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The Great Walking Streets Project nearing completion

As part of the Federal Government *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding Program*, Council was successful in securing \$500,000 towards a project aimed at improving the condition of our footpaths on higher pedestrian-use streets.

The *Great Walking Streets Project* aims to identify and remove footpath hazards on our most used streets, with a view to further encourage outdoor exercise and provide a means of improving both physical and mental health.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the six streets that have been identified in Council's *Integrated Transport Strategy*, were subject to a detailed individual study and design process.

"Council also contributed \$200,000 towards the project, highlighting its commitment towards providing a safe and accessible walking environment, while encouraging outdoor exercise for our residents during this challenging time," she said.

Works to remove tripping hazards and improve footpath conditions have now been completed on the following streets:

- Patterson Road, Bentleigh between Nepean Highway and Jasper Road;
- McKinnon Road, McKinnon between Thomas Street and Tucker Road;
- Koornang Road, Carnegie between Dandenong Road and North Road; and
- Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South and Carnegie between Bambra Road and Truganini Road.

The following projects are nearing completion with works expected to be finished on the following streets by mid-November:

- Tucker Road, Ormond and Bentleigh between North Road and Centre Road; and
- Neerim Road, Murrumbeena between Murrumbeena Road and Poath Road.

The completion of the *Great Walking Streets Project* will be another great step towards a better and more accessible walking experience for everyone in Glen Eira.

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