

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

President's Report

As we move further into a busy and vibrant year at Glen Eira U3A, it is wonderful to see the breadth of activities, creativity and community spirit reflected throughout this month's newsletter.

One highlight is our upcoming annual **Art & Craft Exhibition** in July, which continues to grow as an important showcase of the remarkable talent within our membership.

This year's exhibition will again celebrate everyone from first-time creators to experienced artists, and we are delighted that the Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Dr Simone Zmood, will officially open the event. My thanks go to the many volunteers already working behind the scenes to make the exhibition such a success.



Creativity and collaboration are also evident in the Cityscape Exhibition, a joint initiative between Glen Eira U3A and the Glen Eira Artists Society. It is exciting to see artists from both organisations working together, producing works inspired by our local community.

Another highlight is on **Sunday 17 May** when the Glen Eira U3A Recorder Ensemble presents: "**A Musical Journey Around the World**" followed by a mouth-watering afternoon tea.

Our courses program continues to thrive, with new presentations and learning opportunities constantly emerging. I am particularly pleased to highlight Dr Harvey Stern's upcoming session on how Melbourne's weather is predicted — a fascinating topic presented by one of Australia's most experienced meteorologists.

At the heart of U3A are our volunteers. This newsletter includes several calls for assistance, including support for our Android technology classes, photography at the Art Exhibition opening, and participation in our many volunteering teams. Every contribution, large or small, helps strengthen the welcoming and supportive environment that makes Glen Eira U3A so special.

This month we also pause to remember two valued members of our community, Beverley Barrett and Reuben Urban OAM. Both made lasting contributions to Glen Eira U3A and to the wider community through their generosity, warmth and commitment to lifelong learning. They will be greatly missed.

Finally, I would like to thank all members, tutors and volunteers for the enthusiasm and goodwill you continue to bring to our organisation. Your participation is what keeps Glen Eira U3A active, creative and connected.

Warm regards,

Mark Rubinstein

President – Glen Eira U3A

president@gleneirau3a.org.au

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Volunteers Wanted !

U3A Glen Eira is fortunate to have wonderful and supportive volunteers who generously give up their time to ensure all members enjoy their experience at U3A. If you have time and want to join one of the many volunteering groups i.e. tutors, administration, IT, gardening etc please let reception know or register your interest on the U3A online class register. Check out the ten volunteering teams under the course code AAV: Volunteering at U3A.

Regards, Helen

Courses

New Presentation: 26DIS13 - How We Predict Melbourne's Weather

One day only. Monday 1 June. 9.30 to 11.30 am.

We are pleased to welcome Dr Harvey Stern, a meteorologist with 50 years of experience and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Stern previously led the Bureau of Meteorology's Climate Services Centre and has spent his career advancing automated forecasting, analysing long term prediction accuracy, and studying climate drivers.



Dr Stern will begin with an overview of how weather forecasting has evolved from the 1970s to today, covering improvements in daily and seasonal forecasts, key climate influences, and the growing role of automation, satellite data, and numerical models. The main focus will be a practical walkthrough of how forecasters interpret output from three major global weather models—Australian, European, and U.S.—to produce forecasts for Melbourne.

Calling for Android-Savvy Helpers to Support Our Tech Classes

Our tech classes thrive because of the wonderful people who step in to support learners one-on-one. After each new technique is demonstrated, it's our helpers who make the real difference - offering guidance, answering questions, and giving participants the confidence to try things for themselves.

To keep the classes running smoothly, we're putting out a call to U3A members who feel comfortable using Android devices, and would be happy to lend a hand during sessions.

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

You don't need to be an expert — just patient, friendly, and willing to support others as they learn. We currently have 2 classes that could benefit from your help:

- 26COM09 - Android Phone and Tablets for Beginners, Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm, 2/6/26 till 23/6/26 - over 4 consecutive Tuesdays
- 26COM13. - Android Phone and Tablets for Beginners, Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm, 6/10/26 to 27/10/26 - over 4 consecutive Tuesdays



Your support will go a long way to creating a welcoming, confidence-building learning environment. If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you! To register your interest, please contact Susan at sue.weser@gmail.com or Aaron at 511chapel@gmail.com

Art Exhibition

Call for Entries: U3A Art & Craft Exhibition

Get ready to showcase your work. Our annual Public Art Exhibition returns this July. This is an inclusive celebration of all art and craft created within our programs, highlighting the journey from "first-timer" to "seasoned artist."



Event Details:

- Exhibition Dates: 4 July – 7 July 2026
- Official Opening: **Sunday, 5 July at 11:00 am** (U3A Premises)

How to Participate:

1. **Register:** Submit your entry details between 18 May (to be confirmed) and 19 June. (Details to be posted on the website)
2. **Deliver:** Bring your artworks to Reception between 22–26 June (last week of semester).

We value every contribution - your unique perspective is what makes our vibrant learning community special.

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Important: Collection of Current Artworks Displayed in U3A prior to Exhibition

To prepare for our upcoming Art Exhibition, we need to clear the current walls at the U3A premises to make room for new exhibits.

If you currently have artwork on display, please arrange to collect it no later than Friday, 26 June 2026. After this date, any remaining items will be removed by the Art Exhibition team to allow for exhibition setup. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prepare for this exciting event.

Honour a Loved One

Honour a Loved One by Sponsoring an Exhibition Prize. We are honoured to announce that the Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Dr Simone Zmood, will officially open the exhibition at 11:00 am on Sunday, 5 July and David Southwick MP will present the prizes.

We invite members who wish to sponsor an award prize in memory or in honour of a loved one to get in touch. This is a wonderful way to support our creative community while celebrating someone special. If you are interested, please contact reception at enquiries@gleneirau3a.org.au.



Help Us Celebrate Our Artists - Photographer Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer photographer to help capture the joy and talent at the Glen Eira U3A Art Exhibition Opening Ceremony on 5 July 2026. Your photos will help us share the success of our members with the wider community. If you can assist, please reach out to Eitan Froumine on 0417 342 699 or eitanfr@gmail.com.



Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Class Photos



The photo – taken on 15 April 2026 – includes members of both Wednesday cycling groups. Some of the riders were sitting outside and didn't get in the photo. But it's a happy pic!



Creative Writing Class, 2019

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Cityscape

U3A / GEAS CITYSCAPE EXHIBITION MAY 16 – 26, 2026

In October 2025, 17 artists gathered in the Glen Eira U3A common room, eight from Glen Eira U3A and nine from the Glen Eira Artists Society; three have membership to both organisations.

Mentored by Art Educator, Pam Andrews, the artists spread out across Glen Huntly Village, east to Grange Road, and west to Rosedale Road, with a concentration of artists around Glen Huntly Station.

The initial artwork was viewed at the end of the day in the U3A common room. Guided by Pam Andrews, the mentor, plans were discussed for how to complete the work in the following weeks and months.

The finished art works will be on display for ten days **at Glen Eira U3A from May 16 – 26**. The exhibition opening in conjunction with the Recorder Ensemble Concert “A Musical Journey Around the World” will take place on Sunday May 17 at 3:00 pm at Glen Eira U3A, performed by Glen Eira U3A musicians.

Join us.

With many thanks to Glen Eira U3A for hosting these combined activities. We trust it has been a successful and enjoyable collaboration for all involved.

Jill Schofield and Jyl Bell

For GEAS (Glen Eira Artists Society) and Glen Eira U3A
www.gleneiraartistsociety.com



Cityscape artists at last year's event

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Obituaries

Vale Beverly Barrett

In the twelve years since I've been teaching Creative Writing at Glen Eira U3A, I have had roughly 100 people in my classes, usually about six new faces every year, and the others who are repeating three or six or more times. One of the five or six people who have been coming for at least ten years was Beverly Barrett. Bev left school early, but learned to write delightfully in the time she joined the fortnightly class with us. She died last week at 87. Our thoughts go out to Derek her husband and children.

Everyone who has been to our class will remember her. She was always ready with a laugh, especially at herself. Her past exploits, at school and looking after her young siblings were especially entertaining. A kind generous and entertaining human had left us. We miss her too. Below is an example of Bev's wit.

Snakes without Ladders - Beverley Barrett - Homework on dialogue

"Hi Sam, how are you and the family? I really found it hard to rise this morning felt like I needed a ladder to strike Farmer Brown as he walked past this morning."

"I am fine today thanks Coyle, I have been sleeping through the day lately with a lidded eye on the kids as they romp around under the Big Aspen tree. "

"Yes, sometimes I wonder where I will wind up. I went down to Sir Pent's Hideaway and guess what the slithering blithering fool jumped out of his skin; a nervous wreck, he is so scared of Eagles; he gets carried away like his Mum did".

"I am glad, Coyle, that I come from a well-grounded family, I speak with forked tongue of course. I have learnt to lie low and stay inconspicuous. My cousin went on strike yesterday he has found it hard to get off the ground lately, so now there are not enough rats to keep his family well fed."

"Oh well sorry to hear that. Bye Coyle, must go, hiss to your health".

"Bye Sam, see you rapping around somewhere".

Vale Reuben Urban

Reuben Urban passed away on 5 April 2026 after a long illness. He was truly a mensch — a person of integrity, kindness and compassion — deeply interested in others and widely admired for his warmth and generosity. He and his wife Pat travelled extensively, forming friendships wherever they went.

Reuben had a lifelong love of music, playing euphonium with the Glen Eira Brass Band for around 50 years, including a period as President, and performing until shortly before his death. At school he also enjoyed rowing and remained committed to fitness and long beach walks throughout his life.



Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Originally aspiring to study medicine, Reuben began his career in a science laboratory but soon found his calling in teaching. He became a highly respected and much-loved educator who inspired generations of students.

He was deeply involved in community life: serving on the Board of Temple Beth Israel, organising volunteers for Sacred Heart Mission, producing the temple magazine before computers, and running Neighbourhood Watch in Caulfield. Even in retirement, he continued teaching and mentoring, especially through Glen Eira U3A, where his biology and photography classes were consistently in high demand. His passion for photography also developed into professional work at community events and celebrations.

In 2023, Reuben was awarded an OAM in recognition of his longstanding community service, which he accepted with characteristic humility.

He loved good food — particularly his family's Hungarian cooking — and cherished time spent with his family. A devoted husband to Pat, and a proud father and grandfather, he remained engaged in family milestones even in his final days.

Reuben leaves a profound legacy of kindness, service and inspiration. He will be deeply missed and remembered with great affection and respect. May his memory be a blessing.

Woolies Easter Gift Hamper

Our Office Volunteers were treated to a very pleasant surprise just prior to Easter. Staff members from our next-door neighbour, Woolworths Glen Huntly, popped in to deliver a very generous hamper of Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies and other assorted goodies.

Insurance: Did you know?

Members are encouraged to ensure they have their own personal insurance cover. Please note that if a member is involved in an accident during a class where there is no negligence on the part of U3A, the U3A insurance policy will not provide cover for that incident.



Recorder Concert

The Glen Eira U3A
Recorder Ensemble
presents
A MUSICAL JOURNEY AROUND
THE WORLD



Date; Sunday 17th of May 2026 at 3pm
Venue; Glen Eira Campus Green Rooms
1151 Glenhuntly Rd, Glenhuntly

Free admission - all welcome

Afternoon tea will be provided
Guest performers will enhance
the programme

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Courses with Vacancies

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
AAV	26AAV10	Volunteer: Art Exhibition 2026	9/02/2026	27/07/2026	5	Eitan Froumine	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV02	Volunteer: Grants Management Team	11/03/2026	11/11/2026	1	Shirley Moore	Mthly	Wed
AAV	26AAV01	Volunteer: Building Management Team	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	4	Howard Arber	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV04	Volunteer: Marketing Team	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	3	Cheryl Gelfand	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV05	Volunteer: Newsletter Management Team	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	5	Mark Rubinstein	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV06	Volunteer: Website Management Team	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	4	Alan Woodgyer	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV08	Volunteer: Events Support Team	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	8	Cynthia Tait	Mthly	Mon
AAV	26AAV09	Volunteer: Technology Project Support	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	5	Scott Gordon	Fort	Mon
AAV	26AAV07	Volunteer: Gardening Team	20/02/2026	27/11/2026	16	Sue Hayward	Mthly	Fri
ART	26ART01	Drawing - Semester 1	11/02/2026	17/06/2026	1	Ellie Potter	Fort	Wed

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
ART	26ART07	Art Inspiration - YouTube Videos	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	5	Ancita Beale	Wkly	Mon
ART	26ART05	Art: Mixed Media	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	3	Don Kampf	Wkly	Fri
ART	26ART11	Art Workshop	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	1	Don Kampf	Wkly	Fri
COM	26COM09	Android Phone and Tablets for Beginners	2/06/2026	23/06/2026	2	Aaron Blicblau	Wkly	Tue
COM	26COM12	WhatsApp on your Smartphone	8/09/2026	15/09/2026	2	Aaron Blicblau	Wkly	Tue
COM	26COM13	Android Phone and Tablets for Beginners	6/10/2026	27/10/2026	10	Aaron Blicblau	Wkly	Tue
COM	26COM14	Gmail Essentials	10/11/2026	17/11/2026	4	Susan Weser	Wkly	Tue
CRA	26CRA05	Clay: Discovering Textures & Colour	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	1	Lisa Skillern	Wkly	Mon
CRA	26CRA04	Clay Modelling (Thu afternoon)	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	2	Mark Rubinstein	Wkly	Thu
CRA	26CRA12	Clay Modelling (Thu morning)	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	1	Dafna Dvier	Wkly	Thu
CRA	26CRA07	Clay Sculpting	1/05/2026	27/11/2026	1	Eitan Froumine	Wkly	Fri
DAN	26DAN02	Israeli Dancing (Marsha) New Beg. / Int.	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	31	Marsha Erlich	Wkly	Mon

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
DAN	26DAN06	Tap Dancing: Beginners	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	5	Sala Rubinstein	Wkly	Mon
DAN	26DAN07	Tap Dancing: Intermediate	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	6	Sala Rubinstein	Wkly	Mon
DAN	26DAN09	Israeli Dancing (Ilana) New Begin. to Lo	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	4	Ilana Cohen	Wkly	Tue
DAN	26DAN10	Israeli Dancing (Ilana) Inter to Advance	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	20	Ilana Cohen	Wkly	Tue
DAN	26DAN08	Dance and All that Jazz...	15/07/2026	25/11/2026	20	Pam Goldman	Wkly	Wed
DAN	26DAN03	Israeli Dancing (Marsha) Low Int.	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	16	Marsha Erlich	Wkly	Thu
DAN	26DAN04	Israeli Dancing (Marsha) Int. to Hi Int.	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	12	Marsha Erlich	Wkly	Thu
DIS	26DIS12	Ecological Gardening in Glen Eira	15/04/2026	13/05/2026	12	Kaye Mackay	Wkly	Wed
DIS	26DIS13	How We Predict Melbourne's Weather	1/06/2026	1/06/2026	15	Harvey Stern	None	Mon
DIS	26DIS05	Films & Film Makers	22/04/2026	26/08/2026	3	Adrian Guest	Fort	Wed
DIS	26DIS01Z	Current and International Affairs (ZOOM)	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	19	Michael Shamir	Wkly	Mon

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
DIS	26DIS11	Tomorrow's News Today with Ron James	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	3	Ron James	Wkly	Mon
DIS	26DIS02Z	The Ancient Wisdom (ZOOM)	27/01/2026	24/11/2026	6	Andrew Rooke	Wkly	Tue
ESL	26ESL01	English as an Additional Language	1/04/2026	28/10/2026	1	Ruth Arber	Wkly	Wed
ESL	26ESL03	Improve Your English	20/04/2026	23/11/2026	1	Denise Weiss	Wkly	Mon
EXE	26EXE02	Wednesday Pedallers Group 1	11/02/2026	25/11/2026	3	Paul Shewan	Wkly	Wed
EXE	26EXE08	Exercise to Music	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	3	Alix Phelan	Wkly	Thu
GAM	26GAM06	Scrabble	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	2	Del Stitz	Wkly	Mon
GAM	26GAM02	Bridge Theory and Practice	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	1	Dan Phelan	Wkly	Tue
GAM	26GAM04	Social Bridge	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	2	Sue Levy	Wkly	Tue
GAM	26GAM08	Come and Play 500	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	3	Nicole Rose	Wkly	Tue
GAM	26GAM12	Petanque: Come & Play With Us	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	3	Jean-Louis Coquillat	Wkly	Tue
GAM	26GAM10	Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners	14/10/2026	25/11/2026	6	Stephen Moskowitz	Wkly	Wed
GAM	26GAM07	Thursday Scrabble	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	2	Susan Catherall	Wkly	Thu
GAM	26GAM17	Beginners Mah Jong (Afternoon)	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	1	Adele Lipson	Wkly	Thu

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
GAM	26GAM09	Come and Play Rummy Tiles	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	1	Sue Levy	Wkly	Fri
HIS	26HIS06	Sand to Skyline: Industrial Glassmaking	16/02/2026	15/06/2026	5	Chris Zolich	Fort	Mon
HIS	26HIS01:	Maritime & Military History	13/02/2026	20/11/2026	1	Stephen Peterson	Fort	Fri
HIS	26HIS09Z	Trade - Shaping Rulers and Empires	14/07/2026	24/11/2026	8	David Collier	Wkly	Tue
HIS	26HIS02Z	Jewish Civilization (Zoom)	11/02/2026	25/11/2026	20	Henry Erlich	Wkly	Wed
LANF	26LANF05	French Conversation for Fluent Speakers	12/02/2026	19/11/2026	1	Charles Farah	Fort	Thu
LANF	26LANF03	French Conversation B	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	1	Bertha Dembo	Wkly	Thu
LANF	26LANF04	French Conversation C	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	2	Jean-Louis Coquillat	Wkly	Fri
LANG	26LANG01	German Conversation	11/02/2026	25/11/2026	4	Gerlinde Mohr	Wkly	Wed
LANH	26LANH02	Hebrew Intermediate (Monday)	9/02/2026	26/06/2026	5	Ester Silver	Wkly	Mon
LANH	26LANH01	Hebrew Intermediate (Thursday)	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	2	Shirley Cohen	Wkly	Thu
LANI	26LANI05	Italian: Ongoing B1 Intermediate	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	2	Charmaine Hart	Wkly	Tue
LANI	26LANI06	Italian: Ongoing Year 3	10/02/2026	24/11/2026	5	Charmaine Hart	Wkly	Tue

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
LANI	26LANI01	Italian: Beginners	11/02/2026	25/11/2026	2	Marinella Celeste	Wkly	Wed
LANI	26LANI04	Italian: Intermediate 2	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	2	Margherita Ingaramo-Arrighi	Wkly	Thu
LANI	26LANI08	Italian: Advanced (Zoom)	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	9	Margherita Ingaramo-Arrighi	Wkly	Fri
LANR	26LANR01	Let's Speak Russian	17/02/2026	24/11/2026	4	Elizabeth Dermansky	Wkly	Tue
LANS	26LANS05	Spanish Class 5: Intermediate	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	1	Helen Lightfoot	Wkly	Mon
LANS	26LANS07	Spanish Class 7: Fluency in Spanish	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	4	Lyn McCutcheon	Wkly	Mon
LANS	26LANS06	Spanish Class 6: Advanced	11/02/2026	25/11/2026	1	Gabriela Ladowsky	Wkly	Wed
LANS	26LANS08	Spanish - Self Help	12/02/2026	26/11/2026	6	Kay Fisher	Wkly	Thu
LANS	26LANS03	Spanish Class 3: Elementary	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	1	Rod Moran	Wkly	Fri
LIT	26LIT02	Book Discussion B	9/02/2026	2/11/2026	3	Margaret Scott	Mthly	Mon
LIT	26LIT06	Writers: Every Good Story Begins with You	17/02/2026	24/11/2026	3	Nicole Rose	Fort	Tue
LIT	26LIT04	Reading Poetry	13/02/2026	27/11/2026	1	David McVilly	Wkly	Fri
MUS	26MUS01	Glen Eira Choir	9/02/2026	23/11/2026	3	Valerie Suhr	Wkly	Mon

Glen Eira U3A Newsletter, May 2026

Parent Code	Code	Course Title	Start Date	Finish Date	Available	Tutor	Frequency	Day
MUS	26MUS05	Gems of the Classical Music Repertoire	17/02/2026	24/11/2026	2	Andrew Kolb	Fort	Tue
SOC	26SOC10	Train Trip: River Cruise 13 September	13/09/2026	13/09/2026	3	Margaret Summers	1 day	Sun
SOC	26SOC11	Train Trip: Werribee Mansion	18/10/2026	18/10/2026	4	Margaret Summers	1 day	Sun