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OUR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR THE CAULFIELD ELECTORATE

CAULFIELD PARK



FROM THE MAYOR

I am pleased to present Glen Eira City Council's advocacy priorities for the seat of Caulfield.

As we continue to rebuild our economy from the COVID-19 pandemic, Glen Eira has identified key projects and initiatives that will:

- > Support our community to rebuild, reconnect and restart the economy.
- > Ensure we are taking urgent and practical actions to mitigate our community against the impacts of climate change.
- > Build better transport connections to make it easier to move in and around Glen Eira.
- > Build a safer, healthier and more resilient community.

Through strong partnerships, we can make these critical projects a reality and deliver social, environmental, and economic benefits for our local community.

We urge you to contact us for a discussion and a tour so we can demonstrate the importance of these projects and initiatives to the Caulfield electorate.

Cr Jim Magee
Mayor

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Redeveloping the iconic and much-loved Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool

A \$10 million contribution, adding to the commitment of \$15 million from the Federal Government, to support the \$52 million redevelopment of Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool.

The [redevelopment of Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool](#) is the highest priority advocacy initiative for Glen Eira and much loved and used by Caulfield electorate residents.



Creating new open space at Caulfield Racecourse Reserve

Reinvesting any Windfall Gains Tax payable by the Melbourne Racing Club, to fund community infrastructure on Crown land at Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.

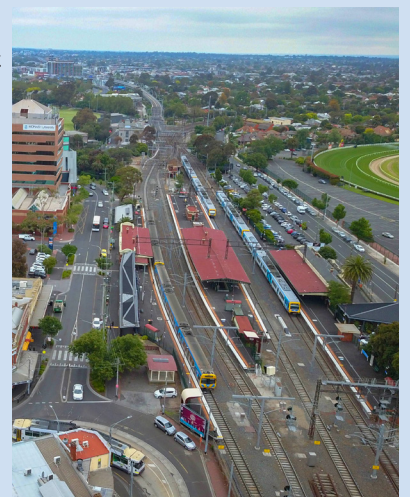
The 54ha Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is in the heart of the Caulfield Activity Centre, long identified as a missed opportunity for open space and broad community use.



Keeping our community safe

A \$1 million contribution to improve pedestrian access, traffic management and parking across Sir John Monash Drive to the Monash University campus and across Normanby Road to Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.

Glen Eira welcomes the State Government's intention to upgrade the Caulfield Station, but calls for more significant investment into accessibility and integration with the surrounding precinct.



IMPROVING COMMUNITY ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE



The opportunity:

A \$10 million contribution, adding to the commitment of \$15 million from the Federal Government, to support the \$52 million redevelopment of Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool.



What we need:

The [redevelopment of Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool](#) is the highest priority advocacy initiative for Glen Eira and is much loved and used by residents in the Bentleigh electorate. The new Federal Government has already committed \$15M towards this iconic project. Council is now seeking a commitment from the State Government of \$10M to support the completion of the redevelopment and ensure that it is a true partnership project between all three tiers of Government. The project is ready to commence in late 2022 once clearance to proceed is received from Heritage Victoria.

Community benefits:

- > The pool will be a multi-functional community amenity providing opportunities to improve physical and mental wellbeing.
- > The pool will see more than 300,000 community visits annually, providing access for 2,800 learn-to-swim enrolments, 100,000 visits to the therapeutic warm water pool and hosting 30 annual school swimming carnivals and events.
- > The new facility will include increased open spaces, a café, barbecue, and shaded seating areas including places for recreational and social gatherings.
- > The project will generate around 100 jobs during the construction phase and 30 permanent new jobs once the facility is open.
- > The pool will be one of the most environmentally friendly and sustainable pools in the world. Funding will assist in achieving a 6-star Green Star rating with the pool designed for climate resilience, low energy operations and maximum water efficiency.
- > The revised design of the precinct will make the most of existing open/green space within the footprint.

DEVELOPING OUR OPEN SPACE



The opportunity:

Funding to help us fast-track the expansion, development and improvement of open space for the Caulfield electorate, where there is a significant identified gap.



What we need:

Open space is highly valued by the Caulfield electorate. In the seat of Caulfield, the suburbs that comprise the Camden Ward of Glen Eira (Caulfield, Caulfield East, Caulfield North, Caulfield South, Elsternwick, Gardenvale and St Kilda East) have been identified in the [Glen Eira Open Space Strategy Refresh \(2020\)](#) as having a number of key open space gaps.

Glen Eira has the least amount of open space per person of any municipality in Melbourne and Council is focused on proactively acquiring, developing and unlocking public open spaces and places for Caulfield residents. Additional and enhanced open space will address the significant lack of open space in this section of Glen Eira, to provide greater accessibility for residents to pursue sport and recreational activities that contribute to positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Council has committed to spending \$26.9 million in acquiring new property for open space by 2025. This is a significant commitment to support a critical under-supply of publicly available open space. We are calling on the State Government to contribute towards developing this new land and other existing open spaces for our community including:

- > \$30 million (estimated) in Windfall Gains Tax to be reinvested in the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, long considered a missed opportunity for open space and broad community use. The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust (CRRT) has consulted with the

community to develop its *Land Management Plan*, but new funding is needed to realise the space's full potential. The CRRT has highlighted more than \$500 million in potential projects and initiatives for the space, including brand new facilities and open spaces. Council and the CRRT call on a future Victorian Government to commit to reinvesting any Windfall Gains Tax payable by the Melbourne Racing Club for their development, back into the precinct. Council is also calling for a commitment to reliably fund the CRRT to ensure their ongoing financial sustainability.

- > \$1 million to create a fantastic new open space precinct in Elsternwick. This development would be complemented by trees and understorey plantings and play a vital role in reducing localised flooding by incorporating water sensitive urban design.
- > \$1.8 million to create new open space at Moodie Street, Caulfield East which is made possible by removal of the Neerim Road level rail crossing. There is opportunity for a partial road closure to provide new open space including trees, planting and seating on either side of the Moodie Street underpass.

DEVELOPING OUR OPEN SPACE

What we need: continued



> Helping us fast-track priority actions within the *Caulfield Park Masterplan* to meet the needs of Caulfield residents now and into the future. A number of initiatives are currently underway, with a number of other developments ready to implement when funding is available including:

- \$2.2 million to improve the two western entrances to Caulfield Park (corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads and corner of Hawthorn and Inkerman Roads).
- \$500k to upgrade the active recreation space located along Inkerman Road, specifically to redevelop the tennis hit up wall and basketball ring to also include additional basketball rings, outdoor fitness equipment and social spaces.
- \$4 million to upgrade the Caulfield Park Grey Brick Pavilion to meet the needs of the community sports clubs who utilise the six sportsgrounds. The existing pavilion is aged, does not provide female friendly facilities nor service the broader community use of Caulfield Park.
- Supporting the delivery of a number of critical active and passive recreation facility upgrades and expansions including:
- \$5 million to relocate the clubrooms and construct an additional tennis court at EE Gunn Reserve used by Ormond Tennis Club;
- \$150k for lighting at Princes Park for the Glen Eira Tennis Club;
- \$750k to upgrade the Glen Eira Tennis Club to better service the users; and
- \$250k for Harleston Park in Seymour Street Elsternwick to replace the shelter, barbecue and create an accessible picnic area.

Community benefits:

Caulfield has the greatest open space needs of anywhere in Glen Eira and surrounds. The impact of restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the need for equitable provision of high quality active and passive open space to support our residents' mental and physical wellbeing. An effective response to climate change also requires increased open space to support active transport corridors, grow our urban forest and cool the City.

One of our major challenges is providing the quantity of open space necessary to meet the needs of our growing community. The electorates within Glen Eira currently have the lowest amount of open space per capita in metropolitan Melbourne with 1.3 hectares for every 1,000 residents or 4.4 per cent of the total municipal area. In addition to this, with the increase in housing density, Glen Eira residents are becoming more reliant on public open space to provide what was formerly known as a 'backyard'. Not only is the push for Council to provide 'more' open space, but the expectation is that open space will provide both tranquil green spaces as well as infrastructure and amenities to support social gatherings and sport and recreation opportunities. Funding the abovementioned priority projects will enable Council to improve the quantity and quality of public open space for our residents; develop, improve and maintain the amenity of our public places; and provide improved access to a mix of passive and active spaces that are inclusive, fit-for-purpose, and flexible to meet the needs of our diverse community.

RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



The opportunity:

Funding commitments to support urgent and tangible climate action in Caulfield, progressing towards our target of zero net Council emissions by 2025, and for our community by 2030.



What we need:

Support for our community across a range of practical climate change mitigation projects that progress our ambition to become net zero emitters.

Specifically we are seeking:

- > \$250,000 to develop the feasibility and design for stormwater harvesting at Caulfield Park.
- > \$200,000 to expand smart technology in our local street lighting by upgrading a further 1,000 lights to LED.
- > A commitment to co-invest (60 per cent) in the upgrade of all 1,720 lights on major roads to energy efficient smart technology to reduce emissions and save on energy costs (lights are cost shared between councils and the State Government).
- > \$1 million to implement key initiatives within [Glen Eira's Urban Forest Strategy](#), including the expansion of biodiversity footprints through in-fill tree and understorey planting in a number of Council's parks. The funding will provide a vital first step to restore our tree canopy and acknowledge the vital contribution that urban forests make to the social, ecological and economic health and wellbeing of the local community.

Community benefits:

Like many councils, Glen Eira faces the ongoing challenges of moving to renewable energy, future proofing infrastructure and protecting the environment at the same time as meeting the needs of a growing population.

Increasing trees and vegetation across the Caulfield electorate will provide a myriad of environmental, economic, social and health benefits which will contribute directly to the health and wellbeing of the community.

The implementation of priority actions under our [Climate Emergency Response Strategy Action Plan](#) will have significant positive community impacts such as:

- > reaching zero emissions for our Council and community, and doing our bit to address the root cause of climate change; and
- > ensuring our local community is safe, resilient and protected from the worst impacts of climate change.

IMPROVING INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY



The opportunity:

Funding commitments to improve the transport network to ensure safe, accessible and sustainable transport options for the Caulfield electorate.

Glen Eira welcomes the State Government's intention to upgrade the Caulfield Station, but calls for more significant investment into accessibility and integration with the surrounding precinct.



We are advocating for:

- > \$1 million contribution to improving pedestrian access, traffic management and parking across Sir John Monash Drive to the Monash University campus and across Normanby Road to Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.
- > \$750,000 to improve pedestrian crossings including:
 - New pedestrian operated signal crossings at Kooyong Road, between Sycamore and Carlingford Streets in Elsternwick to create a safe crossing for pedestrians including Wesley College students.
 - New raised zebra crossings to improve pedestrian safety at the Victoria Street and Hopetoun Street sections of Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick.

We are also advocating for:

- > State Government to commit to developing the business case for a new light-rail route in Glen Eira, from Elsternwick to Clayton, along North Road, connecting East Village with Ormond station and the Monash National Employment Cluster.
- > Agreement to progress a State Government-led business case to test the feasibility of a Trackless Rapid Transit (TRT) connecting Caulfield to Rowville.

Community benefits:

Like many inner-city areas, Glen Eira is now reaching a critical tipping point, where the existing road network can no longer provide an easy, smooth run for vehicles that have historically made driving the more attractive option.

Glen Eira is one of the highest commuting councils in the state, with approximately 80 per cent of working residents working outside Glen Eira and 66 per cent of these residents commuting to work by car.

Seventy six per cent (52,964) of Glen Eira residents of working age travel outside of the municipality for work every day with 23.9 per cent (16,646) travelling to the Melbourne CBD.

Over recent years (to 2016), the total number of public transport users has increased by only 1,886 people (two per cent of total users) or 376 people each year. The population of Glen Eira has grown by 7.5 per cent or 9,862 people over the same period.

Cycling as a form of commuting can relieve some of these pressures on our roads and public transport systems. However, only 1,023 Glen Eira residents indicated that they cycled to work (2016 figures).

There are significant benefits arising from reducing congestion and encouraging higher rates of usage of active transport (ie. walking, cycling and public transport). These include more time

IMPROVING INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY

Community benefits: continued

for family and socialising, better public health outcomes with people being more physically active and better outcomes for the environment with less pollution and carbon emissions.

Ultimately Council aims to see a 50:50 share of car and non-car trips through the provision of convenient, effective, sustainable public transport options.





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