your life. This workshop is a practical session designed to help you rebalance and refocus your priorities.

Life is a constant juggling act and you deserve to take the time to review and reset goals beyond just your business and career. This workshop introduces the idea of setting six categories of goals for your life.

At this workshop you will:

- Review how you perceive yourself and the variety of roles you play.
- Explore four key questions about yourself and review what's important to you.
- Reflect on what you would enjoy doing that you are not currently doing.
- Consider goals across six categories including business; personal growth; personal relationship; recreational; material; and social goals.
- Leave the workshop with a stronger road map for your life and your business.

- Have some fun, challenge yourself and reflect on what's important.

About the presenter:

Think Bespoke, Karen Hollenbach.

Karen, through her Melbourne-based business, Think Bespoke, offers workshops to help professionals reach their full potential. As a change master, Karen's workshops provide insights and career tools designed to help people re-evaluate their current approach. The workshops also create an environment for professionals to adjust their attitude, paving the way to explore alternative paths to achieve professional success.

Karen has had 15 years' experience facilitating leadership, sales and customer service workshops in not-for-profit, small, medium and large organisations across a range of industries.



Date: Thursday 20 March
 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 March 9524 3333

Dress code: for the fun of it, we are committed to wearing a colour — please wear colour (it can be an accessory)

From little things big things grow

The May 2014 calendar of business events (*May Small Business Month*) has a focus on providing key messages for small business. The speakers and topics have been chosen to generate ideas, provide inspiration, tips, tools, motivation and a renewed passion for small business.

The month will be kick-started with the inspiring journey of a young woman who has built a fledgling business into a multi-million dollar operation.

Carolyn Creswell (right), founder and manager of muesli brand, Carman's Fine Foods, is testament to the philosophy that a goal driven by passion is more likely to bring success than one driven by money. Drawing on two decades of experience, Carolyn is a grassroots, home-grown cereal entrepreneur who will set the stage for the flow-on educational events throughout May.

All sessions throughout May are priced to provide accessibility to all businesses. To maximise the learning opportunities you are encouraged to include your staff.

Your business will benefit from the practical wisdom, amplified business lessons and the essential advice from a cross-section of business presenters.

The continued pressure on local business from the new global economy places a continuum of challenges on small business. During 2013, the Australian Bureau of Statistics released its first estimate valuing the retail loss of \$6.23 billion to the Australian economy and states from 2011 to 2012 Australians spent about \$4.55 billion on domestic online shopping.

It has never been so important for businesses to have a laser focus, seek opportunities within their existing

structure, look outwardly, adapt and develop new ways, and own their future.

During May, take advantage of business industry experts talking on a range of topics including, marketing, innovation, business planning, merchandising; and digital entrepreneurship.

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



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Think Local First

Think Local First is an inspiring and transformational initiative aimed to excite the exploration, discovery and value of what is available right here in our own back yard.

The *Think Local First* program simply suggests that we think first before making purchasing decisions and sourcing services, and imagine the collective power of our decision making.

There is a lot to value and love about shopping locally such as convenience, variety, the individual and unique experience small business can offer, and the rich connection we can build with our community.

With a sense of pride, discover your community, have fun, celebrate your individuality, make sustainable and practical choices, ask a local expert and show your kids their future.

Love where you live — *Think Local First*.

Love where you live ...

