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My Brother Jack Awards 2017

Glen Eira City Council's *My Brother Jack Awards 2017* were announced at a ceremony at Town Hall on Sunday 25 June.

Held as part of the *Glen Eira Storytelling Festival*, a record number of entries were received this year, with 631 submitted.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty said for the past 22 years, the Awards have seen thousands of entries from Glen Eira residents, sharing their stories, their poetry and in more recent years their photographs.

"It's an extraordinary undertaking to create a story in any medium and one that requires a great deal of skill and passion," Cr Delahunty said.

"I hope that everyone who entered the competition enjoyed the process as much as we enjoyed experiencing their work."

Council would like to thank each of the judges for their time and commitment, as well as the sponsors, both old and new, and the supporters of the Awards.

Congratulations to the following prize winners.

**Bentleigh and Caulfield RSL
Open Short Story Award**
Judge: Toni Jordan

First prize: Anthony Carr — *The Mid-Way Chair*
Second prize: Lucia Roohizadegan — *The Moving Mountain*
Third prize: Paul Whitby — *Lonesome Road*
Commendation: Janie Sweeney — *Celestial Travelling*
Commendation Barry Blakeney — *Graves*
Commendation: Deborah Rechter — *Perfect Antipodes*

**Nelson Bros Funeral Services
Open Poetry Award**
Judge: Kate Larsen

First prize: Alexandra Phelan — *Parting*
Second prize: Gemma White — *I'm Still in this Place*
Third prize: Aparna Mitra — *Table For Two*
Commendation: Audrey El-Osta — *Silk Like Honey*
Commendation: Andrew Harris — *Couplet*

**Benn's Books
Senior Secondary School Short Story Award**
Judge: Annette Trevitt

First prize: Grace Prior — *In the Dark*
Second prize: Meg Kunkler — *A Moment In Time*
Commendation: Sophia Ki Yuen Gu — *Almost*

**Benn's Books
Senior Secondary School Poetry Award**
Judge: Wendy Joseph

First prize: Chandra Berry — *Crystal Clear*
Second prize: Noa Kantor — *I've Lost Myself*
Commendation: Grace Baldwin — *Jitters*

**Hardie Grant Egmont
Junior Secondary School Short Story Award**
Judge: Annette Trevitt

First prize: Stephanie Kondopoulos — *Parrot Pal*
Commendation: Sarah Daniel — *Pick Me Up!*

**Grill'd Healthy Burgers, Carnegie Junior
Secondary School Poetry Award**
Judge: Wendy Joseph

First prize: Caleb Gering — *Tattoos Don't Hide Scars*

Commendation: Karleen Han — *When We Were Little*
Commendation: Samantha Ruckel — *The Beach*

**Hardie Grant Egmont Primary School Short
Story Award**
Judge: Angela Meyer

First prize: Mika Kotler — *The Boastful Chair*
Commendation: Eve Gascoigne — *Difference*

**Grill'd Healthy Burgers, Elsternwick
Primary School Poetry Award**
Judge: Ozlem Baro

First prize: Chaya Goodman — *Summer*
Commendation: Imogen Matthews — *A New Land*
Commendation: Keren Chelom — *Fire*
Commendation: Mietta Ackland — *Refugee*

**The Local Framing Studio Open
Photographic Award**
Judge: Diane Soumilas

First place: Malvina Nselel Awanda — *Who Will be the 1st to Hug the Tree?*

**Glen Eira Youth Services Youth
Photographic Award**
Judge: Diane Soumilas

First prize: Hannah Black — *Chasey*

**Glen Eira City Council
Junior Photographic Award**
Judge: Diane Soumilas

First prize: Leon Tempes — *Fairyland*

This year there was also an *Early Years Art and Photography* category for children aged up to five. All entrants received a certificate of participation and a book.

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Mayor's column

Last week, I did something wonderful. So many days in my role as Mayor of Glen Eira are amazing. The role is very multifaceted — in any given day in the space of 20 minutes, I can go from answering complex media enquiries, to chasing up why a rubbish bin was left in a driveway — such is local government. Monday 26 June was extra special though and I would like to share this with you.

Glen Eira is lucky to be home to the Anti-Defamation Commission (ADC), an organisation that works tirelessly to promote diversity in Australia.

We share a common belief — that the role of the Mayor is more than just rubbish bins and lost cats. The Mayor has a responsibility to build a community which celebrates and appreciates difference.

To demonstrate my commitment to this obligation, I had the great honour of being the first Mayor to sign the ADC declaration and launch the *Mayors United Against Hate* campaign.

This pledges me and other signatories to work together across our communities to create places that delight in our differences.

I think that the diversity of the people in Glen Eira make it hands down the best place to live. Whenever there is a threat to that diversity, if ever there is someone who doesn't feel that they belong, if at any time our friends and neighbours are the subject of prejudice, I will not be a bystander.

I'm very proud to be the first signatory on this declaration. Now the hard work begins to encourage every other civic leader in Australia to join the campaign.

Cr Mary Delahunty
Mayor of Glen Eira



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National Disability Insurance Scheme

At a Council Meeting on Tuesday 13 June 2017, Glen Eira City Council considered what continuing role to play in the provision of disability services once the Commonwealth *National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)* has been introduced next year.

The *NDIS* provides funds directly to people experiencing disability to purchase the services they need for support.

The *NDIS* is a significant change to the disability services landscape, and in considering its future role, Council sought independent professional advice and considered a range of options.

Under the new provisions, it is not going to be feasible for Council to register directly as a provider under the *NDIS*.

Council has made a commitment to a continued role in planning, advocacy and leadership in disability support across the municipality. We will also continue to deliver services to people with disabilities who do not qualify to participate in *NDIS*.

During the transition period, Council will continue to provide services to affected residents until their new provider is in place. We will also have a dedicated transition officer to assist clients in the transition process.

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2017 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 25 July
Tuesday 15 August
Tuesday 5 September
Tuesday 26 September
Tuesday 17 October

DEADLINES

The deadline for the September edition of *Glen Eira News* is Wednesday 2 August for delivery 28 August to 1 September (weather permitting).

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



Council adopts Glen Eira Council and Community Plan

Following an extensive consultation process, Glen Eira City Council has adopted the *Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2017–2021*.

As part of the process, which commenced in 2016, community members communicated their views on what is important to them, the areas where Council is doing well and how Council can improve, and what they believe Council's priorities should be.

This important feedback assisted in the development of the *Plan* and helped Council to not only set a vision for the City of Glen Eira, but to identify goals for the next four years.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty said for Council to have a better understanding of community aspirations, needs, values and priorities, it commenced a different way of engagement.

"We know that better engagement occurs when we build a positive and ongoing conversation with our residents," Cr Delahunty said.

"Therefore, we focused on more accessible and visible two-way communication and engagement opportunities.

"Our engagement process was diverse and co-ordinated through a range of interactions, including face-to-face, online, hard copy, email and telephone."

The *Plan* is structured around five key priority areas that will drive Council activities over the next four years. Each theme also sets out our commitments for 2017–18.

Here is a snapshot of just some of our commitments:

1. Liveable and well designed — a well planned City that is a great place to live.

- We will deliver detailed structure plans for Bentleigh, Carnegie and Elsternwick, which address development, open space, business and transport, and an *Activity Centre Strategy* for all our centres.
- We will invest a minimum of \$30 million annually through Council's *Capital Works Program*.

2. Accessible and well connected — a City that is easy to move around, full of safe travel options and walkable neighbourhoods.

- We will complete a municipal-wide car parking strategy.
- We will update our *Walking Strategy* with particular focus on improving pedestrian safety around schools and creating incentives for our community to use sustainable forms of transport.

3. Safe, healthy and inclusive — a strong and safe community that connects people and enhances health and wellbeing.

- We will establish a Community Safety Committee with representation from Victoria Police, key stakeholder organisations, and community members.
- We will develop a comprehensive community safety plan in collaboration with the community that includes a range of crime prevention strategies.

4. Clean and sustainable — an attractive and sustainable environment for future generations.

- We will continue to implement our *Open Space Strategy* priority actions, including improvements to Spring Road Reserve in Caulfield South; a new sensory garden at Rosanna Street Reserve in Carnegie; and commencing the implementation of the EE Gunn Reserve Masterplan in Ormond.
- Five per cent of the capital budget for all new and large refurbishment building projects will be allocated to sustainability measures over and above the minimum required standards.

5. Informed and engaged — a well governed Council that is committed to transparency and engages residents in decision-making.

- We will establish an online consultation group of approximately 400 residents who are willing to be involved and provide opinions and feedback on Council's programs and strategies.
- We will provide greater online options for residents by ensuring that half of our requests and payment services are available via Council's website.

Council would like to thank those who took the time to attend community meetings, submit feedback, take the online survey and contribute to the discussion. To view the *Plan*, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Community column

Have your say: Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017–21

Glen Eira City Council is seeking community input for our next *Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan 2017–21*.

The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* requires all councils to develop a plan and to review this plan yearly.

This *DAM Plan* will determine how we will:

- manage dogs and cats in the municipality;
- balance the needs of those who own pets and those who don't; and
- support a network of foster carers, vets and services to respond to crisis situations and temporarily house animals.

If you would like to be involved in the development of our *DAM Plan*, come along to our community forum on Thursday 27 July from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Caulfield Cup Room at Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.

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

Do you have a complaint about public transport?

The Public Transport Ombudsman is a free, independent dispute resolution service for people with complaints about public transport in Victoria.

The Ombudsman looks at a range of issues including myki, the conduct of public transport staff, reliability and cancellation of services, accessibility, and construction works that may impact you.

The Ombudsman works with you and the operator to find the right outcome to resolve your complaint.

For further information, contact 1800 466 865 or visit www.ptovic.com.au

2017–18 Annual Budget adopted by Council

Glen Eira City Council's *2017–18 Annual Budget* was adopted at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 27 June.

As part of the *Budget*, Council has allocated funding of \$34.08 million (\$526 per property) for projects covering all aspects of community life, including open space (\$8.85 million), environmental initiatives (\$1.92 million), and transport and planning (\$1.2 million).

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty said the *Budget* is a responsible reflection of the areas the community has asked us to focus on.

"The *Budget* is based on a rate increase of two per cent. This is in line with the *Fair Go Rates System (FGRS)* which caps rates increases by Victorian councils to the forecast movement of two per cent in line with the forecasted Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the financial year 2017–18," Cr Delahunty said.

"The average rates per assessment for 2017–18 is estimated at \$1,361.

"This is expected to continue to be the second-lowest average rates and charges in metropolitan Melbourne.

"Importantly, we can deliver some real and meaningful change to the community through the actions funded this year and in years to come."

Council would like to thank all residents who contributed to the *Budget* process during public meetings.

All submissions and comments were considered when deciding the final *Budget*.

A comprehensive breakdown of the *2017–18 Annual Budget* will be featured in the August edition of *Glen Eira News*.



CEO's column

Glen Eira Libraries continue to take a leading role in ensuring positive early years literacy outcomes for the community.

Our libraries recently achieved best practice quality standard for our early years programs and services. We satisfied the requirements of the State Library Victoria and Public Libraries Victoria Network quality framework, exceeding each of the 11 criteria.

This is a fantastic result and a continuing testament to our well-loved children's programs, *BabyTime* and *StoryTime*.

More than 60,000 people attend our *StoryTime* and *BabyTime* programs each year. Just recently, we hosted *Dreamtime StoryTime* at Bentleigh Library, with 121 people attending this special event to mark *National Reconciliation Week*.

If you haven't attended *BabyTime* or *StoryTime* and have children aged five and under, I encourage you to visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au to find a time and location that will suit you.

We also host *Auslan StoryTime* at Bentleigh Library. Experience a visual language in this interactive session on Thursday 20 July at 11am.

Our storytellers will read and sign some of your favourite stories and rhymes — just another wonderful example of how we are building community connections and cohesiveness.

Rebecca McKenzie
Chief Executive Officer

View applications which are on public notice and submit online objections.

Apply for planning information requests or extension of time requests.

To find out more, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/planning-online



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Delivered Meals Service offers healthy meal options

Glen Eira City Council's Delivered Meals Service offers a wide range of healthy meal choices to support people over 65 years of age and younger people with disabilities to live at home independently and maintain healthy eating.

The Service offers a wide range of nutritious and tasty meal choices and caters for many dietary requirements. People who receive a delivered meal can select from a menu that includes six mains and four desserts. Fruit juice is included, as well as soup in the winter months.

Council meals are delivered by a

dedicated group of volunteers who are concerned about the health and wellbeing of clients.

Having a daily delivery provides a point of regular contact and if someone is feeling unwell or does not respond at a scheduled drop off, assistance can be called for.

To receive a meal, you must be at home when the delivery is made, but deliveries usually occur in the morning so that participants have flexibility to do other things they need during the day. You can also choose to have your meal delivered on just a few days each week.

For further information, contact the Delivered Meals office on 9576 9748.

A Delivered Meals staff member will discuss what options are available to you.

Following this discussion, we would be happy to provide you with a sample to see if you like what's on offer.

To receive an ongoing meal service you just need to register with My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or visit www.myagedcare.gov.au

Your details will then be forwarded to Council and we can commence regular delivery.

Councillor values giving back to the community

Rosstown Ward Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos has lived in Glen Eira since December 2015. The youngest of three boys, the hairdresser and business owner moved to the area to be closer to work.

"I have been in business in Glen Eira since 2004," Cr Athanasopoulos told *Glen Eira News*.

"My family purchased a small business in Caulfield Plaza, but we now operate in Carnegie on the main strip."

Cr Athanasopoulos' parents migrated to Australia from Greece and Italy in the 60s. They, like many others, came here for a better life and most importantly a better life for the next generation.

"My father flirted with a career in politics, however he always thought his thick accent and lack of education would be a barrier," he said.

"My eldest brother was the forerunner into politics, becoming mayor at 25 and repeating that on three further occasions.

"My mother worked in many jobs, from textiles to Telstra and finally at Kookaburra sports. Her major claim to fame was stitching cricket balls for important test matches, however I don't believe mum understood the significance of that."

Cr Athanasopoulos has been involved with his local traders' association since 2009 and values giving back to the community, which is one of the main reasons why he ran for Council.

"I have always given up time to help out, whether it be in coaching, my work with the Chrisalis Foundation, other charity work — and now Council," he said.

"Of course there are issues that you are passionate about and would like to solve.

"Planning is just one of the issues I am passionate about. I am excited with some of the work that is being undertaken at the moment and hope we can deliver some real outcomes.

"It is also critical that we bring the community along for the journey. They have a wealth of knowledge that is untapped and we need them to support us while we establish the foundations of our City's future."

During his time in office, Cr Athanasopoulos would like Council to achieve a new and improved *Planning Scheme*.

"I would also like to see structure plans in place for our three key activity centres, as well as identify new areas that will need structure plan work."



Celebrity chef Adrian Richardson and Cr Tony Athanasopoulos at Council's Food Business Awards in May. Photo: James McPherson Photography.

Come tinkle the ivories in Carnegie

The desire to make our activity centres more vibrant and engaging was a recurring theme heard through Glen Eira City Council's recent community consultation.

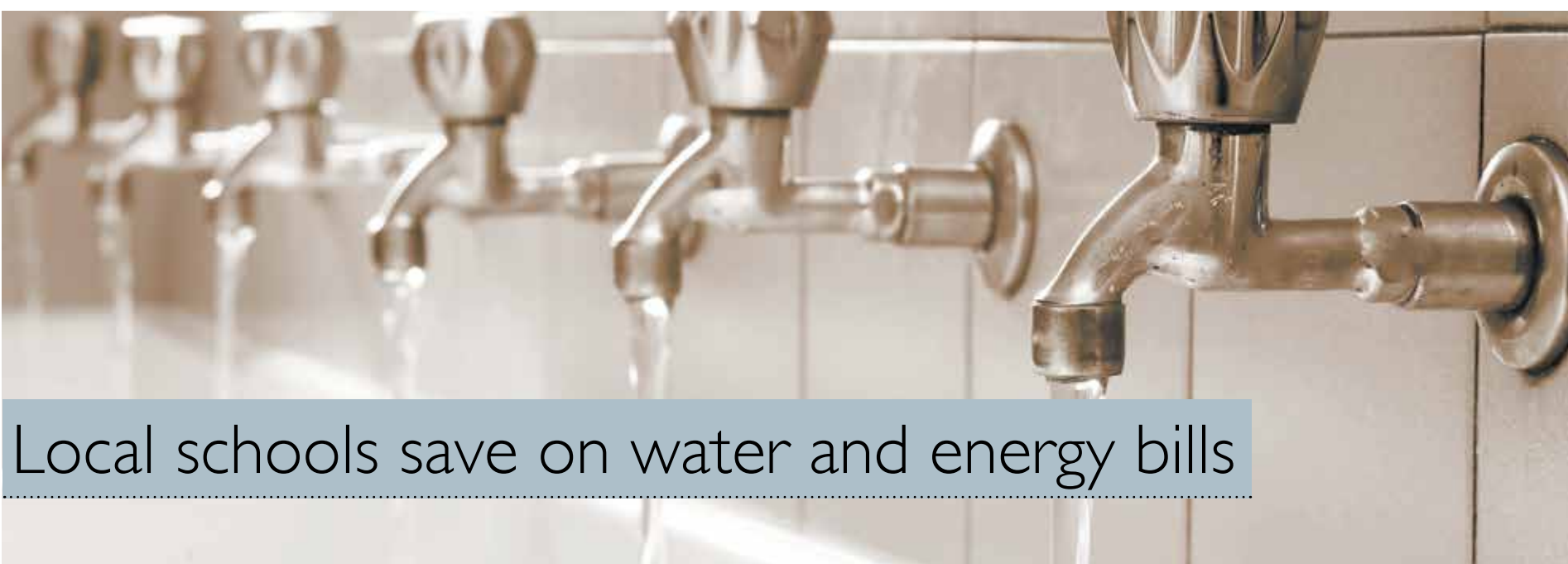
To liven up our streets, Gen2Gen, Council and local school students from different cultural and religious backgrounds, together with professional artist Peter Seaton, have come together to create an artistic message of cultural inclusiveness through a piano.

Designed to start conversations, activate the area and encourage passers-by to play, pianists of all abilities are welcome to play the piano from Friday 30 June in the forecourt of Carnegie Library and Community Centre.

Peter and the students explored ways to decorate the piano (pictured below), which is a temporary installation, and make it a unique attraction for this community centre.

For further information, contact Council's place-making officer on 9524 3333.





Local schools save on water and energy bills

Fifty one schools in Glen Eira are currently participating in an award-winning Victorian Government program that enables schools to track their water and electricity use with easy to use monitoring tools.

The *Schools Water Efficiency Program* (SWEP) incorporates a tailored program that integrates monitoring the school's water and energy data with the maths and science curriculum.

Issues such as high usage, leaks and faulty appliances can be detected, enabling schools to save water, electricity and money.

Throughout the life of the program, these schools have saved a total combined volume of 64 million litres of water, which would have cost them \$253,000 in water and sewage related charges. The savings are equivalent to the annual consumption of more than 450 average Melbourne households.

SWEP Manager Andrew Hinchliffe said the program is a unique way for schools to save water and educate their students at the same time.

"At \$300 for three years, it's also the best insurance policy for identifying leaks that any school could have," Mr Hinchliffe said.

Glen Eira College in Caulfield was one of the first schools in Victoria to participate in the program.

SWEP helped the school to identify a significant leak. Fixing this leak avoided several thousands of litres of water being lost each day.

Glen Eira College Principal Shereen Kindler told *Glen Eira News* SWEP has

really helped the school become more efficient.

"Without access to SWEP and without the alerts we received, we may not have known about this leak until we got an enormous bill," Ms Kindler said.

SWEP has recently started monitoring energy and solar panels too. Schools can use this tool to identify inefficient practices and appliances.

Participating schools are already making savings to their electricity bills by implementing simple measures like adjusting fridge and freezer thermostats or changing the settings for their exterior lighting.

For further information or to register your school, visit www.myswep.com.au



Plant me instead

It may be surprising to hear that many of the ornamental plants found in our gardens are actually environmental weeds.

Weeds are wreaking havoc in our bushland and many are domestic garden escapees, which displace and further fragment our precious indigenous plant communities.

Agapanthus is a common plant in Australian gardens and is often used to line fences and driveways.

Each flower head can have hundreds of seeds and can spread very quickly. It can also spread via rhizomes (new shoots from its root system).

A beautiful indigenous alternative is the Mat-Rush (*Lomandra longifolia*). This sedge grows up to one metre in height and has glossy, green and flat leaves.

It is hardy, fast-growing and will

tolerate shade. The Mat-Rush has small clusters of creamy yellow flowers on spikes.



Photograph: © Geoff Lay. Source: State Botanical Collection, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Graffiti removal

Prompt removal of graffiti is often the best deterrent. Glen Eira City Council encourages residents and traders to remove graffiti from their properties promptly. Free graffiti removal kits are available from Council's Service Centre for residents and traders.

If needed, we can also often assist residents to remove graffiti from front fences or shopfronts (title boundary of private properties both residential and commercial) on properties that are

visible from a public place.

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



Empty cleaning product containers and aerosol cans can be recycled.

For a list of items that can be placed in your yellow-lidded recycling bin, visit our website.

www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/recycling-az



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Learning in action: literacy

As children begin to write and draw, they begin to understand how ideas are communicated. Encouraging early writing helps boost children's interest in letters and words, and develops their understanding of the link between sounds and letters of the alphabet.

From infancy, children use sound, gestures and body language to communicate their needs and feelings.

Literacy incorporates a range of modes of communication including music, movement, dance, storytelling, visual arts, and drama as well as talking, listening, viewing, reading and writing.

Murrumbeena Early Learning Centre (ELC) Team Leader Zahia Barbar said the centre offers a wide variety of experiences for children, including reading and writing.

"These opportunities help children to become effective communicators and provide them with future life skills," Ms Barbar said.

The curriculum at Murrumbeena ELC

engages all children in a range of activities that promotes and fosters early literacy skills.

Making a pattern with objects

By putting objects such as buttons, beads or small blocks in a certain order, children gain an understanding of sequence. This will help them discover that the letters in words must be arranged in a certain way.

Moving to music while following directions

The children gain an understanding of concepts, such as up and down, and left and right. Understanding these concepts leads to knowledge of how words are read and written on paper.

Listening to a story

The children talk about what might happen next and what they liked about the book. They learn that books can introduce people, places and ideas.

Playing a matching game (concentration or picture bingo)

When children see that some things are

exactly the same, this leads children to understand that the letters in words must be written in the same order every time to carry meaning.

Making signs for pretend play in supermarket

Children practice printing to provide information about prices of items and the names of shops and food. Children also use their skills to create paper money.

To learn more about our early years curriculum and see it in action, contact one of our centres to arrange a tour:

- Caulfield ELC — 9524 3294
- Carnegie ELC — 9572 5128
- Murrumbeena ELC — 9568 0163

Council's three early learning centres at Carnegie, Caulfield and Murrumbeena currently have vacancies for children from six months to school age. For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Dads' playgroup

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre, corner Royal and Rosedale Avenue, Glen Huntly

Thursday 24 August, Saturday 2 September and Thursday 26 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

Booran Reserve — Rotunda corner Booran and Glenhuntly Roads Glen Huntly

Thursday 23 November and Thursday 7 December, 9.30am to 11.30am

Come along and spend time with your child and meet other dads in a relaxed setting. Drop in and enjoy the free activities. Children from birth to five years welcome.

For further information, contact Glen Eira Maternal and Child Health on 9524 3403 or speak with your maternal and child health nurse at your next appointment.

Family Day Care turns 40

Glen Eira Family Day Care (FDC) has provided quality home-based child care since 1977.

Now in its 40th year, FDC has successfully adhered to numerous government changes and has consistently maintained a high level of quality as tested by the various assessment and rating visits throughout the years.

FDC was established in Victoria in the 1970s to offer an alternative to families requiring care for preschool and primary school aged children in a home-based environment.

Council's Family Day Care Co-ordinator Kathryn Bergroth said for FDC to be a success, it required people who were genuinely interested in caring for children in a safe and educational environment.

"This opened up employment opportunities for people, and is now a recognised career choice with all educators required to have minimum Certificate III in Children's Services," Ms Bergroth said.

"Council has a dedicated team of

educators, including Sally Thomas, Jackie Gibney and Lakshmi Fernando who have been with the service for more than 20 years, and Kay Carey who recently announced she is retiring after 35 years of service.

"In her 35 years with the service, Kay always maintained a level of patience, compassion and understanding in her educator role. She will certainly be missed and we wish her all the very best."

Kay told *Glen Eira News* she will treasure the time spent with the service.

"I would like to thank all the staff at FDC for their help and advice over the years.

"I have so many memories of all the great children I have looked after and I will treasure them."

Glen Eira FDC is looking for enthusiastic, genuine, caring and diverse educators who will work in partnership with families.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email fdc@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Council's Early Learning Centres Current vacancies

Learn
Play
Grow



Council manages three early learning centres that provide full day care and funded kindergarten programs to children from six months to school age, in small community-focused settings.

Our centres encourage children to explore and build their creativity, initiative and independence through indoor and outdoor play.

All of our early learning centres support and assist families and offer links to community support services.

We currently have vacancies across our three early learning centres.

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



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Student Achievement Award Program

Glen Eira City Council's *Student Achievement Award Program* recognises and encourages outstanding achievements by students attending secondary schools within the municipality.

Nominations open Monday 10 July and close 5pm on Friday 4 August.

Nominations can be made online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/who-makes-you-proud

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

Paediatric first aid and resuscitation

Wednesday 26 July, 7.30pm–9.30pm

Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Cost: \$45

Bookings are essential. Contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Paediatric resuscitation is a two hour course, which will provide you with the skills to save your child's life.

Addressing the cat overpopulation

Did you know that 22 per cent of people feed cats that don't belong to them? Feeding unknown cats and not taking full ownership or responsibility for them contributes to the high number of feral and stray cats.

Glen Eira City Council is calling for people who are feeding an unowned cat to act humanely and take full responsibility for the cat by contacting Council to seek advice on either taking ownership of the cat (registering and desexing) or by bringing the cat into their local pound or shelter.

Council's Manager Community Safety and Compliance Keith Franklyn said it's important to educate the community about the problems associated with cat overpopulation.

"Large numbers of unowned cats on the streets are causing problems for residents, such as spraying strong smelling urine around houses and cars, fighting with other cats and spreading disease, yowls at night, and defecating in gardens and sandpits.

"Unowned cats often suffer from very poor health and live in a state of starvation and disease. The average life expectancy of an unowned cat is three years, compared to 12 to 15 years for an owned, desexed cat."

Mr Franklyn said feeding unowned cats helps keep them alive and strong enough to reproduce.

"They keep breeding more and more kittens into a life of disease and neglect. This contributes to the tragic cat overpopulation problem in Australia. This is a situation no caring person or cat-lover wants to see continue," Mr Franklyn said.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or visit www.whosforcats.com.au

School crossing supervisors wanted

A great opportunity exists to join Glen Eira City Council's team of school crossing supervisors — we currently have casual relief positions available.

As a casual relief school crossing supervisor, you will be required to operate any one of the 69 crossings within the City of Glen Eira.

The crossings operate Monday to Friday between the hours of:

- 8am and 9am; and
- 3pm and 4pm.

For further information, contact 9524 3333. For a copy of the position description, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au

Please note: previous applicants will automatically be considered and need not re-apply.



Save the date

Glen Eira Working Together Forum will be held on Wednesday 13 September at Caulfield Park Pavilion.

The *Forum* is a learning and networking opportunity for community groups and organisations.

Further information will be included in the August edition of *Glen Eira News* and also on Council's website.

out and about



National Reconciliation Week from left to right — Justin Grant; Cr Jamie Hyams; Glen Eira Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty; Gnarna Yarrahe Waitairie (Uncle Jowi); Mitch Boney; Arweet Carolyn Briggs; Cr Nina Taylor; Cr Tony Athanasopoulos; and Jaeden Williams (front).
Photo: Capture Point Media.



My Brother Jack Awards 2017 from left to right — The Local Framing Studio Open Photographic Award First Prize Winner Malvina Nselel Awanda; and Glen Eira Mayor Cr Mary Delahunty.
Photo: James McPherson Photography.



Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan consultation

Glen Eira City Council's draft *Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017–2021* is a strategic document that aims to maximise the health and wellbeing of Glen Eira residents.

It was developed following a review and analysis of federal, state and regional public health policies, and local public health and wellbeing statistics and data.

Data collected through a public health consultation process, which included community feedback forms, an online *Have Your Say* forum, and engagement with local health service providers was also used to develop the *Plan*.

The *Plan* outlines the role Council will play in improving the health and wellbeing of Glen Eira residents through Council-run programs and projects, by advocating and working in partnership with health service providers, government bodies, community groups and residents.

The *Plan* provides an overview of the health and wellbeing of Glen Eira residents, Council's progress to date, and our aspirations for health and wellbeing.

A set of strategies and objectives to improve outcomes for the community are also included.

Following an analysis of health and wellbeing data for the City of Glen Eira and consultation feedback received from local health agencies and community members, six key priority areas have been established:

1. Demonstrate leadership, advocacy and collaboration.
2. Promote active lifestyles and healthy eating.
3. Reduce tobacco, alcohol and other drug consumption.
4. Respond to family violence.
5. Improve mental health and community connection.
6. Enhance public health protection.

Have your say

The community is invited to provide feedback on the draft *Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017–2021*.

The *Plan* is available online at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and

haveyoursaygleneira.com.au where you can submit a question, tell us your ideas, or express an opinion. Comments and submissions can also be sent via email — publichealth@gleneira.vic.gov.au — or via the post to Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162.

Residents are also invited to attend a community consultation forum on Wednesday 12 July from 10am to 12pm at Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion, corner North and Murrumbeena Roads, Murrumbeena or Thursday 13 July from 10am to 12pm at Caulfield Park Pavilion, Balaclava Road, Caulfield. The forums are a great opportunity to hear more about the *Plan* and provide Council with your feedback directly.

To register your interest for one of these forums, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email publichealth@gleneira.vic.gov.au

All feedback received will be assessed and reviewed, with a final report produced for Council consideration. Consultation closes Friday 28 July 2017.

Safe Food Guide

Glen Eira City Council's *Safe Food Guide* lists all five-star rated businesses that demonstrate excellence in relation to food safety when inspected by Council's environmental health officers throughout the previous registration period.

The *Guide* also recognises those businesses that implement healthy menu options and have received an award in Council's *Taste4Health* and *Taste4Health Kids* programs.

For further information, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and search 'Safe Food Guide'.

Please note: not all five-star food businesses are listed. Only businesses which have completed a consent form for their business to be published on Council's website have been listed.

Immunisation sessions

Bentleigh-Bayside Community Health
Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East
Wednesday 12 July and Wednesday 16 August 5.30pm–7.30pm
Thursday 27 July and Thursday 31 August 5.30pm–7.30pm
Saturday 22 July and Saturday 19 August 9am–11am

Carnegie Library and Community Centre
7 Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie
Wednesday 19 July and Wednesday 23 August 1pm–2.30pm and 5.30pm–7.30pm

DC Bricker — Princes Park
Beech Street, Caulfield South
Monday 31 July and Monday 28 August 9.30am–11.30am

Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium (entry via Glen Eira Road)
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
Tuesday 1 August and Tuesday 5 September 6pm–7pm
Tuesday 11 July and Tuesday 8 August 9.30am–11.30am

Glen Huntly Maternal and Child Health Centre
Corner Royal and Rosedale Avenues, Glen Huntly
Tuesday 11 July and Tuesday 8 August 9.30am–11.30am
Tuesday 1 August and Tuesday 5 September 6pm–7pm
McKinnon Public Hall
118 McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Monday 7 August and Monday 4 September 9.30am–11.30am



Council to present at Environmental Health Conference

Glen Eira City Council's Public Health Unit will be presenting at the *National Conference of Environmental Health Professionals* in Melbourne in September.

Invited by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, Council will address delegates from Victoria, interstate and overseas about its innovative approach to food safety regulating.

Council's Manager Public Health Tammy Gelley said Council is often approached by other local governments throughout Australia, state governments and international food safety governing bodies to discuss the program, with the intent of developing similar programs based on Glen Eira's principles.

"Over the past 10 years, Glen Eira's Public Health Unit has developed an approach to food safety services that is widely considered as leading practice throughout Australia and internationally," Mrs Gelley said.

"Our approach is based on the international food safety standard Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point and is underpinned by a *Five-Star Safe Food Program* for the local food industry.

The *Program* utilises a risk-based approach to food safety and is regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that it stays up-to-date with the latest food safety information and industry trends.

A *Safe Food Guide*, which is published on Council's website, supports the *Program* and informs the community about where it is safe to eat."





Smoke-free outdoor dining

From 1 August 2017, following changes to the *Tobacco Act 1987 (Tobacco Act)*, smoking will be banned in outdoor dining areas in Victoria.

This includes outdoor dining areas:

- at hospitality and food venues used for eating food. This includes footpath dining areas, courtyards and beer gardens during times food is being eaten, or is available to be eaten;
- at food fairs; and
- within 10 metres of a food stall or food vendor at organised events (other than a food fair).

To support smoke-free outdoor dining and minimise smoke drift, outdoor drinking areas where smoking is permitted under the certain conditions must be separated from outdoor dining

areas — including those at neighbouring premises — by either:

- a metre buffer zone; or
- a wall at least 2.1 metres high, such as a water resistant café blind.

If the separation requirement is not met, smoking is banned in the outdoor drinking area.

The smoking ban does not apply to outdoor areas where only snacks are eaten or provided. A snack is a pre-packaged shelf-stable food such as potato crisps, nuts and chocolate bars.

Businesses will also be required to display 'No Smoking' signage on their premises. Both customers and businesses that are found to be in breach of the new laws may face on-the-spot fines of \$155 and \$310 respectively.

There is strong community support and

compelling rationale for smoke-free outdoor dining. Smoke-free outdoor dining will:

- protect the community from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke;
- de-normalise smoking behaviours, which is particularly important for discouraging children from taking up smoking;
- support people who have recently quit smoking or who are trying to quit smoking by removing smoking visual cues and triggers; and
- improve Victorians' outdoor dining experience.

For further information, visit www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms or contact the Tobacco Information Line on 1300 136 775.

Winter food safety

While most people associate food poisoning with hot summers, the Food Safety Information Council is reminding community members about the risk from cooking in bulk.

Council Chair Rachele Williams said that this is a great time of year to cook 'winter warmers' such as soups, casseroles and stews or large amounts of rice and pasta, but if we don't handle them properly then they can be a food safety risk.

"Cooking in bulk is cost effective, saves time and reduces food waste. However, we need to be extra careful handling these large amounts of food because if they are left to cool slowly, bacteria can grow and produce dangerous toxins that won't be destroyed by further cooking," Ms Williams said.

"The main thing to remember is to divide any food that you aren't going to eat immediately into small portions about the size of a takeaway container. Do this as soon as the food has stopped steaming and refrigerate or freeze straight away. The food will cool quickest in small containers which will reduce the risk of the bacteria growing and producing toxins.

"Refrigerated leftovers should be used or frozen within two to three days. They will keep several months in the freezer. When reheating food, ensure that it is hot all the way through — follow any microwave prompts to stir it or leave it to stand and use a thermometer to ensure it is at least 75°C in the centre.

"If you use a slow cooker, always follow the instructions and make sure it keeps the food at a safe holding temperature of 60°C or above until you are ready to eat it."

Gastro causing norovirus is also more common in cooler weather. If you or your children have gastro symptoms, it is best to stay at home until symptoms have stopped so you don't spread the virus around your workplace or school.

Council commences Meningococcal W vaccination program

A free, one-year school-based Meningococcal W vaccination program has commenced in the City of Glen Eira.

Approximately 3,800 students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be eligible to receive the vaccine this year, which will be administered by Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation team.

The 15 to 19 year age group was chosen based on the recommendation of national immunisation experts, who found that adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease and more likely to spread the disease to others.

Meningococcal bacteria are passed from

person to person by regular, close, prolonged household and intimate contact. In a small number of people, the bacteria can enter the bloodstream and cause invasive meningococcal disease, which can develop very quickly and causes death in about five to 10 per cent of cases.

As of 13 June 2017, there have been 31 cases of invasive Meningococcal disease notified to the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services. Of the cases in 2017 to date, 15 were due to serogroup W.

The Meningococcal W vaccine to be used in the upcoming program gives combined

protection against four meningococcal serogroups — A, C W and Y.



Special four-year-old immunisation sessions 2017

Glen Eira City Council's Immunisation Service is offering immunisation sessions for four-year-old children in 2017.

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 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 August
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Roads
Bentleigh East

Wednesday 6 September
4pm–6pm

Carnegie Library and
Community Centre
7 Shepparton Avenue
Carnegie

Saturday 7 October
9.30am–11.30am

Bentleigh-Bayside
Community Health
Gardeners Roads
Bentleigh East

Community Diary

Please note: due to the high volume of submissions we receive, entries must be submitted monthly. Only submissions received each month will be published. For a list of the deadlines, 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, 2A Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 1800 644 189.

Bentleigh Bowling Club: would you like to play lawn bowls? We run a winter bowls competition every Saturday at 12.30pm at 1 Higgins Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9557 4418.

Bentleigh Ladies Probus Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10am at the Uniting Church, 497 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9557 4765.

Carnegie Masters Swimming Club Inc. is recruiting new members for its upcoming season, which commences on Sunday 5 November from 9am to 10am at Carnegie Swim Centre, Moira Avenue Carnegie. Contact: 0447 650 222.

Carnegie/Murrumbeena Senior Citizens Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 1pm to 4pm at Carnegie Library and Community Centre. 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. Cost: \$5. Contact: 9822 2064.

Centenary Park Tennis Club welcomes new players of all standards for social tennis on Wednesdays from 7.45pm at 120 Brady Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 0432 942 798.

Centre Bentleigh Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 1.30pm at the Bailey Reserve Hall (previously YWCA Hall), 178 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9570 7045.

Glen Eira Brass Band rehearses every Wednesday from 7.30pm at the back of Caulfield Park Bowls Club. Contact: 0408 354 398.

Glen Eira City Choir invites singers to join us for our upcoming concert in October: *The Creation*. Additional tenors urgently required. Rehearsals are held every Monday at 7.45pm at the Indonesian Uniting Church Hall, 158 Balaclava Road, Caulfield. Contact: 9578 1947.

Glen Eira Combined Probus Club meets on the fourth Friday of every month from 10am to 2pm at The Bentleigh Club, 33 Yawla Street, Bentleigh. Contact: 9563 5059.

East Brighton Laughter Club meets every Tuesday from 6pm to 7pm at Melbourne Montessori School, 741 Hawthorn Road, Brighton East. Contact: 0419 100 533.

Living with Dementia Jewish Support Group will meet on Thursday 27 July from 7.30pm to 9pm at Temple Beth Israel, 76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda. Contact: 9510 1488.

Moorleigh U3A, Moorleigh Community Village, 92 Bignell Road, East Bentleigh, offers classes for a vast range of interests. Live, learn and enjoy these activities in a relaxed and social environment. Contact: 9570 3929.

Oakdale Angling Club meets fortnightly on Wednesday nights at 8pm at Murrumbeena Park Hall. Car park entry off Bute or Erindale Streets. A fishing club for the whole family. 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 welcomes new players on Wednesday nights at 8.15pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond. Contact: 9578 1947.

Ormond Senior Citizens Club welcomes new members for its many activity groups, including Zumba, yoga, line dancing, and chess. Contact: 0400 300 339.

Phoenix Park Table Tennis is held on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm and 5.30pm to 9.30pm. Contact: 0412 804 036.

Port Philip Life Activities Club: are you over 45, retired, nearing retirement, experiencing life changes and looking to meet new friends? We have a wide variety of activities. Contact: 0459 333 150.

Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club meets on the first Monday of every month at 10am at Bentleigh RSL, 538 Centre Road, Bentleigh. Contact: 9570 6766.

Scottish Country Dancing Group meets every Tuesday from 1pm to 3.15pm

in Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner Booran and North Roads, Ormond. Cost: \$5. Contact: 9578 1062.

The Bayside Computer Club meets on the third Thursday of every month from 10am to 12pm at St Stephen's Church Hall, corner Cochrane and North Roads, Brighton. Contact: 9596 3441.

Waverley Communicators meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7.45pm at Bendigo Bank Meeting Hub, 436 Neerim Road, Murrumbeena. Contact: 9578 1947.

EVENTS

The Handmade Show will be held on Saturday 15 July from 10.30am to 3.30pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, corner Grange and Neerim Roads, Glen Huntly. Contact: www.thehandmadeshow.blogspot.com

St John's Uniting Church annual social justice lunch will be held on Sunday 16 July at 12.30pm at St John's Uniting Church, 567 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Guest speaker: Servants Community Housing CEO Amanda Donohoe. Bookings essential. Contact: 9530 0684.

Team of Pianists concert *Asian Winds and a Water Sprite* will be held on Sunday 16 July at 6.30pm at Rippon Lea, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick. Chie Haur Foo (flute), Teng Aik Lim (bassoon) and Zhang Chi (piano) will perform. Ticket prices: teamofpianists.com.au Contact: 9527 2851.

Bentleigh Baby and Kids Market will be held on Saturday 22 July from 9.30am to 1pm at St Johns Church Hall, corner Tucker and Centre Roads, Bentleigh East. Contact: 9557 2226.

COMMUNITY

Australian Multicultural Community Services is seeking volunteers who speak Italian, Greek, Polish, Russian and Croatian to visit socially isolated seniors in their own homes one hour per fortnight. Contact: 9689 9170.

Caulfield Community Toy Library welcomes new members. Join online or visit us at 12 Munro Avenue, Carnegie. Opening hours: Wednesday, 7.30pm to 8.30pm; Thursday, 10am to 11.30am; and Saturdays, 10am to 12.30pm. The library is closed school holidays, public holidays and long weekends.

Visit caulfieldtoylibrary.com
Contact: 0448 770 142.

Caulfield South Community House offers dining in cooking classes; art therapy and mindfulness; computer classes; a walking group; low impact exercise classes; Yoga; and English as a Second Language (beginner, intermediate and advanced classroom style sessions). Contact: 9596 8643.

Dog/pet sitting club: new members invited to join a dog/pet sitting club. Members would look after each other's animals whilst away. Contact: 0405 081 841 or 0408 102 552 (SMS only).

Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre offers iPad for Chinese; computer programs; digital technology; MYOB; medical reception and building employability skills; writing, painting and drawing classes; chi yoga; and laughter wellness. Contact: 9578 8996.

Godfrey Street Community House is taking enrolments for three-year-old kinder and childcare for 2018 (both five hour sessions). It also offers a range of classes, including writing for pleasure classes; pen and ink (wash); water colour and acrylic painting; and a range of computer classes. Contact: 9557 9037.

Justice of Peace document signing service operates at Caulfield Police Station for the witnessing of documents, and certifying copies, Monday to Thursday, 6.30pm to 8pm and Wednesdays, 12pm to 2pm. Contact: 9524 9500.

School readiness groups: your child can practice skills and you can get ideas for successful transition. Run by two occupational therapists, the next groups will be held from 11 to 14 July from 9.30am to 12pm at Highett Neighbourhood House, 2 Livingston Street, Highett. Contact: 0425 805 864 or 0478 111 660.

Take a Bow is held every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm at St. Anthony's Pavilion, corner Grange and Neerim Roads, Glen Huntly. Suitable for children aged six to 10. Contact: 0403 800 576.

Yoga classes are held on Wednesdays, 6pm and 7.30pm and Thursdays, 6pm at Ormond Uniting Church Hall, corner North and Booran Roads, Ormond. Contact: 0418 492 540.

Language Line

提供残障通道对生意大有好处

为了提高人们对社区多样化的了解并支持建设包容的社区，Glen Eira市政府与其他一些市政府协作制订了《你、我、我们 – 达到包容》的计划。

现有一些短视频供企业了解怎样适应并吸引更多的残障顾客。

改变建筑物和布局，提高员工的意识，这都有助于提高营业额。一些简单的改变也会很有效果，比如清除走道中的杂物，或备好可移动的坡道。

Glen Eira居民Jen参与了一个关注建筑物便于残障人通行的短视频拍摄。

Jen对《Glen Eira新闻》说，她使用轮椅，加上患有弱视，因此残障通道对她非常重要。

Jen还说：“商店努力改善残障人的通行便利，比如在门口安装坡道或确保地面没有太多的杂物，这样就方便我走动。”

“残障人跟其他人一样。我们会是欢迎我们、提供良好的顾客服务的店家的回头客。

“店家花时间使商店更加便于残障人通行，这给了我和许多居住在Glen Eira市政区或来访的人提供了很大便利。”

如想通过视频看你的生意可怎样获益，请登录网页www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusinesses如需详情，请联系市政府MetroAccess官员，电话9524 3333或电子邮箱metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Η καλή πρόσβαση κάνει καλό στην επιχείρησή

Στην προσπάθεια να προωθηθεί η κατανόηση της ποικιλομορφίας στην κοινότητα και να υποστηριχθεί η ανάπτυξη ενσωματωμένων κοινοτήτων ο Δήμος Glen Eira, σε συνεργασία με άλλους δήμους, ανέπτυξε το πρόγραμμα *ΕσείςΕγώΕμείς - Πώς να πετύχουμε την Ενσωμάτωση (YouMeUs - Achieving Inclusion)*.

Διατίθεται μια σειρά από σύντομα βίντεο για τις επιχειρήσεις ώστε να μάθουν πώς να μπορούν να προσαρμοστούν και να προσελκύσουν περισσότερους πελάτες με αναπηρία στις επιχειρήσεις τους.

Η πραγματοποίηση αλλαγών στο κτήριο και στη διαρρύθμισή σας και η αύξηση της κατανόησης του προσωπικού σας προσφέρει τη δυνατότητα να αυξήσετε το τζίρο σας. Οι αλλαγές μπορεί να είναι πολύ απλές για παράδειγμα να διατηρείτε τους διαδρόμους στο κατάστημά σας χωρίς εμπόδια και να εκπαιδεύσετε το προσωπικό σας ή να πάρετε μια φορητή ράμπα.

Η Jen, που είναι κάτοικος στο Glen Eira, πρωταγωνιστεί σε ένα από τα βίντεο που επικεντρώνεται στην προσβασιμότητα των κτηρίων.

Η Jen είπε στην τοπική εφημερίδα *Glen Eira News* ότι ως άτομο που χρησιμοποιεί αναπηρικό καροτσάκι και επίσης έχει μειωμένη όραση, η

προσβασιμότητα είναι πραγματικά σημαντική για αυτήν.

«Είναι θαυμάσιο όταν τα καταστήματα κάνουν μια προσπάθεια να βελτιώσουν την πρόσβαση όπως η εγκατάσταση ράμπας στην είσοδο ή να εξασφαλίζουν ότι δεν υπάρχουν πολλά πράγματα στο δάπεδο ώστε να μπορεί να μετακινούμε εύκολα μέσα στο κατάστημα» ανέφερε η Jen.

«Τα άτομα με αναπηρίες είναι το ίδιο όπως όλοι οι άλλοι. Ξαναπηγαίνουμε σ’ ένα μέρος που είναι φιλικό και παρέχει καλή εξυπηρέτηση πελατών.

«Όταν οι καταστηματάρχες αφιερώνουν χρόνο για να κάνουν τα καταστήματά τους πιο προσβάσιμα, κάνει μια τεράστια διαφορά σε μένα και σε πολλούς άλλους ανθρώπους που κατοικούν ή επισκέπτονται το Δήμο Glen Eira». Για να παρακολουθήσετε τα βίντεο και να δείτε πώς μπορεί να ωφεληθεί η επιχείρησή σας, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusinesses

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες επικοινωνήστε με τον αρμόδιο δημοτικό υπάλληλο του τμήματος MetroAccess στο 9524 3333 ή στείλτε ηλεκτρονικό μήνυμα στο metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au

व्यवसाय के लिए अच्छी पहुँच अच्छी रहती है

समुदाय में विविधता की समझ को बढ़ावा देने और समेकित समुदायों के विकास को समर्थन देने के प्रयास में ग्लेन एरा सिटी काउंसिल ने कई अन्य परिषदों के साथ संयोजन में *यूमीअस – अचीविंग इंकलूज़न* को विकसित किया है।

व्यवसायों के लिए लघु वीडियो की एक श्रृंखला उपलब्ध है जिससे कि वे यह सीख पाएँ कि वे अपने व्यवसायों को विकलांगता-ग्रस्त ग्राहकों के लिए कैसे अनुकूलित कर सकते हैं और उन्हें कैसे आकर्षित कैसे कर सकते हैं।

अपनी इमारत और अवरचना में परिवर्तन करने और अपने कर्मचारियों की समझ में वृद्धि करने से कारोबार को बढ़ाया जा सकता है। परिवर्तन करना आसान हो सकता है – जैसे गलियारों को अवरोधों से मुक्त रखना और कर्मचारियों को प्रशिक्षित करना, या एक ढलान वाला पटरा लगाना जिसे हटाया जा सके।

ग्लेन एरा की निवासी जेन सुविधाओं के निर्माण पर केंद्रित एक वीडियो में उपस्थित है।

जेन ने ग्लेन एरा न्यूज को बताया कि व्हीलचेयर का उपयोग करने वाले और कम दृष्टि वाले एक व्यक्ति के रूप में अच्छी पहुँच होना उसके लिए वास्तव में महत्वपूर्ण है।

“जब दुकानें पहुँच को बेहतर बनाने के लिए कोशिश करती हैं, जैसे प्रवेश में ढलान वाला पटरा लगाना, या यह सुनिश्चित करना कि फर्श पर बहुत ज़्यादा चीजें बिखरी हुई नहीं हैं जिससे कि मैं आसानी से इधर-उधर जा सकूँ, तो यह बहुत अच्छा रहता है,” जेन ने कहा।

“विकलांगता-ग्रस्त लोग अन्य लोगों के जैसे ही होते हैं। हम ऐसी जगहों पर वापिस जाते हैं जो स्वागतमय होती हैं और अच्छी ग्राहक सेवा प्रदान करती हैं।”

“जब लोग अपनी दुकानों को और अधिक सुलभ बनाने के लिए

समय लेते हैं, तो इससे मेरे लिए और ऐसे कई अन्य लोगों के लिए बहुत बड़ा अंतर पड़ता है जो सिटी ऑफ ग्लेन एरा में रहते हैं या यहाँ आते-जाते हैं।”

वीडियो देखने के लिए और यह जानने के लिए कि आपका व्यवसाय कैसे लाभ उठा सकता है, वेबसाइट www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusinesses पर जाएँ।

और अधिक जानकारी के लिए काउंसिल के मेट्रोएक्सेस अधिकारी से 9524 3333 पर संपर्क करें या metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au पर ईमेल भेजें।

L’accessibilità fa bene agli affari

Al fine di promuovere un maggiore comprensione della diversità in seno alla comunità e per sostenere lo sviluppo di comunità inclusive, il comune di Glen Eira, in collaborazione con una serie di altri comuni, ha sviluppato il programma *YouMeUs – Achieving Inclusion*.

Si tratta di una serie di brevi video a disposizione delle attività commerciali in modo tale che possano imparare come adeguarsi e attrarre più clienti portatori di disabilità.

Apportare dei cambiamenti all’edificio e alla disposizione ed incentivare la comprensione del vostro personale ha il potenziale di aumentare il fatturato. Può trattarsi di cambiamenti semplici come sgomberare le aree di passaggio, offrire formazione al personale o dotarsi di una rampa di accesso portatile.

In uno dei video dedicati all’accessibilità degli edifici è presente anche Jen, una residente di Glen Eira.

Jen ha dichiarato al *Glen Eira News* che essendo una persona ipovedente e che ha bisogno della sedia a rotelle, l’accessibilità è estremamente importante per lei.

“Fa piacere quando i negozi si adoperano per migliorare l’accesso attraverso l’installazione di rampe d’ingresso o assicurandosi che non vi siano troppi oggetti ingombranti sul pavimento, in modo tale che ci si possa muovere intorno con facilità” ha fatto sapere Jen.

“Le persone portatrici di disabilità siamo persone come tutte le altre. Continuiamo a tornare nei luoghi che ci fanno sentire ben accetti e ci forniscono un ottimo servizio”.

“Quando gli esercenti fanno in modo che le loro attività commerciali siano maggiormente accessibili, questo fa un enorme differenza per me e per le tante persone che vivono o visitano il comune di Glen Eira”.

Per guardare i video e vedere come la vostra attività commerciale possa trarne benefici visitate il sito www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusinesses

Per ulteriori informazioni contattate il funzionario MetroAccess del comune al numero 9524 3333 o all’indirizzo email metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Удобство доступа помогает бизнесу

Муниципалитет Glen Eira совместно с другими муниципалитетами Мельбурна разработал новую инициативу: *YouMeUs — Achieving Inclusion (Ты / Я / Мы – Вместе)*. Цель инициативы – сделать места общественного пользования в муниципалитете более доступными для инвалидов.

В серия коротких видео презентаций, подготовленных в рамках программы для владельцев бизнесов, показано, как можно перестроить физическую инфраструктуру и привлечь клиентов, имеющих инвалидность.

Небольшие изменения в здании / помещении, где находится ваш бизнес, а также подготовка персонала могут существенно увеличить ваш оборот. И часто это такие простые меры, как расчистка проходов, наличие передвижного съезда для инвалидовных колясок, тренировка персонала.

В одной из видео презентаций житель Glen Eira, которую зовут Jen, говорит о важности физического доступа в здание.

Jen рассказала нам, что для нее этот фактор особенно важен, так как она плохо видит и передвигается на инвалидной коляске.

“Для меня очень важно, когда в магазине оборудован вход для инвалидов, и расчищены проходы, так что я могу передвигаться внутри магазина на коляске,” говорит Jen.

“Инвалиды – это такие же клиенты и потребители, как и все остальные. Мы возвращаемся в тот бизнес, где нас хорошо обслуживают и рады нас видеть.

“Изменения, которые владельцы бизнеса могут сделать, чтобы нам было удобнее, имеют огромное значение для меня и многих других жителей и гостей муниципалитета Glen Eira.”

Видео презентации для владельцев бизнесов находятся на сайте: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusinesses

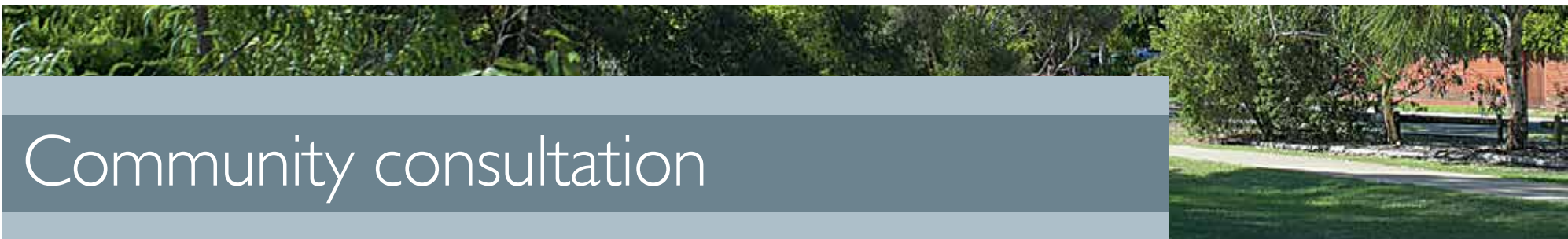
Дополнительная информация – в отделе муниципалитета MetroAccess по тел. 9524 3333 или напишите нам – email metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Community consultation

Consultation involves the community in Glen Eira City Council’s planning and activities and helps Council to understand the community’s priorities and issues.

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

Subject	Type	Date	Where
<i>Draft Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy</i>	<i>Comments and submissions</i>	Closes Wednesday 12 July 2017	Website: www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au Email: recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au Telephone: Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333.
<i>Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017–2021</i>	<i>Community forum</i>	Thursday 27 July 2017 7pm to 8.30pm	Glen Eira Town Hall — Caulfield Cup Room Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield
<i>Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan</i>	<i>Comments and submissions</i>	Closes Friday 28 July 2017	Community forums: Wednesday 12 July, 10am–12pm, Duncan Mackinnon Pavilion or Thursday 13 July, 10am–12pm, Caulfield Park Pavilion Website: www.gleneira.vic.gov.au or www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au Email: publichealth@gleneira.vic.gov.au Post: PO Box 42, Caulfield South 3162 Telephone: 9524 3333



Arts and culture

Gallery

Imagined Worlds
Until 9 July
Presented in association with the
2017 Glen Eira Storytelling Festival

Bring the whole family and become immersed in a fascinating and magical exhibition that celebrates the imagined worlds of fairytales, storytelling, mythology and fantasy. This exhibition includes artworks by Charles Blackman, Michael Doolan, Kyoko Imazu, Amanda Marburg, Mirka Mora, Polixeni Papapetrou and Jacqui Stockdale.



Michael Doolan
Pinocchio 2015
 Ceramic, steel, resin, auto
 enamel and wood
 49 x 20 x 19 cm
 Courtesy of Michael Reid
 Sydney + Berlin

Unfolding Time
Eleanor Hart
13–30 July

This exhibition will feature paintings and drawings that are part of a series referencing the title *Unfolding Time*; the artist's cultural heritage; her visual research about place and memory; and dealing with 'escaping' from Vienna in the war years. The energy in Eleanor Hart's work has been encapsulated by the discovery of letters written in gothic German that were hidden and revealed decades later. The concept of *Unfolding Time* resonates through the painterly abstraction that is the vibrating medium.

Floor talk by artist Eleanor Hart
Friday 21 July, 12.30pm
Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Free admission

The Voyage
Phil Kreveld
13–30 July

This exhibition will reference the artist's cultural heritage and universal themes through a compelling selection of paintings, drawings and prints. Phil Kreveld said that one's voyage through life is perceived looking back, and that his paintings look back through his Jewish roots becoming distinguishable, impelling him to reflect on *diaspora* (diaspora) Originally referring to the scattering of

Jews, Phil attempts to show that cultural heritage and shared humanity more than native soil not only define us, but create bonds we break at our peril.

Floor talk by artist Phil Kreveld
Friday 28 July, 12.30pm
Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Free admission



Phil Kreveld
The Voyage 2015
 Shellac, ink, acrylic, egg tempera and
 oil on Belgian linen
 180 x 250 cm

The many faces of creativity
An exhibition by students in Years
9, 10 and 12 from McKinnon
Secondary College
13–30 July
Gallery Annexe

This exhibition is a snapshot of creative thinking featuring artworks by students in Years 9, 10 and 12 from McKinnon Secondary College. The students have created a diverse range of artworks utilising innovative materials and techniques from dramatic resin works, delicate watercolours and portraits, drawn entirely with galvanised wire aged over time using rusting techniques. Each work is unique and beautifully conveys the individual talents of the students as emerging artists.

Gallery details

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

Opening times: Monday–Friday,
 10am–5pm, Saturday and Sunday,
 1pm–5pm. Closed public holidays.

Free admission. Phone: 9524 3333.

Glen Eira
 City Council
 gallery

Call-out for arts and culture events

Glen Eira City Council offers Glen Eira based not-for-profit community groups with the opportunity to publish any arts and culture related events on its community events listing page on Council's website.

If you are interested in submitting your event, visit
www.gleneira.vic.gov.au and search 'Arts and Culture Events'.

Arts and Culture events Expression of Interest

Calling all food vendors, community groups and performers. Express your interest in participating in Glen Eira City Council's community festivals or events by completing an online Expression of Interest.

Visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Places-and-events/Arts-and-Culture



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Glen Eira Arts and Culture



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arts@gleneira.vic.gov.au

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2017 Sounds of Glen Eira call-out

Don't miss out on an opportunity to showcase your talent at the *2017 Sounds of Glen Eira* music event on Friday 11 August.

Selected acts will compete for the chance to win a two day professional recording session with an experienced sound engineer at Glen Eira Youth Service's very own recording studio to record, mix and master their work. One of the finalists may also be chosen to play at Council's *Party in the Park* event in 2018.

Entries close 4pm Friday 21 July.

To enter, submit your demo to the Youth Information Centre, 86 Robert Street, Bentleigh.

Acts can include bands, vocalists,

instrumentalists and acoustic performers with a significant link to Glen Eira.

Sounds of Glen Eira is a fully supervised drug, alcohol and smoke free event. Entry is free, no pass outs for young people aged under 18 years.

For further information, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



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Glen Eira City Council — Youth Services



Need someone to talk to?

Glen Eira City Council Youth Services provides free and confidential one-on-one support to young people in Glen Eira.

Glen Eira youth workers can meet with young people to talk about their issues and provide advice and guidance. They can also make referrals for further support if required.

If you or someone you know would like to meet with a youth worker, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676.



Resilience Youth Survey

Glen Eira Youth Services has partnered with Schools Focused Youth Services and Resilient Youth to provide the *Resilience Youth Survey* free of charge to all schools within the City of Glen Eira.

The online survey is designed for schools. It collects, collates and analyses the self-reported strengths and areas of improvement in young people's wellbeing and resilience.

Resilience relates to a young person's ability to cope with difficult situations and their ability 'bounce back' when things go wrong.

The results from the *Resilience Youth Survey* will provide relevant and actionable data to aid schools and Council in planning and implementing targeted resilience-building initiatives for young people in our community.

Twenty-five schools in Glen Eira have already signed up, with more than 6,500 students participating in the *Resilience Youth Survey* during term two.

This will add to the 160,000 young people in more than 800 schools across Australia who have taken part in the *Resilience Youth Survey*.



The Schools Focused Youth Services Resilience Survey Project Breakfast Forum was held earlier this year. Attendees heard about the benefits of using the Survey.

How's your headspace?

headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services for 12 to 25 year olds. headspace can also provide services in physical health (GP), study/employment, life skills, and peer support groups.

So if you need to talk to a psychologist, counsellor or social worker, you can drop in to your nearest headspace centre or access online support by visiting www.eheadspace.org.au

Local headspace centres can be found at:

Bentleigh headspace
Ground Floor, 973 Nepean Highway,
Bentleigh
Phone: 9076 9400

Elsternwick headspace
319-321 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick
Phone: 9076 7500



Play space and open space upgrade at Harleston Park



Harleston Park is named after the hometown and birthplace in Norfolk of Sir Fredrick Grimwade who built Grimwade House — formerly Harleston House — in 1875. The property on which the house and gardens stood occupied the whole of the block now bounded by Orrong and Balaclava Roads. In 1917, seven acres including Grimwade House was donated to Melbourne Grammar School by the Grimwade family.

Harleston Park is a wonderful open space that provides a mixture of well-established trees, grassed lawn areas and a play space.

The current playground area and park infrastructure require replacement and this presents an opportunity to provide contemporary spaces, catering for a variety of community uses.

A concept design has been developed for new play and activity spaces. The concept seeks to complement the existing natural water play and introduces new sensory and challenging play elements.

This includes reconfiguring the playground and incorporating nature-based play, such as timber cubby houses, scrambling rocks, challenging logger steps, a sensory maze and a giant

sand pit. Native plantings will feature throughout the play space and a feature acorn cubby pays tribute to the pin oaks that grace the site. A new public toilet is also proposed.

The next stage will include a new multiplay area, providing a space for ball sports and which feature netball and basketball areas. A secondary shelter, barbecue area and seating areas are also proposed.

This upgrade aligns with Council's *Open Space Strategy* in ensuring that the park is meeting the local community needs as the population changes.

Plans are available from Council's Service Centre, Glen Eira libraries or www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/openspace

There are a number of ways to provide feedback or to get further information — contact Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333, email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au or visit haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/harlestonpark

Parts of Harleston Park will be closed during the works period. Council will communicate the timing of the park closure in due course.



Fantastic new improvements at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve

The open space areas in Duncan Mackinnon Reserve are set for a major upgrade.

The landscape enhancement works include improving access to Crosbie Road. New stairs and a central pathway will connect Crosbie and Murrumbeena Roads. This pathway will also be lit, providing a safe path of travel.

A new outdoor fitness station will be set in the open space in the south east corner of the reserve, near the corner of Crosbie and North Roads.

There will be a new shelter and seating area provided for the northern oval.

Feature garden beds will also be constructed and landscaped with native themed shrubs. A mixture of native and evergreen trees will be planted throughout the park.

These projects improve the park infrastructure and pedestrian circuits through the reserve, and continue the implementation of the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Masterplan.



School holiday fun at GESAC

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) is the perfect destination these school holidays to keep your child active in a fun and safe environment.

The waterslides will be open Monday to Friday, 10am to 7pm and Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 6.30pm. The giant inflatable obstacle course will be open from 12pm to 3pm.

In addition, GESAC will hold its *Fast-Lane* holiday program. The program offers swimming lessons every morning Monday to Friday to accelerate progression. This program is open to swim school members and the public.

Captain Swimlot is scheduled to make regular appearances with lots of fun and activities planned for the kids.

Team Holiday, a multi award-winning school holiday program provider, will also run a range of fun and interactive activities for kids aged five to 11.

All activities will utilise the state-of-the-art facilities in and around GESAC — the swimming pools, stadium courts, surrounding parks and playground.

The program operates during the holiday period Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. You can enrol in as many or as few days as you like.

Sports lovers are also well catered for with two separate holiday programs on offer at different times over the two-week holiday period. *Hoopsmart* and *Sportsbuzz* will run sports-based programs within GESAC. Further information can be obtained by visiting each organisation's respective website.

The courts are also available for casual basketball shooting.

For further information on the exciting GESAC school holiday programs, contact GESAC on 9570 9200.

CommBank cricket sponsorship for clubs

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia is providing support for grassroots cricket by offering clubs a chance to win a two year sponsorship.

Successful cricket clubs will receive a two year helping hand of \$2,000 per year, brand new cricket equipment and CommBank gear including marquees for game days.

Applications close Monday 7 August. For further information, visit www.commbank.com.au



Memorial Park adorns new shade sails

To complement the open space enhancements at Memorial Park, new heritage-coloured shade sails have been installed over the play equipment to provide some shade for hot days, while allowing the cool air to circulate underneath.

The shade sails also provide some protection from rain, which is great news for playground goers as the weather becomes wetter in the winter months. The fabrics used are water resistant, which will diffuse rain but will not keep the area completely dry.

The shade sails also provide excellent protection from harmful UV rays. Although they do block out most UV rays, it is advisable that you do not rely on this as your only protection from the sun, even during winter.



Free film streaming with Kanopy

If you're interested in independent, international, classic, or documentary films, get out your library card and sign up for Kanopy, Glen Eira Libraries' newest on-demand video streaming service.

You can stream more than 26,000 films, including award-winning documentaries, indie and foreign films, Australian films, television series, must-see classics and blockbuster movies on every topic imaginable.

For further information and to view terms and conditions, visit library.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Holiday Mania

Glen Eira Libraries are offering a range of creative free events over the July school holidays.

Children are not to be left unattended at *Holiday Mania* workshops. Children must be signed in and out by the responsible adult.

Build It!
Wednesday 12 July, 2pm–5pm
Caulfield Library

Use wooden pieces to build your own little house, money box or spinning top. All pieces fit together (no nails or glue). You can then use stickers and coloured pens to decorate your creation.

Suitable for children aged four and over.

Free. No bookings required. Wait times may apply.



Wednesday 12 July, 2pm–5pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre

Be creative and keep warm this winter. Children will create and keep their own beanie masterpiece. Suitable for children aged three and over. Free. No bookings required. Wait times may apply.

Pica-Pair
Thursday 13 July, 2pm–5pm
Bentleigh Library



Colour your own Pica-Pair card game, and then have hours of fun playing with your family and friends. Suitable for children aged four and over. Free. No bookings required. Wait times may apply.

Battling the bugs of winter: a guide to improving immunity

Sunday 23 July, 2pm–3pm
Glen Eira Town Hall — Theatrette

Book online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au, at the libraries or contact 9524 3700.

Winter is here and so is the cold and flu season. While it isn't always possible to avoid catching a bug, you can ensure it doesn't knock you around by boosting your immune system before it strikes.

Presented by Clinical Nutritionist and owner of Nourish Nutrition and Lifestyle Coaching Heather Smith, you will learn:

- about your body's natural defence system and how it works;
- how everyday choices can make a big difference; and
- how to use nature's superfoods to build a strong immune system.



Green cleaning workshop with Green Genie

Sunday 30 July, 2pm–4pm
Carnegie Library and Community Centre — Boyd Room



In this informative and hands-on workshop, you will learn the advantages of green cleaning, the evidence behind it, and how easy it can be to introduce cheaper, less toxic and more environmentally friendly products into your household.

Participants will enjoy demonstrations and hands-on activities. Participants will also take home a helpful pack of materials and resources to create a range of green cleaning products at home.

Green Genie is passionate about promoting healthy people and a healthy planet with her unique range of sustainable and healthy living workshops.

Book online at library.gleneira.vic.gov.au, at the libraries or contact 9524 3700.

Free library app

Take the library wherever you go with our free app — *Glen Eira Libraries*.

You will get quick and easy access to library services, including access to our catalogue, scan barcodes instore to check if books are available at the library, log onto your library account to reserve and renew items, download e-books and use other digital collections,

plus links to events, social media and much more.

Use the app on your phone to borrow at the library if you don't have your library card with you.

Download today from the App Store or Google Play.

Book Chats

Book Chats are a relaxed and informal chat about books and reading and a great way to meet people in your area.

Held each month from 2pm to 3pm, *Book Chats* discuss a new topic each month. Come along, sit back and enjoy the discussion. No bookings required.

July — Families behaving badly
Elsternwick Library, Tuesday 18 July

Bentleigh Library, Wednesday 19 July

August — Greatest literary villains
Carnegie Library and Community Centre, Wednesday 2 August
Elsternwick Library, Tuesday 15 August
Bentleigh Library, Wednesday 16 August

Glen Eira: building a connection economy



How has Glen Eira City Council been supporting local business and economic development?

Since 2002, Council has been supporting local businesses to develop through business education seminars and workshops, monthly Women's Business Network meetings and two free programs that link small businesses with volunteer business mentors (*Mentor Partners Program*) and tertiary student industry projects (*BusEd Program*).

Why change our approach?

The changing landscape, not just of business, but also of how we live, means that the needs of the business and professional community are also changing, prompting Council to review its approach to supporting the economic development of our City.

What has the community said?

Earlier this year, we undertook our *Glen Eira women: tell us what you need to help you succeed* consultation to better understand how women in business and employment in Glen Eira would like Council to support them. The main outcome of this consultation was a clear message that women would like Council to connect them as peers, based on a common theme or situation, to support each other to collaborate, learn and grow. Council has also undertaken extensive

community consultation as it seeks to create a vision for Glen Eira's key activity centres, and the City as a whole. This has been done through the *Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy*, which Council is currently finalising. An important component of this *Strategy* is promoting the economic vitality of the municipality and supporting the development of employment opportunities for residents within close proximity to their homes, as currently 80 per cent of Glen Eira residents commute outside of our City for work.

Building a connection economy

The community consultations and findings from economic forecasting reports both point to the same approach for achieving the goals of businesses, individuals and the municipality as a whole: that value is created through connection and collaboration. As such, Council is realigning its economic development strategy to support the development of a 'connection economy'.

Our municipality has a wealth of experienced and enthusiastic entrepreneurs and highly-skilled professionals. Council receives many requests from individuals wishing to connect with other businesses and professionals in the area to network, offer

and receive support, share learning and collaborate.

Connect and grow

To facilitate connection, collaboration and growth within our City, Council is providing forums, programs and opportunities for businesses and individuals to 'connect and grow'.

Council will also explore how technology may be applied to support the development of our 'connection economy'.

The *Mentor Partners Program* and *BusEd Program* will continue to provide support to our local businesses, with both programs well-aligned with connection and growth.

New forums, programs and opportunities will be announced over the coming 12 months, with a women's peer mentoring event to be held in August 2017.

I'm interested. How do I get involved?

For further information, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Connect-and-grow

If you would like to join our electronic mailing list to receive updates on upcoming forums and programs, email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Good access is good for business

One in five people in Australia experience some form of disability — in Glen Eira that equates to approximately 29,000 people. People with disabilities, like everyone else, want to purchase goods and services and participate in community life with their family and friends. If your business is not accessible, you could be missing out on a significant proportion of customers.

In the effort to promote an understanding of diversity in the community and support the development of inclusive communities, Glen Eira City Council, in conjunction with a number of other councils, has developed *YouMeUs — Achieving Inclusion*.

This series of short videos is available for businesses to learn how they can adapt their businesses to attract more customers with a disability.

Making changes to your building and layout and increasing the understanding of your staff, all have the potential to increase turnover. Changes can be as simple as clearing aisles and training staff, or getting a portable ramp.

Glen Eira resident Jen features in one of the videos focusing on building accessibility.

"As a person who uses a wheelchair — and who also has low vision — accessibility is very important to me," Jen said.

"It's great when shops have made an effort to improve access like installing ramps at the entrance, or making sure there is not too much clutter on the floor so I can move around easily.

"People with disabilities are just like everyone else. We go back to places that are welcoming and provide good customer service.

To watch the videos, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/accessiblebusiness

Connect and grow with us in 2017

Get together — trader purpose groups July–December 2017

Council will hold a number of facilitated 'purpose groups' — a small informal get together of local traders — with a goal to encourage peer support, information and idea sharing, as well as identifying opportunities for existing and new local traders.

Glen Eira place-making officers will facilitate the first meetings with a view to them being future driven by local traders, for local traders.

BusEd Program July 2017

Expressions of interest are closing soon for the second semester of our *BusEd Program*, which includes website projects, student placements and basic marketing plans. Projects commence in August. Contact 9524 3333 to discuss.

Women's Peer Mentoring event August 2017

Details to come.

Mentor Partners Program September 2017

Applications open for our *Mentor Partners Program*.

Connection economy October 2017

Special event to learn about the *Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy* and discuss the nature of a 'connection economy'. More details to come.

To join our mailing list, email businessdevelopment@gleneira.vic.gov.au

For further information, visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Connect-and-grow

Winter wonderland comes to Bentleigh

Snow is forecast to fall in Bentleigh on Saturday 29 July.

To liven up winter shopping, Bentleigh Traders will create a winter wonderland in a closed-off Godfrey Street. The free snow fun day will be held between 10am and 2pm, and will include a street of snow play, snowman-making competitions and special guest appearances by Olaf and Elsa from *Frozen*.

Along Centre Road, shop windows will celebrate the joys of winter, with coloured-in snow scenes helping to create a real winter wonderland.

There will also be giveaways, competitions and winter specials.

For further information, visit www.shopbentleigh.com.au or contact 0417 393 897.