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GLEN EIRA EVENTS AND FESTIVALS SCHEDULE 2023–2024



COUNCIL PRODUCED EVENTS

JULY 2023–JUNE 2024

Our events aim to contribute to placemaking, inclusion and diversity, local economies and the cultural and creative life of Glen Eira.

Events are designed in line with Glen Eira City Council's *Community Vision*. They also consider factors including likely audience and participation, cost, ease of access and balance across Glen Eira.

Council produces free or low-cost events and festivals held across the municipality and/or at Glen Eira Town Hall. The following dates and events are indicative and subject to change.

ONGOING

Live Sunday Sessions

Second Sunday of every month

Time: 2pm and 3pm

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Small indoor event



A variety of live entertainment over two 45-minute sessions including music, comedy and children's performances.

This year's exciting line-up includes talented singer-songwriter Chloe James, smooth jazz by the Camilla Burrows Quartet, indie folk rock musician Olivia Meg, and the bluesy harmonies of the Dafka duo.

JULY

Flourish — Explore a re-imagined natural world.

Thursday 6 July 2023

Time: 6pm

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Small indoor event — exhibition opening

The opening night of the *Flourish* exhibition including a guest speaker.

Friday 7 July–Sunday 13 August 2023

Time: Gallery opening hours

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Major exhibition

Flourish is one of Glen Eira City Council's major curated exhibitions for 2023, opening Friday 7 July and running until Sunday 13 August 2023.

Journey through an immersive world of flora and fauna to discover the interconnectedness of nature, storytelling, and culture. Showcasing work by leading contemporary artists Kate Beynon, Kate Rohde, Valerie Sparks, and Vipoo Srivilasa, the exhibition engages the viewer in the realms of re-imagined environments brimming with colour, texture, and luminosity.

A series of programs including workshops and floor talks will be scheduled throughout July and August in association with the exhibition.



Valerie Sparks
Red Flowering Gum 1. 2023 (detail)
Sanctuary Series 3
Inkjet Print on Bauhaus New York SA Wallpaper
170 x 76cm
Courtesy of the artist and Gallery Smith

Wild City

Monday 17 July–Sunday 23 July 2023

Time: Gallery opening hours

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Small indoor event

Explore *Wild City*, where animals are considered citizens in the urban landscape. Artist Kathy Holowko will collaborate with Glen Eira children through hands-on workshops to transform a miniature sculptural city into a lush habitat where humans and animals live in harmony. The installation shows a positive vision for future cities through children's eyes.



Image courtesy of Daniel Williams Mossy Rock Photography

Lil Robots

Friday 28 July–Sunday 30 July 2023

Time: Various session times between 10am and 8pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium
Medium indoor event

This fun, family-friendly immersive installation includes 40 robots and a lighting design inspired by the cyberpunk genre. The robots are all different shapes and sizes, some of them humanoid, others more abstract. The sounds of machines and electronic soundscapes echoes through the room, emphasising the unnatural feeling of the space and fully immersing the participants.



Image courtesy of Hero Media

SEPTEMBER

Rolling Shows

Sunday 3 September 2023

Time: 9am–2pm

Location: Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, Caulfield
Medium outdoor event

A free family-friendly festival in collaboration with Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Community Market, held across breakfast and lunch which includes live music showcasing local artists.



NOVEMBER

My Brother Jack Awards

Competition opens: Monday 3 July 2023, 9am

Competition closes: Monday 11 September 2023, 5pm

Awards Ceremony: Sunday 5 November 2023, 2pm

Now in their 28th year, the *My Brother Jack Awards* recognise the outstanding literary achievements of people who live, work or study in Glen Eira. From emerging writers to future literary stars, the *Awards* celebrate local talent and the stories that shape our community.

At the *Awards Ceremony*, prizes will be presented for short stories and poetry in the categories of Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary, and Open.



Diwali Festival of Lights

Friday 10 November 2023

Time: 5pm–9pm

Location: Booran Reserve, Glen Huntly
Medium outdoor event



Diwali is a festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains. For each faith, *Diwali* marks different historical events and stories, all of which represent the same symbolic victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. This free event is an evening of celebration and colour with lights, live music, dancing, activities and food.

Talking Shops: Glen Eira Stories

Friday 17 November 2023–Sunday 28 January 2024

Time: Gallery opening hours

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Major exhibition



Image courtesy of the artist Tatiana CC Scott

This exhibition is one of Glen Eira City Council's major curated exhibitions for 2023, opening Friday 17 November and running until Sunday 28 January 2024.

Talking Shops: Glen Eira Stories explores the distinctive character and cultures in the municipality's centres and shopping strips, prompting community conversations, sharing stories across generations and exploring community attachment to place. Whether still standing or just a memory, these shops and the people that run them are a unique record of a time, place and a changing local retail scene. This exhibition brings together interviews by Aron Lewin and photographs by Tatiana CC Scott of *Tales of Brick and Mortar* alongside historic and contemporary photography, objects and stories.

A series of programs including workshops and floor talks will be scheduled throughout November, December and January in association with the exhibition.

Sunday 19 November 2023

Time: 3pm

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery
Small indoor event

The opening afternoon of the Talking Shops exhibition including speeches.

DECEMBER

Carols in the Gardens

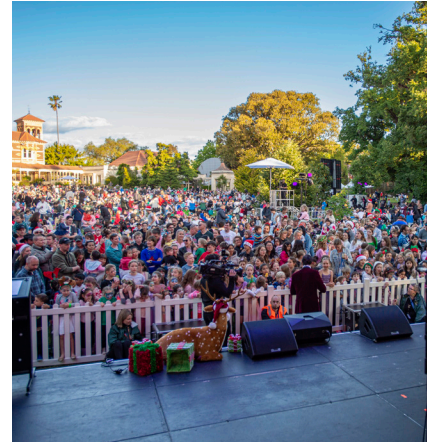
Friday 8 December 2023

Time: 4.30pm–8pm

Location: Rippon Lea Estate, Elsternwick

Large outdoor event

This event will once again be held within the beautiful and picturesque grounds of Rippon Lea Estate. Main stage entertainment will include a wonderful line up of musical performances by well-known celebrity guests, a children's show and roving acts. Food trucks will provide a range of cuisines.



Lighting of the Menorah

Monday 11 December 2024

Time: 7.30pm–9pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall

Small outdoor event

An event to celebrate the Jewish traditional lighting of the menorah with speeches, live entertainment and catering. Glen Eira Town Hall will be lit up and the main event will include lighting Glen Eira City Council's menorah outside of Glen Eira Town Hall.



FEBRUARY

Lunar New Year

Saturday 10 February 2024

Time: 2pm–4.30pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

Medium indoor and outdoor event

A family-friendly event to celebrate *Lunar New Year*. The community is invited to a free evening of celebration with traditional live music, performances, food and more! Local community groups will show off their talent onstage.



Under the Stars

Saturday 24 February 2024

Time: 6pm–9.30pm

Location: Packer Park, Carnegie
Large outdoor event



A concert for music lovers of all ages, running over dinnertime and into the evening to celebrate the end of summer nights. Past headline acts have included Tex Perkins, *You Am I*, Claire Bowditch, Mark Seymour and Archie Roach. Food trucks will provide a range of cuisines.

Summer Stories Festival

February 2024

Time: various session times

Location: Glen Eira Libraries indoor/outdoor spaces and other Council venues

Medium indoor and outdoor events



A wonderful array of free or low-cost events held across several days that celebrates storytelling in all its forms, with events and programs for all ages and interests. 2024 will mark the 12th year of the *Storytelling Festival*, now hosted across Glen Eira Libraries to invite the community at large to enjoy our branches.

MARCH

International Women's Day

Thursday 7 March 2024

Time: 6.30pm and 8.15pm (each show runs for 65 minutes)

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium
Medium indoor event



An evening of live comedy, music and cabaret to celebrate the women in our community, starring local musical comedian Geraldine Quinn (*Spicks and Specks*).

JUNKLANDIA by Junkyard Beats

Friday 5 and Saturday 6 April 2024

Friday session times: 10am and 12.30pm

Saturday session times: 10am and 4pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

Medium indoor event



JUNKLANDIA is an engaging spectacle of drumming, dance, circus and comedy guaranteed to excite and inspire the whole family. Come along to see household items transformed into musical instruments.

Junkyard Beats is back by popular demand after captivating Glen Eira audiences in 2023 with interactive workshops, pop-up performances and stage shows.

APRIL

ANZAC Day Commemoration Service

Sunday 21 April 2024

Time: 2pm–3pm

Location: Cenotaph in Caulfield Park, Caulfield

Small outdoor event



Held on the Sunday prior to ANZAC Day, the community will join together in paying tribute to those who have served our country, as well as those currently serving. This event is held in collaboration with local RSL groups, community groups, schools and officials.

MAY

Community Awards

Thursday 23 May 2024

Time: 1pm and 7pm

Location: Glen Eira Town Hall — Auditorium

Medium indoor event



An invitation-only event to recognise residents and community groups in the City of Glen Eira who have significantly contributed to the local community. Awards presented include the *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year*, *Community Group of the Year*, and *Sustainability Award*. Volunteers are also recognised for their many hours and years of service to the community.

National Sorry Day

Sunday 26 May 2024

Time: 12pm–5pm

Location: TBC

Small to medium indoor and outdoor event



A family-friendly event to recognise and celebrate First Nations people and to promote understanding, respect, and reconciliation. Includes Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, storytelling, and activities.

National Reconciliation Week

Monday 27 May–Monday 3 June

Time: various session times

Location: Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Glen Eira Libraries and
Mallanbool Reserve, Murrumbeena

Small indoor and outdoor events



A variety of free events held across the week including a live music performance, storytime sessions, flora and fauna guided tours and storytime sessions.



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