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OUR COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR THE OAKLEIGH ELECTORATE



FROM THE MAYOR

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

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 Oakleigh 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 Oakleigh electorate residents.



Developing new open space in Carnegie

A \$4 million contribution to convert Council owned land in Carnegie into an exciting new public open space. With the least amount of open space per person of any municipality in Melbourne, Council has identified a new open space opportunity of 4,068m² and calls on the State Government to contribute towards developing this new land into open spaces for our community.

Boyd Park playground upgrade

\$1.2 million to upgrade the Boyd Park playground in Murrumbena. This new playspace will cater for all ages and include three shelters, a variety of seats, additional tree planting, and a new automated public toilet.



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 Oakleigh 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 Oakleigh electorate, where there is a significant identified gap.



What we need:

Open space is highly valued by the Oakleigh electorate and the seat of Oakleigh has been identified in the [Glen Eira Open Space Strategy Refresh \(2020\)](#) as having a number of key open space gaps.

Additional open space will provide greater accessibility for residents to pursue recreational activities that contribute to positive health and wellbeing outcomes. 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 Oakleigh residents.

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 spaces. We are calling on the State Government to contribute towards developing this new land into open spaces for our community including:

- > \$4 million to convert Council owned land in Carnegie into usable open space.
- > \$2.5 million to upgrade Koornang Park playground in Carnegie including improvements to the entrance on the corner of Munro Avenue and Koornang Road and outdoor fitness equipment.
- > \$1.2 million to upgrade the Boyd Park playground in Murrumbeena including the installation of a new public toilet.

- > \$675,000 to upgrade Murrumbeena Park to improve the cricket facilities and create a multi-purpose training facility and installing mobility fitness facilities for seniors.
- > \$500,000 to create a continuous connection through Duncan Mackinnon Reserve to link the regional netball facilities with the central pathway with the perimeter running track and carparking on Crosbie Road in Murrumbeena.
- > Fast-track a range of upgrades to Packer Park in Carnegie including:
 - \$1.8 million to comprehensively re-develop the playground;
 - \$300,00 adding to the \$1.53 million committed by the new Federal Government to extend the existing Packer Park Sports Pavilion to create stand-alone facilities for the cycling club; and
 - \$630,000 to upgrade the cricket facilities into a multipurpose training facility.

Community benefits:

The electorate of Oakleigh has increasing open space needs. 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 transport corridors, grow our urban forest and cool the City.



DEVELOPING OUR OPEN SPACE

Community benefits: continued

One of our major challenges is providing the quantity of open space necessary to meet the needs of our community. The State seats 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. With over 86 sporting groups using Council-owned open space, we are currently unable to accommodate the growth of existing clubs or the inclusion of any new clubs.

This funding 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.



KOORNANG PARK PLAYGROUND, CARNEGIE



PACKER PARK SPORTS PAVILION, CARNEGIE



MURRUMBEENA PARK UPGRADE, MURRUMBEENA



PACKER PARK PLAYGROUND, CARNEGIE

RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY



The opportunity:

Funding commitments to support urgent and tangible climate action in Oakleigh, 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:

- > \$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%) 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).
- > \$160,000 to install EV charging stations at the Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool, Carnegie Library and Murrumbeena Community Hub. These sites will provide convenient access to electric vehicle charging for residents from all parts of Glen Eira.
- > \$150,000 to implement tree plantings at Packer Park, Boyd Park South and Riley Reserve being key initiatives within [Glen Eira's Urban Forest Strategy](#). 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 well-being 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 Oakleigh 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.

RILEY RESERVE AND BOYD PARK SOUTH

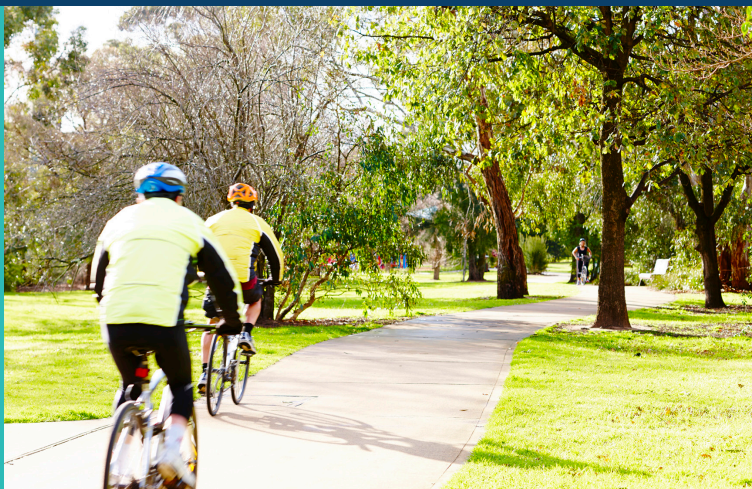


IMPROVING INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY



The opportunity:

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



What we need:

- > \$250,000 to fill the missing links of the Rosstown Rail Trail cycling route, including new pedestrian and cycling crossings at Dorothy Avenue and Royal Avenue between EE Gunn Reserve and the existing shared path in Oakleigh Road Reserve. This will improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists traveling on shared paths including for local school students of Glen Huntly Primary School, Kilvington Grammar School and Glen Eira College.
- > \$750,000 to improve pedestrian crossings, including updating existing school crossings to pedestrian operated signal crossings at Neerim Road, Murrumbeena (Boyd Park crossing).

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 (2 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 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 the 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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