



gleneira news

Opening of Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion and Community Room

The new Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion and Community Room in Murrumbeena was officially opened on Wednesday 28 October by former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jim Magee.

Cr Magee was joined for the opening by Victorian Minister for Sport Hon. John Eren MP; Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos MP; Member for Bentleigh Nick Staikos MP; Glen Eira Councillors Cr Karina Okotel, Cr Neil Pilling, Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Thomas Souness, former Deputy Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty, Cr Jamie Hyams and Cr Oscar C Lobo JP; local residents; and representatives from sporting clubs and community groups.

The State Government contributed approximately five per cent of the cost of the all-abilities pavilion, which includes grandstands for both netball and athletics; change rooms; two kiosks; umpire change facilities; first aid facilities; and an all-weather control room.

An electronic swipe system has also been incorporated into the security system of the building, enabling Council to give access to different parts of the Pavilion to either multiple sports clubs or community users at the same time.

Cr Magee said the design of the new pavilion has been inspired by all the sport and recreation activity at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve.

“Duncan Mackinnon Reserve is the most diverse park in the municipality and is well utilised by many sporting clubs, schools and the local community,” Cr Magee said.

“The previous facilities used by the tenant sporting club were old and no longer met the needs of the local community.

“The new pavilion provides the best facilities for the athletics clubs, netball, sports clubs and many schools that operate from here, including magnificent views overlooking the athletics track, netball courts and sportsgrounds.”

A number of environmentally sustainable design features have also been incorporated into the facility, including the use of rainwater collection and storage for toilet flushing and use on garden beds, water efficient taps, showerheads and other plumbing fixtures, energy efficient light fittings and the use of natural light and ventilation to further reduce energy use.

Minister Eren said all Victorians deserve access to modern, safe facilities to exercise and become the best they can be.

“It’s what we promised, and we’re getting on with the job of delivering,” Mr Eren said.

“By investing in facilities like pavilions and function rooms, we’re giving home teams extra opportunities to stage vital fundraisers — and that means stronger clubs.”

Community Room and Meeting Room for hire

The new Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion also provides flexible social and meeting spaces in a modern setting. Located on the first floor, the Community Room seats up to 120 people and provides sweeping views across the surrounding netball courts, sports ovals and athletic track. The Community Room is the perfect venue for any occasion, including weddings, parties, and work functions.

There is also a smaller Meeting Room, which seats up to 14 people.

First floor facilities are supported by a commercial kitchen and are accessible by stairs and an internal lift.

Both spaces are available for hire. For further information or to book, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333.



Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jim Magee and Victorian Minister for Sport Hon. John Eren. Photo: Robert Churchus Photography.

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Mayor's column

It's a privilege to be elected Mayor of Glen Eira. I look forward to working with my Councillor colleagues in 2016.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Bentleigh West Primary School on its recent success at the *ResourceSmart Education Awards*. The school was named *ResourceSmart Water Primary School of the Year* and was also a finalist in the *Community Leadership* and *School of the Year* categories. Teacher Leonie Brown was also nominated for *Teacher of the Year*. What a fantastic result and well done to everyone involved.

Festive celebrations will commence in Glen Eira on Saturday 12 December. *Carols in the Park* will be held at Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve from 5pm to 8.30pm. Hosted by Spencer McLaren, the event will feature popular Australian songwriter and singer, Kate Ceberano.

There will also be live performances by Peppa Pig, *Australian Girls Choir* and local schools and community groups.

Glen Eira City Council will bring the community together in January, February and March with a series of free outdoor events held in three of the City's best loved parks. Join us for an evening of musical entertainment on Sunday 24 January from 6pm at Packer Park in Carnegie.

The *Party in the Park* series will continue on Sunday 21 February at Princes Park in Caulfield South and Sunday 20 March at Allnutt Park in McKinnon. Further information will be included in the February edition of *Glen Eira News*.

On behalf of Councillors and Council, I wish you a safe and happy festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

Cr Neil Pilling
Mayor



Cr Neil Pilling elected Mayor

Cr Neil Pilling was elected as Mayor of Glen Eira at a Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 November.

Witnessed by residents and family members, Cr Pilling was elected unopposed.

Cr Pilling said it was a privilege to be elected to represent Council in this role.

"Thank you to the Councillor group members for their support and trust. I look forward to working with everyone in 2016," Cr Pilling said.

He also acknowledged the outstanding work of Council's CEO Andrew Newton who announced his resignation on 20 October.

"Mr Newton has done an excellent job in ensuring Glen Eira has become a leading Council in Victoria, if not Australia, delivering high performance levels and quality outcomes," Cr Pilling said.

"The wider community and organisation can have full confidence in this Councillor group to initiate a professional recruitment process to select the best candidate for the position."

Cr Karina Okotel, who is serving her fourth year on Council, was elected Deputy Mayor.

About Cr Pilling

Cr Pilling has lived in the Murrumbeena area for more than 20 years. With children having attended the local primary school, and an active involvement with local sporting groups at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, he values and enjoys the sense of community that the area offers.

Cr Pilling's previous careers include IT consulting and working as a professional mountain guide in Nepal and Tasmania. Cr Pilling has been involved in many campaigns to protect our natural heritage, including the Franklin River and the old growth forests of East Gippsland, as well as volunteering for groups like Oxfam.

This is Cr Pilling's eighth year on Council and his second term as Mayor.

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DEADLINES

The deadline for the February edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 30 December for delivery 1 to 5 February (weather permitting).

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

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2014-15 Annual Report

Glen Eira City Council's 2014-15 Annual Report is now available.

Council produces its Annual Report each year to provide the community, stakeholders and staff with information about how it has performed against the objectives set out in Council's Community Plan.

Former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jim Magee said the theme for this year's Annual Report is *PLAN • CREATE • ENGAGE* — a continuation of last year's theme that focused on open space.

"This year's Annual Report continues to emphasise the importance that Council places on the creation of purposeful open space for the community. It also provides a snapshot of Council's achievements, challenges and difficulties faced over the year and outlines what residents can expect in the coming years," Cr Magee said.

"We encourage the community to take an interest in the Report and welcome any feedback from our residents."

2014-15 highlights

- Council introduced a 5.7 per cent levy on all multi-unit development to pay for public open space. The uniform rate of 5.7 per cent is the highest rate ever achieved across a whole municipality by any suburban council. The levy is initially expected to raise \$5 million per annum.
- Council won approval for seven grade separations of road and rail during 2015-18. These are: Frankston Line — North Road, Ormond; McKinnon Road, McKinnon; and Centre Road, Bentleigh. Dandenong Line — Grange Road, Carnegie; Koornang Road, Carnegie; Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena; and Poath Road, Murrumbeena.
- Council created a new small park in place of the roadway at the intersection of Archibald and Gisborne Streets, Elsternwick. Although small, the 868 square metres of new open space provides

a green refuge that reinforces the identity of the area and enhances the local streetscape and reduces traffic.

- Council continued to rollout its solar energy program. Solar panel systems were installed on Elsternwick Library, Bentleigh Library and the Maternal and Child Health Centre in Bentleigh.
- The redevelopment of the new \$2.5 million Julie Cooper Pavilion at Centenary Park in Bentleigh East neared completion. The new Pavilion has additional change rooms, umpire facilities, covered spectator areas and improved accessibility. It also incorporates a number of environmentally sustainable design features making it energy efficient.

To obtain a copy of Council's 2014-15 Annual Report, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Property Maintenance Service

Glen Eira City Council's Property Maintenance team assists frail older residents and residents with a disability with basic repairs and maintenance in and around the home to ensure a safe and secure home environment.

The service aims to support eligible residents to live at home independently for as long as possible.

The main focus of the service is on safety and security. A range of tasks such as changing light globes, installing smoke detectors or changing their batteries, and installing handrails and mobility aids are a priority of the service. A range of minor repairs and maintenance can also be provided, both inside and outside of the home. These tasks may include re-wiring door and window fly screens, installing security locks, repairing door or window locks, replacing sash cords or minor carpentry repairs to doors, windows, gates or fences.

Some tasks are unable to be undertaken by the Service, particularly those which require the services of a qualified tradesman such as plumbing or electrical work. Jobs which require a

specialist contractor can also not be undertaken, including lawn and garden maintenance.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333. A fee is charged for this service and varies according to income.

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments through the *Home and Community Care (HACC)* program to assist Council in providing these services.



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Community column

Speaking up for our City

GESAC Stadium lighting improved

Lighting in the stadium at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic has been replaced with more energy efficient LED type lights that dim. Benefits of the new lights include:

- A reduction in electricity use by 6,000 kilowatt hours per annum. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of 84 tonnes of carbon dioxide and energy cost by around \$9,000 each year.
- Globes that last much longer (around eight years), which decreases annual operating costs by a further \$6,500.
- An increase in the amount of light near improvement in lighting level along the stadium floor.
- More consistent levels of lighting as the lights continually adjust in response to the level of illumination the sun provides.

Engaging our community

Transport Strategy draft Action Plan

Glen Eira City Council is currently seeking feedback on the *Transport Strategy draft Action Plan*.

Council's 2011-14 *Transport Strategy* aimed to increase the use of sustainable transport modes, including public transport, cycling and walking, and decrease congestion and other problems caused by the over-dependence on cars. The draft *Action Plan* has a set of new actions to be completed as a continuation of the *Transport Strategy* over the next two years. Community members are invited to comment and make submissions regarding the new *Action Plan* from 1 December until 26 February.

Family Day Care

Glen Eira City Council Family Day Care (FDC) currently has child care vacancies that may suit your needs.

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

Preventing dog attacks — safety around dogs

A dog attack is a terrifying and unpleasant experience that can easily be prevented if the right measures are taken.

Dog owners — how to prevent dog attacks in the community

- Confining dogs to the property would prevent dog attacks in public places.
- Your yard must have a closed gate, escape-proof fencing and visitors must have safe access to the front door.
- All dogs can be territorial. Most dog attacks in public occur on the footpath or road in front of the dog's property.
- You can be fined if your dog isn't securely confined or if it rushes at or attacks a person or animal.

Know what to do if approached by an aggressive dog

While it is the responsibility of dog owners to ensure their dogs are safe and able to be managed off-leash, community members — especially parents with young children — also need to be responsible when utilising parks and facilities.

If you are approached by an aggressive dog:

- Stand still — don't run.
- Keep your hands by your side.
- Stay quiet — try not to make any noise.
- Avoid eye contact with the dog — look at the ground.
- Once the dog has lost interest, slowly back away.

If residents or their pets are bitten, attacked, rushed at or chased by a dog, or they witness an attack, they should report the matter to Glen Eira City Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



2014–15 Report to the community

In the *Annual Report*, Glen Eira City Council accounts for our performance, our achievements and setbacks, our approach to emerging challenges and our stewardship of public monies.

In 2014–15, Council achieved 96 out of the 104 actions in the *Glen Eira Community Plan*.

Responsiveness

Our Service Centre handled 265,681 calls with an average wait time of 13 seconds and with 87 per cent of calls being handled by the first person to answer the call. In the independent state-wide *Community Satisfaction Survey*, we achieved an approval/disapproval rate of 72/4 (up from 68/2 last year) and were rated first in the state for customer service.

Public open space

Public open space continues to be the priority for Council. We created a new park in Archibald and Gisborne Streets, Elsternwick — Riddell Park; upgraded Memorial Park in Caulfield North; commenced conversion of the former Glen Huntly Reservoir to 1.6 hectares of new open space; commenced the creation of a new park in Eskdale and Fitzgibbon Roads, Caulfield North; commenced upgrading the Elsternwick Plaza open space; and commenced statutory processes to acquire land for open space in Gardenvale and Carnegie. We also introduced a 5.7 per cent levy on multi-unit development to fund more and better public open space.

Development

We achieved commitments from the State Government to grade separate seven road and rail intersections. Glen Eira has more grade separations scheduled than any other municipality. One thousand five hundred and twenty seven dwellings received planning permits from Council and a further 489 dwellings received planning permits at the direction of VCAT. The large majority were concentrated very close to railway stations.



Advocacy

Following advocacy by Council, the Auditor-General undertook a Performance Audit of the management of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Crown Land and made recommendations to Parliament. We are continuing to advocate for the government to implement the Auditor-General's recommendations.

Sustainability

We increased our collection of green waste for recycling by 16 per cent to 10,533 tonnes. We planted 2,360 street trees (1,360 replacement and 1,000 additional). We installed solar panels on three Council buildings to generate around 52,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year. We implemented further actions in the *Bicycle Strategy*.

Community wellbeing

As part of its *Community Grants Program*, Council provided \$379,913 to 135 local not-for-profit community groups. We accommodated 485 teams playing community sport and delivered 124,381 hours of in-home support to 2,827 elderly, frail or disabled residents. There are no waiting lists for kindergarten, child care or home care within Glen Eira. *StoryTime* and *BabyTime* sessions held at Glen Eira libraries were attended by 61,806 children and parents. Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) hosted 1,091,478 visitors. Of the 14,367 members at GESAC, 55 per cent are female.

Community facilities and assets

We invested \$36.97 million in infrastructure and community facilities. We completed 99.7 per cent of the capital budget. The program comprised 66 per cent renewal and upgrade of existing assets and 34 per cent expansion or new assets. The redevelopment of the Julie Cooper Pavilion at Centenary Park, Bentleigh East neared completion. We removed 11,457 square metres of graffiti from private property.

Finance and risk management

Our operating result was a \$13.9 million surplus. This was \$3.7 million better than budget owing mainly to the early receipt of the 2015–16 Victorian Grants Commission \$1.75 million; increased open space fees by \$1.47 million; and the carbon tax refund of \$876,000 from Clayton Regional Landfill. Any surplus on

operations is allocated to higher levels of capital investment. We continued to achieve above average capital investment, below average operating costs, reduced debt and the second lowest average rates and charges in Melbourne. On a cash basis, GESAC covered all operating costs, all loan repayments and all interest on the loan.

Efficiency

Our 12,000 residential parking permits were converted to electronic permits to enable faster approvals and renewals and greater privacy of residents' information. We introduced the ability for library users to check out and return their own items so that staff can spend more time helping users. We created Care Crew — a team of staff to keep our shopping strips clean and safe.

Our staff members

We continued to invest in development, leadership and wellbeing programs for our staff members. Forty three staff members were recognised for their performance against our values — Teamwork, Initiative, Leadership, Customer Service and Respect. Staff turnover was 9.7 per cent. We would like to thank all managers and staff members for continuing to achieve Council's objectives and serve the Glen Eira community.

Setbacks

The Victorian Civil and Administration Tribunal (VCAT) overturned more of our planning decisions than ever before. VCAT is only required to "take account of" our policies — not apply them.

Key challenges

The grade separation projects of road and rail intersections will involve disruption and we need to ensure that all those affected are fully informed. *The National Disability Insurance Scheme* will change the way disability and aged care programs operate and are funded. The State Government will announce arrangements for increases in council rates to be regulated by the Essential Services Commission starting for 2016–17.

Future outlook

Our highest priority is to provide more and better open space.



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Open space update

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Carnegie Library Forecourt enhancement complete

Carnegie Library Forecourt is now open. The Forecourt is now a visually and physically inviting space, with 13 additional jacaranda trees set amongst new garden beds with low level plants to complement the design. A raised seating area is the central hub of the new area and has the flexibility to be used for informal gatherings, small community events or performances.

Located between Koornang Road and Carnegie Library and Community Centre, the new Forecourt will not only attract residents, shoppers and library visitors, but also people seeking a place to relax, unwind or socialise.

In addition to the landscape changes, Council will also be providing free wi-fi in the Forecourt and Library Foyer. The project is an action from Glen Eira City Council's *Open Space Strategy*.



Leckie Street Reserve upgrade complete

Upgrades to Leckie Street Reserve in Bentleigh East are now complete.

Works have seen the installation of a new playground, drinking fountain, circular seating, pathways, picnic shelter and entrance. This has greatly improved both the accessibility and appearance of the Reserve.

New perimeter garden beds have provided areas for additional shrub plantings and added to the secluded and private feel of the space. The new seating areas provide ample opportunity for either relaxing or socialising.

This project was made possible with the assistance of a \$75,000 grant through *Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Facilities Funding Program*. The project is an action from Glen Eira City Council's *Open Space Strategy*.

Access for all — short walks in Glen Eira

Glen Eira City Council has mapped two short walks to encourage people of all-abilities and ages to exercise outdoors and enjoy local parkland and open spaces.

Each walk covers approximately one kilometre in distance and is designed to accommodate people who may find longer walks challenging.

The routes selected are almost entirely flat and on clearly marked paths that are suitable for mobility devices such as wheelchairs and wheelie frames, as well as prams and strollers.

The maps also contain important information such as the location of accessible parking bays, toilets, picnic areas and seating.

Two maps are currently available for Caulfield Park in Caulfield North and Mallanbool Reserve in Murrumbeena.

A further two maps are currently in development.

Copies of the map are available from Council's Service Centre, libraries or can be downloaded at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

DECEMBER 2015

GLEN EIRA NEWS

Marara Road Reserve upgrade

Glen Eira City Council is upgrading Marara Road Reserve in Caulfield South.

This project is an action from Council's *Open Space Strategy*, which seeks to incorporate unstructured recreational facilities and social spaces into the Reserve so it can provide for a greater range of uses.

Upgrade works are being staged with the first section being undertaken at the western end between Curraweena Road and Narrawong Road.

Works will include the creation of a social gathering space consisting of a variety of seats surrounded by canopy trees and garden beds. Entries into the Reserve will be highlighted and a new realigned shared pathway will improve

movement, safety and complement existing uses.

Planting of additional canopy trees and low level shrubs will help to break up the linearity of the Reserve and provide definition and depth.

The upgrades will provide a more inviting and attractive Reserve — one that encourages people to utilise the space in a variety of ways — where people can meet, play and relax (see artist impression below).

For further information, contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Gardenvale Park additional open space

Glen Eira City Council recently acquired a property at 53 Magnolia Road in Gardenvale to extend Gardenvale Park to provide the community with an extra 500 square metres of open space.

The acquired land will be incorporated into Gardenvale Park and include new pathways, garden beds, plantings, seating and tree plantings. A separate narrow granite pathway will provide an informal and playful connection through garden beds mixed with native and exotic species.

It is intended that the new area will provide a calmer passive area with strong natural features built around the existing gum trees and established garden beds.

Works are planned to be completed by late December.

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Celebrating International Day of People with Disability 2015

International Day of People with Disability brings together individuals, businesses, community organisations and governments from every corner of the world to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions, skills and achievements of people with disability.

To celebrate, Glen Eira City Council will host a free *Activities Day* on Wednesday 2 December at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre.

People of all-abilities are welcome to come along between 10am and 2pm and try a range of different activities, including basketball; circus skills; tennis; soccer; cricket; football; balloon football; T-ball and bowls.

There will also be a wheelchair rugby exhibition game at 10.15am and a barbecue lunch will be provided.

As part of the day, 12 participants from Marriott Support Services *Hip Hop* program (pictured above) will be performing.

Led by personal trainer and boxing instructor Isi Lumbroso, the six week program has allowed participants to learn set steps, as well as enjoying free dance and movement.

Marriott Support Services Co-ordinator of Volunteers Erica Proposch said *International Day of People with Disability* is about all people being able to achieve and be valued and the Hip Hop performance is a fun way to demonstrate the skills, passion and creativity of all people.

"Hip Hop is all about fun, fitness and creativity," Ms Proposch said.

"Program participants will join other Hip Hop groups on the day for a show stopping, hip shaking and foot hopping performance."

To register for the *Activities Day* or for further information, contact Council's Metro Access officer on 9524 3333 or email metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au



Raising happy and healthy pets

Pets make wonderful companions for people of all ages. Owning a pet can help boost a person's self-esteem, provide stress relief and improve their health. Pets provide hours of fun, relaxation, happiness and unconditional love.

However, along with these benefits come certain responsibilities. Caring for pets takes time, commitment and effort, so anyone wishing to own a pet should choose one that suits their lifestyle and surroundings.

If you have a cat or dog, or intend to own one, please ensure:

- it is desexed, microchipped and registered;
- it is secured in your property. Dogs should be confined at all times. For your cat's safety, you should keep it indoors or in an enclosure at night;
- it has adequate shelter, which is warm, dry and well ventilated. Cats should also have access to a litter tray;
- it is fed a balanced diet and has access to fresh water;
- it is vaccinated, wormed and regularly checked for fleas and ticks; and
- it is cared for when you go away on holidays, either at a boarding kennel or cattery.

Dogs should also be exercised daily and, if required, taken to obedience classes to keep them mentally stimulated.

Owners should also remember to clean up after their dog at all times. Please don't inconvenience others by leaving your dog litter behind.

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



Are you interested in gardening and the environment?

Are you interested in gardening? Do you care about your impact on the environment?

If the answer is yes, Glen Eira City Council invites you to join its *Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program*. The Program will help you tap into and build on the passion, knowledge and skills of other sustainable gardeners in Glen Eira, including schools and businesses.

To help you on your journey, registered gardeners will be sent a welcome pack, which includes a sign that can be attached to your fence and information on related sustainable gardening.

To join the Program, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/sustainable_garden



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Closure of Clayton transfer station

The transfer station at Clayton Regional Landfill — Ryans Road, Clayton South is now closed on Sundays and will close down entirely on Friday 29 January 2016.

Other nearby waste and recycling transfer stations are:

Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station
380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill
Phone: 9518 3767

Boroondara Recycling and Waste Centre
648 Riversdale Road, Camberwell
Phone: 9278 4444

Glen Eira City Council will continue to offer free hard rubbish and bundled branch collection services to residents. Each household is entitled to up to three free hard rubbish collections each financial year. For further information or to book, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Garbage collection times may change for some residents

From Monday 30 November, some residents may notice that the time their garbage is collected will change. This is because the disposal site that Council takes its garbage to is changing and as a result, some collection routes have been revised.

Please note: remember to put bins out the night before as garbage vehicles may start as early as 6am in some areas. Leave bins out until they have been collected.

Garbage, recycling and green waste collection services will operate on normal collection days throughout the festive season, including public holidays.

News in brief

Graffiti removal

Graffiti is an ongoing problem in the community and prompt removal is often the best deterrent. Glen Eira City Council encourages residents and traders to remove graffiti from their properties promptly.

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.

Cleaning out your house for the holidays? Book a hard rubbish collection

Each household is entitled to up to three, free hard rubbish collections each financial year. Residents can make a booking by contacting Glen Eira City Council on 9524 3333 or online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Cut-off for booking a hard rubbish collection before Christmas is 3pm Friday 18 December. There will be no hard rubbish collections between 24 and 28 December. Hard rubbish collections will commence again on 29 December 2015.

Leaving hard rubbish on the nature strip without booking a collection is considered dumping, is illegal and can attract a fine.

Free bundled branch collections for Christmas trees

Each household is entitled to up to three, free bundled branch collections each year, including collection of Christmas trees (not plastic). Christmas trees and any other

branches will be recycled into mulch and composted.

Residents can make a booking by contacting Glen Eira City Council on 9524 3333 or online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Cut-off for booking a bundled branch collection before Christmas is 3pm Friday 18 December. Please note: prior to the bundled branch collection service recommencing on 4 January 2016, online bookings will not be available. Leaving Christmas trees on the nature strip without booking a collection is considered dumping, is illegal and can attract a fine.

Council Meeting dates 2016

- Tuesday 2 February
- Tuesday 23 February
- Tuesday 15 March
- Tuesday 5 April
- Tuesday 26 April
- Tuesday 17 May
- Tuesday 7 June
- Tuesday 28 June
- Tuesday 19 July
- Tuesday 9 August
- Tuesday 30 August
- Monday 19 September
- Monday 10 October
- Tuesday 8 November
- Tuesday 29 November
- Tuesday 20 December

Responsible service of alcohol training for sporting clubs

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

Date: Monday 7 December

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room

Time: 6.30pm–10.30pm
(light refreshments provided)

Bookings: essential to Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333

Australia Day Breakfast

Glen Eira City Council's *Australia Day Breakfast* will acknowledge outstanding citizens and community groups that have significantly contributed to the Glen Eira community.



To be held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Friday 22 January from 7.30am to 9am, Council will honour and award the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year* and *Community Group of the Year*.

Cost is \$30 per head and bookings must be made by Friday 15 January.

To make a booking or for further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

out and about



Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion and Community Room opening — Cr Karina Okotel; Cr Neil Pilling; Cr Margaret Esakoff; former Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jim Magee; Victorian Minister for Sport Hon. John Eren; Cr Thomas Sounness; former Deputy Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty; Cr Jamie Hyams; and Cr Oscar Lobo JP.

Photo: Robert Churchus Photography.



Mayoral election — Cr Jamie Hyams; Cr Michael Lipshutz; Cr Margaret Esakoff; Glen Eira Deputy Mayor Cr Karina Okotel; Glen Eira Mayor Cr Neil Pilling; and Cr Thomas Sounness.

Photo: Robert Churchus Photography.



Swimming: an essential life skill

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is leading a campaign to introduce compulsory swimming lessons in primary schools for all students.

A recent report produced by LSV found three in every five children leave primary school without being able to swim a lap of an Olympic pool.

In the past decade, 79 Victorian children have drowned — 32 were aged zero to four; 16 were aged five to nine; and 31 were aged 10 to 19.

As the days start to warm up, now is the time to think about water safety. Learning how to swim and developing water safety skills from an early age is essential.

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) Swim School can help your child achieve these life skills.

Since opening in May 2012, GESAC has seen rapid growth within its aquatic education program, with more than 3,800 children enrolled in the Swim School program.

The program has been developed based on years of experience, with a focus on small graded classes and recognition of individuals' achievements. This stepping stone approach ensures children learn with others at a similar level and progress as strokes and skills are completed.

GESAC supervisors continually assess children to ensure they are in the appropriate level.

As with any new skill, learning to swim is a continual process, not an event. Like learning to walk, read or write, being able to swim independently takes time, patience and requires ongoing practice.

GESAC Swim School lessons are conducted on an ongoing basis, all year round — not based on school terms, with lessons conducted 48 weeks of the year.

This enables a consistent learning cycle and faster progress through the levels.

Swim School members also receive complimentary access to the aquatic facilities at all times, enabling them the

opportunity to practise the skills they have been learning in their lesson.

The Swim School offers free, no obligation swimming assessments to determine which program is right for you or your child.

To book an assessment, contact GESAC on 9570 9200 or visit www.gesac.com.au



Community Register for Senior Citizens

Glen Eira City Council and Moorabbin Police are encouraging residents who are not registered on the *Glen Eira Senior Citizens Register* to take advantage of this initiative this festive season.

Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram said the *Register* gives vulnerable and aged residents peace of mind.

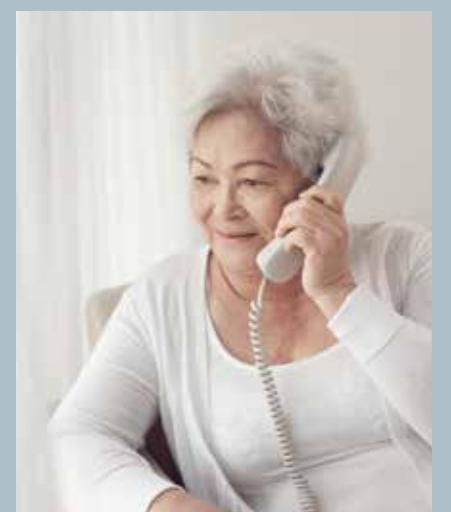
"It's a great way for our more vulnerable residents to stay in touch with the community," Leading Senior Constable Oram said.

"Volunteers contact residents on a rostered basis to check on their welfare and security and to assist them with any concerns they may have.

"This is a particularly valuable service over the holiday period when many families go away. It gives peace of mind to both elderly community members and their families."

Residents who register will be provided with an identity card. Referrals will also be made to the appropriate service providers if assistance is required or asked for.

To register your details, contact Leading Senior Constable Gary Oram on 9556 6313 between 8am and 4pm on weekdays.



Summer heat safety

With summer here, it's important to know how to keep safe in the hot weather. Heat stress affects everyone, particularly the more vulnerable — infants and older/frail residents. Keep this advice in mind in the event of extreme heat conditions.

Preparing for hot weather:

- Check that your fan or air conditioner works well.
- Look at how you can make your home cooler (install blinds, awnings or shade cloths).
- Keep in touch with sick or frail friends, neighbours and relatives.
- If you live alone, keep a list of family and close friends' telephone numbers by your phone in case of an emergency.

Staying cool in the heat:

- Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty. If your doctor

normally limits your fluids, check how much to drink during hot weather.

- Keep windows and doors closed to keep the cooler air inside.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.
- Keep yourself cool by using wet towels, putting your feet in cool water and taking cool (not cold) showers.
- Turn on the air conditioner.
- Stay indoors as much as you can or try to stay in shaded areas when you are outside.
- If you must be outdoors, remember to protect yourself from the sun — 'Slip, Slop, Slap' by covering exposed skin with lightweight clothes, using sunscreen and wearing a hat, 'Seek Shade and Slide' on sunglasses.

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 wet clothes;
- seek medical advice (contact your local general practitioner or Nurse on Call on 1300 60 60 24); or
- call an ambulance if you continue to feel unwell.

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





Keeping your pets safe over summer

Like humans, animals can suffer from overheating, dehydration, heatstroke and even sunburn in the warmer months. As a pet owner, it's a good idea to know the signs and symptoms of heat stress.

If your pet is showing signs of heavy panting, glazed eyes, unsteadiness, a rapid pulse, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue, they are likely to be suffering from heat stress. In this case, you should immediately try and lower their body temperature by moving your pet into the shade and applying cool water over their body to gradually lower their core body temperature. You can also apply an ice pack to your pet's head, neck and chest to help lower their temperature.

It's important that if your pet is showing any symptoms mentioned above, contact your local veterinarian immediately.

Caring for your pets in summer:

- If pets are going to be left outdoors

on warm days, owners need to make sure they have access to shaded areas and a constant supply of cool, fresh water.

- Always leave more than one bowl of water outside in case one gets knocked over.
- To keep the water cool, try adding ice blocks and if you are home during the day, bring your pets inside and let them rest in a cool part of the house.
- Never leave an animal in the car on a hot day. Temperatures can quickly soar to more than 70 degrees causing death.

Remember that pets, especially dogs, still need exercise in summer — it is best to walk your dog early in the morning or later in the evening to avoid them overheating and to protect their paws from burning on hot asphalt or sand if walking on the beach.

It's important when walking your dog to consider others. It's your responsibility to clean up after your dog at all times. To assist dog owners, Glen Eira City Council has installed plastic bag dispensers in many parks. However, it is recommended that you always take a bag with you whenever you exercise your dog, in case there is no dispenser close by.

Fines can apply to owners found doing the wrong thing.



Burglars targeting homes over summer

As the festive season creeps up on us, the number of reported burglaries also tends to increase. If your home does not look secure, seems unoccupied or provides unobserved access, it could be at risk.

According to Crime Statistics Agency, there were 630 recorded incidents of non-aggravated residential burglaries within the City of Glen Eira during the 2014 to 2015 financial year.

By taking just a few simple measures, you can reduce the chances of it happening to you.

Windows and doors

Ensure all doors and windows are locked before leaving your house. Windows should be secured with key locks or security grilles. Sliding patio doors are vulnerable to forced entry because they can be lifted from their tracks. Fitting patio bolts to your door will prevent this from happening. All external doors should be fitted with Australian Standard deadlocks.

Alarms

A monitored alarm system can be a deterrent to burglars if it has both visual and audible warning devices. An alarm will greatly reduce the amount of time burglars will be willing to spend in your property, therefore reducing the amount of items they can steal.

Other useful tips

An overflowing mailbox could be a sign that you are away from your house. If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, ask a neighbour to collect your letters or have your mail held or re-directed at the post office.

The same applies to your garden — make sure it's maintained and have a friend mow your lawn if required.

Keep gates in good condition and have them locked with a quality padlock.

Get your home prepared for summer

Victoria is one of the most fire prone regions in the world and with summer now here, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) is reminding residents to be aware of potential fire dangers around the home.

Minimising the risk of bushfire and grassfire

- You don't have to live in the country to be at risk of bushfire or grassfire — suburban homes can burn down too.
- To minimise your home's risk, residents are reminded to cut back overhanging trees and branches.
- Mow lawns regularly to ensure grass is kept short.
- Rake up leaves, twigs and cuttings.
- Regularly clean leaves from gutters, roofs and downpipes.
- Ensure garden hoses are long enough to reach the perimeter of the garden and make sure they are in working order.

Residents should not deposit tree loppings or grass clippings behind their property into Glen Eira City Council reserves or parks, as this will increase the fire's intensity. Council offers a free bundled branch collection service. For further information, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.

Barbecues

Making sure your barbecue is safe and ready to use is quick and easy to do.

Glen Eira residents are reminded to:

- Check the LP gas cylinder before turning on a barbecue. A cylinder must not be refilled if it hasn't been tested for more than 10 years or if the cylinder has been damaged.
- Have gas cylinders tested by a licensed gasfitter prior to using it.
- Check the connections to make sure they are tight and that the O rings are in good condition and have not cracked or split; use a barbecue in a

clear space. Never use it indoors or in a confined area and ensure there is adequate clearance from walls, fences and other property.

- Cook with barbecue utensils and wear an apron to protect from hot fat.
- Remove excess fat from the barbecue after each use.

Barbecues should not be used in windy conditions as the burners may blow out, potentially causing a gas leak.

Smoke alarms

Council urges residents who didn't check their smoke alarms when daylight savings started, to do so now. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced annually. The alarm should also be cleaned every 12 months and replaced after 10 years.

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

Community Diary

Please note: due to high the volume of submissions we receive, entries must be submitted monthly. Only submissions received each month will be published. To submit an entry or for a list of deadlines for 2016, email gleneiranews@gleneira.vic.gov.au

MEETINGS AND CLUBS

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

Bentleigh Combined Probus Club Inc. meets on the second Thursday of every month from 10.30am at Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9579 5506.

Bentleigh Life Activities Club: Looking for a game of table tennis, cards or mahjong? Do you enjoy music and the occasional dine out? Come and join the friendly people at Bentleigh Life Activities Club. Visit www.life.org.au Contact: 9532 9389.

Bentleigh RSL swimming section meets most Sundays for social swimming from 10am to 12pm at Caulfield Grammar School pool, Glen Eira Road, Caulfield. You don't have to be a competitive swimmer to participate in this fun activity. If you can swim 25 metres, call in for a free trial. Barbecue lunch provided. Contact: 9503 4556.

Carnegie/Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 4pm in the Boyd Room at Carnegie Library and Community Centre. Activities include cards; bingo; singalongs; and much more. Contact: 9568 2727.

Caulfield Over 50s Dancing Group meets every Monday (except public holidays) from 12.30pm to 3.30pm at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. Cost: \$5. Contact: 9822 2064.

Centenary Park Tennis Club hosts Tuesday morning mixed tennis from 9.30am at 120 Brady Street, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9570 5999.

Centenary Park Tennis Club hosts Wednesday night tennis from 7.30pm at 120 Brady Street, Bentleigh East. New members welcome. Cost of \$10 for non-members includes supper. Contact: 9579 5774.

Coatesville Tennis Club hosts Thursday night social tennis from 7.30pm at 1 Orange Street, Bentleigh East. Cost of \$10

includes a barbecue. Contact: 0417 015 588.

Elsternwick Toastmasters Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 7pm to 9.15pm at Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick. Contact: 0411 400 587.

Elsternwick Social Club meets on second Tuesday of every month from 12pm to 1pm at Elsternwick Library in the foyer, 4 Staniland Grove, Elsternwick. Contact: 0422 881 349.

Glen Eira Artists' Society in Caulfield South offers life drawing; studio art; en plain air activities; mentoring sessions; portraiture; exhibition viewing days; and an active exhibition program. Any medium and style welcome. We welcome all interested participants of any age over 18. Contact: 0432 485 241.

Glen Eira Combined Probus Club meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10am to 12pm at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Morning tea provided. New members welcome. Contact: 9583 4822.

Oakdale Angling Club meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 8pm at Murrumbeena Park Hall. Car park entry off Bute or Erindale Streets. Contact: 0429 400 367.

Ormond Angling Club Inc. meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 8pm at 462 North Road, Ormond. Contact: 0407 800 719.

Ormond Badminton Club meets on Wednesday nights from 8.15pm at Ormond Uniting Church, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

Ormond Senior Citizens Club invites new members to join its billiard and table tennis groups on Mondays from 1pm to 3pm and Fridays from 10am to 12pm. Contact: 0439 378 950.

Ormond Tennis Club hosts Wednesday night mixed social tennis from 7.15pm at Foch Street, Ormond. Cost: \$10. New players welcome. Contact: 9579 0451.

Phoenix Park All Ability Table Tennis Group meets Mondays and Thursdays during the school term from 5.30pm to 7pm. Contact: 0412 804 036.

Phoenix Park Community Table Tennis Club operates Mondays and Thursdays. Seniors: 9am to 1pm. Juniors: (all ages and abilities) 5.30pm to 10.30pm. Junior coaching held Mondays and Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm. Contact: 0412 804 036.

Piano Lovers Group meets monthly on Monday mornings for two hours. The Group has access to a Beale grand piano. Contact: 9391 4091.

Probus Club of Bentleigh East meets on the second Tuesday of every month (except January) at 9.45am at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9592 2071.

Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club will not meet in December, but will meet again on Monday 4 January at 10am at Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Visitors welcome. Contact: 9570 6766.

EVENTS

Adelphi Players Theatre Company will stage the children's pantomime *Little Red Riding Hood* on December 6, 12 and 13 at 1.30pm and 3.15pm at Booran Road Hall, 264 Booran Road, Ormond. Tickets: \$10. Bookings are essential. Contact: 9690 1593.

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre will host a free social inclusion lunch on Tuesday 8 December from 12pm to 2pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. Everyone is welcome. Contact: 9578 8996.

The Handmade Show will be held on Saturday 12 December from 10.30am to 3.30pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, corner Grange and Neerim Roads, Glen Huntly. There will be a café, entertainment and giveaways. Entry is free. Contact: www.thehandmadeshow.blogspot.com

Glen Eira City Choir presents *In Tune for Christmas* on Sunday 13 December at 2.30pm at St. James Anglican Church, 1461 High Street, Glen Iris. Conductor: Jane

Elton Brown OAM. Tickets available at the door: \$25 or \$22 concession.

Afternoon tea provided (gold coin donation). Visit www.gleneiracitychoir.org.au Contact: 0423 129 371.

Christmas in the car park will be held on Christmas Eve from 6pm at Coatesville Uniting Church, corner North and Mackie Roads, Bentleigh East. The evening will feature live music, Coatesville Primary School choir, craft activities, face painting, a free sausage sizzle and an animal farm. Carols will commence at 9pm.

COMMUNITY

Dog/pet sitting club: expressions of interest are being sought from pet lovers wanting to join a dog/pet sitting club. Members would look after each other's animals whilst away. Contact: 0408 102 552 (SMS preferred).

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre offers computer and iPad classes (beginners to advanced); digital and social media courses; MYOB; Intro to business admin and event management; career choices; ESL and writing classes; tai chi; and yoga. Visit www.gealc.org.au Contact: 9578 8996.

Moongala Community House, 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh, offers a range of adult classes, including social media for beginners — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; social media for business; small business skills; photography, iPad one and two; photo editing; and computers for beginners to advanced. There is also a support for women course — *Women Working Well* — to help take the next step in your life to reaching your goals. Contact: 9570 3468 or email moongala@optusnet.com.au

Moongala Community House, 824 Centre Road, Bentleigh, is taking enrolments for their Kids Care sessional childcare program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and their Tuesday Tots playgroup. We also have support/friendship groups for women; book swap; book chat; a walking group; coffee and colouring in; a gardening group and art space. Contact: 9570 3468 or email moongala@optusnet.com.au

Council offers free bundled branches collections for Christmas trees

Each household is entitled to up to three free bundled branch collections each financial year, including collection of Christmas trees (not plastic). Christmas trees and any other branches will be recycled into mulch and composted.

To make a booking, contact Council on 9524 3333 or online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Leaving Christmas trees on the nature strip without booking a collection is considered 'dumping'. This is illegal, and can attract a fine.

區政府提供免費聖誕樹成捆樹枝回收服務

每家住戶每個財政年免費享有三次成捆樹枝回收服務，包括聖誕樹（非塑料）回收。聖誕樹及其它樹枝將被回收製成覆蓋物和堆肥。

預約回收服務請聯繫區政府，電話：9524 3333，網站：www.gleneira.vic.gov.au。

沒有預約收倒服務就把聖誕樹留在綠化帶屬於亂丟垃圾的行為，是違法的，有可能會被罰款。

Η Δημαρχία προσφέρει δωρεάν την παραλαβή δέσμης κλαδιών για τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα δένδρα

Κάθε νοικοκυριό δικαιούται δωρεάν μέχρι τρεις παραλαβές δέσμης κλαδιών σε κάθε οικονομικό έτος, περιλαμβανομένης και της παραλαβής Χριστουγεννιάτικων δένδρων (όχι πλαστικά). Τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα δένδρα και άλλα κλαδιά θα ανακυκλωθούν σε άχυρο και σε φουσκί. Για να ζητήσετε παραλαβή, επικοινωνήστε με τη Δημαρχία στο 9524 3333 ή ηλεκτρονικά στο www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Αφήνοντας τα Χριστουγεννιάτικα δένδρα στη λωρίδα από γρασίδι χωρίς να έχετε ζητήσει την παραλαβή τους θεωρείται ως ρίψη σκουπιδιών. Αυτό είναι παράνομο και μπορεί να σας επιβληθεί πρόστιμο.

काउंसिल बंडल में बँधी क्रिसमस पेड़ों की शाखाओं के निःशुल्क संग्रह की सेवा प्रदान करता है

प्रत्येक आवास हरेक वित्तीय वर्ष में क्रिसमस पेड़ों (जो प्लास्टिक के न हो) के संग्रह सहित तीन निःशुल्क बंडल में बँधी शाखाओं के संग्रहों के लिए हकदार है। क्रिसमस पेड़ों और अन्य सभी शाखाओं को गीली घास और खाद में पुनर्चक्रित किया जाएगा।

आरक्षण करने के लिए www.gleneira.vic.gov.au पर ऑनलाइन या फोन नंबर 9524 3333 पर काउंसिल से संपर्क करें।

संग्रह के लिए आरक्षण करवाए बिना नेचर स्ट्रिप पर क्रिसमस पेड़ों को रखना 'डंपिंग' माना जाता है। यह अवैध है, और इसके लिए जुर्माना लगाया जा सकता है।

Il Comune offre la raccolta gratuita dei rami degli alberi di natale raccolti in fascine

Ogni casa ha il diritto ad avere fino a tre fascine di rami ritirati gratuitamente per ogni anno finanziario, compresa la raccolta degli alberi di natale (non di plastica). Gli alberi di natale e i rami di altro tipo verranno riciclati e utilizzati per compostaggio.

Per prenotare la raccolta contattate il Comune al numero 9524 3333

oppure online all'indirizzo www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Lasciare gli alberi di natale nella nature strip senza prenotarne la raccolta verrà considerato come "scarico di rifiuti". Questo è illegale e può farvi incorrere in una multa.

Муниципалитет предлагает бесплатный вывоз увязанных в пучки использованных новогодних елок

Каждая семья имеет право на три бесплатных вывоза увязанных в пучки веток в течение одного финансового года. Сюда входит и вывоз новогодних елок (не из пластмассы). Новогодние елки и любые другие ветки будут переработаны в мульчу и компост.

Чтобы заказать эту услугу, позвоните в муниципалитет по номеру 9524 3333 или зайдите на сайт www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Если вы оставите новогоднюю елку возле дороги, не заказав вывоз, это будет считаться свалкой мусора. Свалка мусора незаконна и за нее вас могут оштрафовать.

Immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health

Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East

Wednesday 2 December, Wednesday 13 January and Wednesday 10 February 5.30pm–7.30pm

Saturday 12 December, Saturday 16 January and Saturday 20 February 9am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre

7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie

Wednesday 9 December, Wednesday 20 January and Wednesday 17 February 1pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

DC Bricker — Princes Park

Beech Street, Caulfield South

Monday 14 December, Monday 18 January and Monday 22 February 9.30am–11.30am

Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

(entry via Glen Eira Road)

Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield

Tuesday 1 December, Tuesday 19 January and Tuesday 9 February 6pm–7pm

Tuesday 8 December, Tuesday 19 January and Tuesday 2 February 9.30am–11.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre

Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues

Glen Huntly

Wednesday 16 December, Wednesday 27 January and Wednesday 24 February 9.30am–11.30am

McKinnon Public Hall

118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon

Monday 7 December, Monday 4 January and Monday 1 February 9.30am–11.30am





ARTS NEWS

Exhibitions

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.



Glen Eira
City Council
gallery

Arthur Boyd
My father, Merric Boyd's pottery and kiln 1934
oil on canvas mounted on composition board
50.6 x 40.8 cm
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
The Arthur Boyd gift, 1975

Open Country:
The Murrumbeena Boyds
Closes 6 December

Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Enter via Glen Eira Road
Monday–Friday, 10am–5pm
Saturday–Sunday, 1pm–5pm
Closed public holidays
Free admission
9524 3333 | www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



PARTY in the PARK

Under the Stars

ARC



ANTIPODEAN
Darren Middleton:
Powderfinger



ROCK 'N' ROLL
Mark Wilson:
Jet



COLLECTIVE
Davey Lane:
You Am I

Special guest: Monique Brumby *Sounds of Glen Eira* winner:
Joshua Batten

Sunday 24 January

from 6pm. Packer Park — Leila Road, Carnegie

City of GLEN EIRA
Bentleigh | Bentleigh East | Brighton East | Carnegie | Caulfield | Elsternwick
Gardenvale | Glen Huntly | McKinnon | Murrumbeena | Ormond | St Kilda East

Carols in the Park

with **Kate Ceberano**

AND 

Saturday 12 December
Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh
5.00pm–8.30pm

Australian Girls Choir, community performances,
hosted by Spencer McLaren.

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

 [/gleneiraarts](http://www.gleneiraarts)

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Call out for expressions of interest — local residents' gardens

Glen Eira City Council's Gallery is calling for expressions of interest from local residents' who would like to be considered to have their gardens photographed for inclusion in a curated exhibition in March 2016. We are searching for gardens in the community, which are innovative, sustainable, intimate, grand, formal, beautiful, or unusual. The gardens selected will reflect the diversity of private gardens that exist in the local community. A contemporary photographer has been commissioned to create a series of photographs documenting up to 10 local residents' gardens.

If you are interested, email a brief description of your garden along with a photograph (no larger than three megabytes) to arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au by 2 December. Successful applicants will be notified by the 10 December.

Youth Services 2015 wrap-up



It's been another jam packed year for Glen Eira City Council's Youth Services.

The annual youth leadership conference — *The Summit* kicked off 2015. Students from local secondary schools gathered and got inspired about how they can be change-makers in their communities. Guest speakers, founder and CEO of *ThinkUp* James Read and young social change-maker Ben Ferguson gave students the opportunity to listen to their stories and learn about the challenges they faced when becoming change-makers themselves.

Body and Mind — *B.A.M.*, a young women's self-defence program, was extremely popular as it built confidence, self-awareness and empowered women. The program teaches self-defence techniques and discusses personal safety.

Both *Chill It* and *Fit-Social* programs kept us moving with fun indoor games during winter and outdoor activities during summer. These programs gave young people the chance to get together and meet new people, keep fit and try new things.

The Youth Leadership Team produced some well received community art and music events. More than 350 people participated and attended the 2015 *Youth Art Expo* and *Sounds of Glen Eira* events. The Team proved that by working together, not only were they able to build on their individual skills, but also highlight the positive impact young

people can have within their community.

Youth workers were out in local schools supporting students and delivering a range of programs throughout the year to increase resilience and wellbeing. The programs delivered allowed young people to talk about the challenges they face each day. *Moving Up* — a transitional program from Grade 6 to Year 7, was one of the programs run throughout the year with 750 Grade 6 students participating.

Parent Information Nights were attended by more than 200 parents, allowing them to gain an insight into issues and concerns that impact their children and families. Useful strategies and tips on how to handle difficult situations were also provided.

The *Teen School Holiday Program* was full of high ropes challenges, creative cooking skills, ice skating, show bags and much more. Full day and half day activities kept the school holidays fun, active and entertaining for everyone involved.

Youth Services is up for the challenge to make 2016 even bigger and better. For further information on how you can be a part of our programs, contact 9524 3676 or visit <http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community/Youth>



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Youth Leadership Team 2016

Would you like to be a part of a group of local young people that assists in planning and running local events and advocacy campaigns?

Are you looking to increase your skills and leadership capabilities?

Do you want to meet new people and have a great time?

Glen Eira Youth Services is looking for enthusiastic young people aged 14 to 21 to join the Youth Leadership Team (YLT) for 2016. As a member of the YLT, you will work with youth workers to plan and facilitate a range of youth events in the local community. You will have the opportunity to build your skills by undertaking leadership roles, while

also learning about event management and occupational health and safety for events. Past events developed by the YLT include the *Youth Art Expo*, *Battle of the Bands* and advocacy campaigns to increase awareness of local issues.

Being a part of the YLT program is a 12 month commitment that will provide you with skills that will be beneficial for years to come.

If this is something that you would be interested in, contact Youth Services for further information on 9524 3676.

Foundation for Youth Excellence program

The *Foundation for Youth Excellence* program, which is run by Glen Eira City Council Youth Services, recognises young people aged between 10 and 25 who have achieved excellence in fields of:

- creative and performing arts;
- education;
- leadership; or
- sport.

Grants are given out on a quarterly basis and awarded to young people, to help them achieve further success in their chosen field.

Young people can apply for:

- up to \$360 for State level;
- up to \$600 for National level; or
- up to \$1,200 for International level.

The Foundation Committee assesses applications quarterly each year. Applications for the next quarter open on 1 November and close on 31 January 2016.

Young people living in the City of Glen Eira that are competing or performing at a state, national or international level are encouraged to apply.

For further information or for an application form, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Plugged In studio bookings

Glen Eira City Council's *Plugged In* music studio, which is located at the Youth Information Centre in Bentleigh, is available during the summer holidays for young people who have completed the *Plugged In* program to book out and record their own music.

The soundproof recording studio is set up with a drum kit, guitars, microphones, amps and recording equipment.

Bookings for the studio can be made from Monday to Thursday between 1pm and 5.45pm and Fridays from 1pm to 4.45pm pending on availability.

For further information about the *Plugged In* program or to book the studio, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Being Mindful

According to *beyondblue*, one in six young Australians is currently experiencing an anxiety condition. After speaking with more than 100 of their peers, Glen Eira City Council's Youth Leadership Team (YLT) found that one major factor concerning young people in Glen Eira is coping with stressful situations. As a result, the 2015 YLT is working to raise awareness about positive mindfulness strategies young people can use to combat the feeling of stress.

The YLT has created a new postcard with five mindfulness hints and tips that young people can use to increase self-awareness, reduce stress and immerse themselves in some relaxing mindfulness colouring. These cards will be distributed to local schools, libraries and youth centres so that young people can use them to identify some small things they can put into practice when they are feeling stressed or anxious.

If you would like a mindfulness card or would like to talk to someone about stress and anxiety, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.

Rotundas/open spaces for hire



As the warmer weather settles in, there's no better time for residents and visitors of Glen Eira to make use of the public facilities available within our parks and reserves. If you are planning a large outdoor function in your local park, contact Glen Eira City Council to make a booking.

Bookings can be made for all open space areas and rotundas/shelters. A booking fee applies for each reservation however, the peace of mind in knowing your guests can arrive and meet in a

pre-arranged place makes it worthwhile.

For further information, contact Council's Recreation Facilities Bookings Officer on 9524 3333.

Velodrome resurfacing

The Packer Park Velodrome in Carnegie has been undergoing some resurfacing works. The works include upgrading the track profile, drainage and riding surface.

The track has been improved through the relocation of the existing drainage, and widening of the track to provide a seamless transfer between the banked track and a flat inside track. A new plexipave surface has been installed, along with the relevant velodrome markings.

The installation of a flat inside track has provided an area for cyclists to start and stop and act as a run-off area, which will greatly assist beginner and inexperienced cyclists.

The track is open to the public, except during club training times and race days. There are signs at the track outlining these times.



Packer Park fitness equipment

New outdoor fitness equipment and instructional signage has been installed at Packer Park in Carnegie. The new equipment has been designed differently to other installations across Glen Eira making it easier to use and particularly beneficial to older age residents.

The fitness equipment is located within close proximity of the Packer Park bowls and bocce facilities and the Velodrome, and already has a high usage by local residents.



Solly's Girl
With Ros Collins
Sunday 6 December
2pm-3.30pm
Caulfield Library

Join Ros as she discusses her memoir *Solly's Girl*, a colourful tapestry of stories from her life in England and her family and professional life in Melbourne. The story starts in London as the 'boring' 50s were coming to an end and Ros meets her soon to be husband, well-known Australian Jewish author, Alan Collins. She would accompany Alan to Melbourne as a '10 pound pom'. Ros will discuss with warmth and humour her account of Australian Jewish life.

Bookings required. Book online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au at any Glen Eira library or contact 9524 3700.



The Summer Read 2016 30 November-14 February

Take a break with a great Victorian book.

The Summer Read is back and gives Victorians the chance to discover new, local books.

Summer is the perfect time to pick up a book and read. It doesn't matter if you're at home or on holidays, you can take a book anywhere and enjoy some quality storytelling.

After the often hectic pace of life throughout the year, *The Summer Read* encourages us all to relax and recharge, and the best way to do that is with a good book.

Choose from a list of 10 great books, written by Victorian authors or telling Victorian stories. There's crime, popular and literary fiction, non-fiction and memoir — something for everyone.

All titles are on display in the libraries. Read one or read them all, then vote for your favourite. For further information, visit slv.vic.gov.au/summer-read



Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2015-16

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2015-16. These immunisations are recommended to be given just prior to a child's fourth birthday.

All four-year-old children receiving their immunisation will receive a free show bag. Face painting, balloons and magic tricks will keep the kids entertained.

Parents please note: the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register recommends that all childhood vaccinations are completed by four years. If your child is not vaccinated by four years and one month they will be considered overdue and you will receive reminder letters from Council.



Saturday 5 December
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Saturday 9 January
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Road
Bentleigh East

Saturday 6 February
9.30am-11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health Centre
Gardeners Roads
Bentleigh East



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

Glen Eira Libraries and Learning Centres



Lost Worlds

Chance to win your own iPad Air 2!

Get searching at Glen Eira libraries and discover a world of stories that can take you to faraway places and a world of adventure.

First, visit your local Glen Eira library and borrow 10 books to read over the summer holidays.

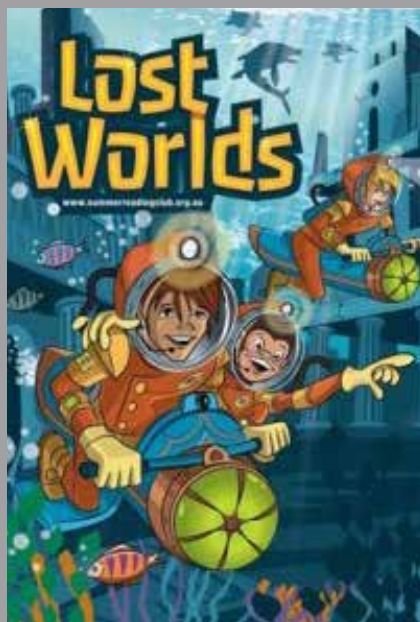
When you have read your 10 books, complete the registration form for the *Summer Reading Club* and take it to your local Glen Eira library. Remember to collect your *Lost Worlds* pack, which may include: a wristband; mood changing eraser; invisible ink pen; magic bubbles; stickers; and a keyring. Once you have your pack, place your completed form in the entry box.

You can enter as many times as you like to go into the draw for the chance to win the major prize of your own iPad Air 2! There are two runners up prizes: WiiU Super Mario Maker — premium pack and LeapPad Platinum.

Download an entry form from library.gleneira.vic.gov.au or collect a copy from any Glen Eira Library

For the chance to win more prizes and join in on fun online activities, visit www.summerreadingclub.org.au

For terms and conditions, visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Lost Worlds Mania

More summer holiday fun at your local Glen Eira library!

Unless stated, all events are free and no bookings are required.

Please note: wait times may apply.

Lost Worlds Mosaics

Friday 22 January

Session 1: 10.30am–12pm

Session 2: 1pm–2.30pm

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room

Learn how to mosaic with the Art Factory by creating a colourful dinosaur, butterfly or snail with bright ceramic tiles.

Suitable for children aged five to 10.

Tickets \$10. Workshop caters for a small group so limited tickets available.

Tickets are on sale online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au from 18 December.

Lost Worlds Dinosaurs

Friday 15 January, 1pm–4pm
Elsternwick Library

Choose your own Lost Worlds ceramic dinosaur figurine to paint with ceramic markers to take home and display.

Suitable for children aged four and over.

Colourful backpacks

Tuesday 19 January, 1pm–4pm
Caulfield Library

Every adventurer needs a backpack. Colour within the lines to give it your own individual look.

Suitable for children aged four to seven.



Dragon Masks

Thursday 21 January, 1pm–4pm
Bentleigh Library

Create a lost world dragon mask with paper and colourful streamers.

Suitable for children aged four and over.

Feelix Library StoryTime

StoryTime — Caulfield Library

Thursday 3 December, 11am

BabyTime — Bentleigh Library

Wednesday 9 December, 2pm

These sessions will be presented by Feelix Library — a service of Vision Australia.

Feelix Library provides book kits that help blind or low vision children experience books and develop early literacy skills. Children will enjoy the Feelix book kits along with added Braille and other items that help bring the story to life and aid their vocabulary. All welcome.



Festive StoryTimes Celebrating Chanukah

2pm session

Bentleigh Library —
Tuesday 8 December

11am sessions

Bentleigh Library —
Thursday 10 December

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Wednesday 9 December and Friday 11 December

Caulfield Library — Thursday 10 December

Elsternwick Library —
Wednesday 9 December

It's Christmas

2pm session

Bentleigh Library —
Tuesday 15 December

11am sessions

Bentleigh Library —
Thursday 17 December

Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Wednesday 16 December and Friday 18 December

Caulfield Library —
Thursday 17 December

Elsternwick Library —
Wednesday 16 December

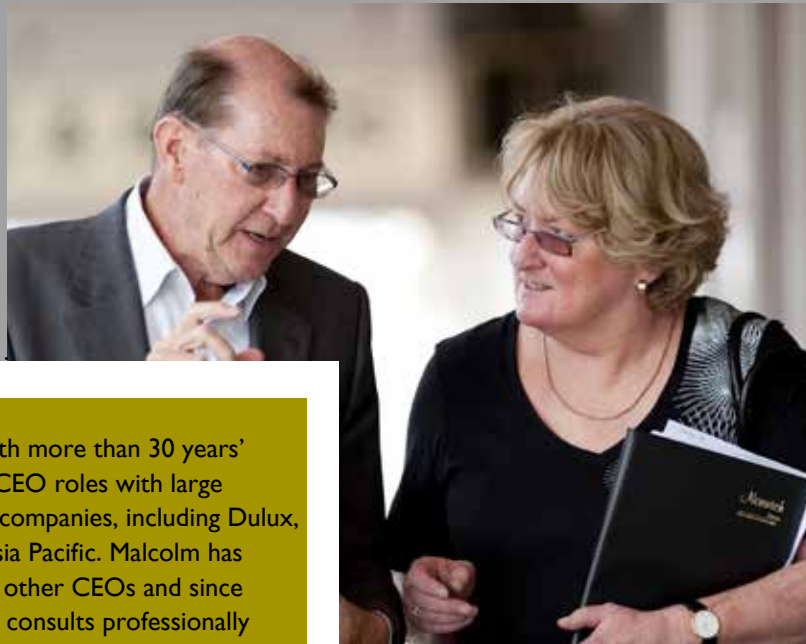
Library holiday opening hours

	Bentleigh	Carnegie	Caulfield	Elsternwick
Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	12pm–4pm
Friday 25 December Christmas Day				
Saturday 26 December				
Sunday 27 December				
Monday 28 December				
Tuesday 29 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Wednesday 30 December	10am–9pm	10am–9pm	10am–8pm	10am–6pm
Thursday 31 December New Year's Eve	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	10am–4pm	12pm–4pm
Friday 1 January New Years Day				

 Closed. Items can be returned using after-hours return chutes.



Volunteer business mentoring — a rewarding experience



If you have extensive experience running businesses, enjoy motivating others, want to give back to the community and want to continue to utilise your strong business knowledge and skills, then consider applying to join the *Mentor Partners Program*.

The *Mentor Partners Program* is a joint initiative between Glen Eira and Kingston City Councils, where experienced business professionals volunteer their time to assist local small business owners to overcome challenges and develop and grow their business.

This *Program* has attracted a high calibre mentor team who have assisted more than 400 small businesses since its inception in 2002.

Malcolm Stevenson (pictured) has been an accredited *Program* mentor since 2008, and in that time has mentored 17 businesses with excellent outcomes. Malcolm has an impressive business

background with more than 30 years' experience in CEO roles with large manufacturing companies, including Dulux, ICI and JAC Asia Pacific. Malcolm has also mentored other CEOs and since his retirement, consults professionally to small businesses, as well as mentoring local businesses through the *Mentor Partners Program*.

Mr Stevenson finds mentoring a rewarding experience and said that by participating in this program, he feels as though he is giving something back to the community after a lifetime in business.

"It is very rewarding when I can see that I have helped a business owner to get clearer and more confident about running their business," Mr Stevenson said.

"I enjoy the challenge of learning about new businesses and industries, and applying my experience to help business owners assess their business and meet their goals."

For further information and to apply, visit www.mentorpartners.com.au or contact Glen Eira City Council's *Mentor Partners Program* Co-ordinator on 9524 3333.



Take your business's digital strategy to the next step with the help of student IT projects

Expressions of interest are now being sought for the 2016 Glen Eira BusEd Program IT projects with Monash and Swinburne universities

Glen Eira City Council's *BusEd Program* continues to provide Glen Eira businesses with the opportunity to tap into the skills of students to gain practical support for their business that they would struggle to otherwise access.

In 2015, 65 local businesses worked collaboratively with student teams from Monash and Swinburne universities to develop customised websites and software to help them; sell their products online; create a new channel for interacting with their customers; improve their client information management; and streamline their business processes.

Through these projects, students gain the opportunity to apply their knowledge to a real business challenge and gain a real client experience. There is no cost to the business although commitment to invest the necessary time to gain the best possible outcome is required.

The following case study of one of the Swinburne projects, illustrates the outcomes that can be achieved.

Ria Ganis of Leaf and Co. is excited about the launch of the business's first e-commerce website that enables online selling of their handcrafted ceramic homewares and candles.

Ms Ganis said the students have been fantastic.

"The new website they developed and the linked social media help us to connect with our customers, and the website also enables us to keep track our stock levels," Ms Ganis said.

"Working as a team with the students, enabled me to learn about what was possible and feed my ideas back into the process. It has been an invaluable experience."

For further information or to express your interest, contact Council's *BusEd Program* Co-ordinator on 9524 3333.



Photo: Ria Ganis of Leaf and Co. with Swinburne student team (left to right), Michael Weaver, Brenton Thomas and Daniel Anderson.



This festive season ...

Seriously consider the value of supporting local business.

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

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