



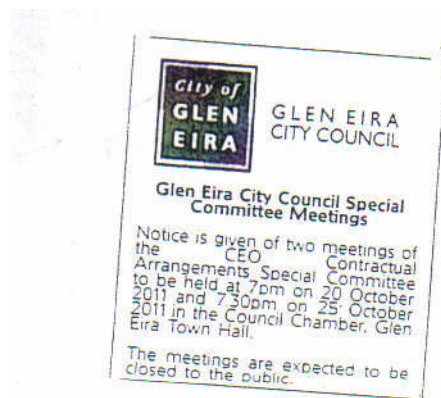
*Your news in brief - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011*

**Welcome to our 'new format' news.** Last month we launched our new E-News. We aim to improve residents awareness of Glen Eira council activities and public affairs.

(Don Dunstan, President Ph. 9578 7134)

**Council News** Last month we reported on the many continuing investigations by Government agencies into Glen Eira council and administration, and the Council processes towards filling the position of CEO. This month we report on the **CEO re-appointment**.

1. Council has appointed what it calls a "CEO Contractual Arrangements Special Committee" to consider its verdict. Unfortunately the committee is not a committee of the whole council. Only eight of the nine councillors are part of the committee. The odd man out is Cr. Frank Penhalluriack, who has been manoeuvred off the committee, thus destroying any pretense of City Hall integrity, or of open, democratic processes at Glen Eira.
2. The Committee has met a number of times. The integrity of the process is suspect, if only because of the manner in which meetings are advertised. Whenever laneways are to be closed, affecting say half a dozen properties, Glen Eira Council places huge half page advertisements in the local paper. However, when the most important issue of the council year comes up, the appointment of a CEO, we get a microscopic advertisement placed in the Age. (See below). This is the **bare minimum** possible to comply with the letter of the law. In typical Glen Eira fashion, it does not comply with the intent of the law, which is to have open, transparent, and accountable councils throughout Victoria.
3. The advertisement shown below is typical. This is the actual advertisement from the Age (13 October 2011) and printed in the official agenda. (Sorry, readers may need a magnifying glass to read the fine print).



4. **Decision** With such flawed processes, the expected happened. The Special Committee recently handed down its decision, which was to **re-appoint the present CEO, Mr. Andrew Newton, without even advertising the position!**