



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

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Council budget focuses on the future

Glen Eira City Council has adopted a *Budget* that will grow our City and help us to meet the challenges of the coming years.

The *Budget* details the resources Council will need to fund its community services, including what it will spend to improve and renew the City's physical infrastructure, buildings and assets.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Jim Magee said the *Budget* illustrated how Council was focused on supporting and leading the community recovery from the pandemic through its actions.

"Our community has told us that it wants Council to embed sustainability measures into our building design and construction and that is what we are doing in our major capital works projects," Cr Magee said.

"Feedback from the community stressed the importance of planning for growth in our commercial districts."

The *Budget* also includes:

- \$19.68m for renewal projects such as building improvements and upgrades of community facilities, footpaths, local road resurfacing and carparks;
- \$8.66m for recreation and open spaces;
- \$1.34m for sustainability initiatives such as increasing the canopy cover in our open spaces and extending established planting areas;
- \$1.71m for community facilities including the Lord Reserve Pavilion and Town Hall works;
- \$835,000 on community safety projects for cross intersections, pedestrian crossings and safer speed limits as well as school safety and disabled parking upgrades; and
- \$2.51m on technology projects focused on making it easier for those who live, work, or study in Glen Eira to do business with Council without having to go to Town Hall.

Glen Eira still has the second lowest rates in Metropolitan Melbourne. Rates will increase 1.75 per cent in the 2022–23 financial year. The *Budget* is in line with the Fair Go Rates System which has capped rate increases by Victorian councils to the forecast movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wage Price Index.

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