

# CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FACT SHEET



## The challenge: Building a climate-resilient Glen Eira

Glen Eira faces increasing risks from extreme weather events, urban heat, and flooding. Our ageing drainage infrastructure and limited tree canopy make the municipality vulnerable to climate impacts. Population growth and urban density add pressure on green spaces and sustainability initiatives.

Without urgent investment and strong partnerships, we risk higher costs from climate-related damage and reduced liveability for our community.

## Our advocacy priorities

- 1. Upgrade drainage and stormwater infrastructure:** Support to deliver critical drainage upgrades that reduce flood risk and protect homes, businesses, and community assets during extreme weather events.
- 2. Expand and implement the Urban Forest Strategy:** Seeking \$550,000 to increase tree canopy coverage, boost biodiversity, and provide urban cooling to mitigate heat stress and improve community health. Glen Eira's *Urban Forest Strategy* sets ambitious targets to increase canopy cover from 14 per cent to 23 per cent by 2040, creating cooler, greener streets and improving resilience to heatwaves.
- 3. Invest in get off gas program:** Seeking \$570,000 to electrify Council facilities, beginning with Carnegie Library and Community Centre and extending to priority community sites.

- 4. Support upgrades to Glen Huntly Road streetscape:** Seeking \$250,000 for streetscape improvements and expanded tree canopy to support local traders and create a more attractive, welcoming environment.

## Policy outcomes sought

- Reduced flood risk through upgraded drainage and stormwater systems.
- Increased urban tree canopy and biodiversity to improve climate resilience.
- Sustainable, energy-efficient council facilities that lower emissions and costs.
- Green infrastructure that supports liveability and environmental health.

## Why government partnership is essential

Local government is on the frontline of climate adaptation but faces funding and capacity constraints. Glen Eira City Council is committed to delivering climate action, but we need State and Federal support to:

- Upgrade critical infrastructure to withstand extreme weather.
- Expand green infrastructure and tree canopy coverage.
- Invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency for council facilities.

## Community impact

Climate action protects homes, businesses, and public spaces from extreme weather, reduces heat stress, and improves health and wellbeing. Green infrastructure and renewable energy investments create a sustainable future, lower emissions, and enhance Glen Eira's liveability for generations to come.

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## Key data and context

- **Population growth:** Glen Eira's population is projected to grow by 30,000 people by 2036, reaching 188,000 residents, increasing pressure on infrastructure and green spaces.
- **Urban heat:** Limited tree canopy coverage (currently 14 per cent) contributes to heat stress and reduced liveability.
- **Urban Forest Strategy:** Glen Eira aims to increase canopy cover to 23 per cent by 2040, helping to improve biodiversity, cool streets, and reduce climate risk.
- **Flood risk:** Ageing drainage infrastructure increases vulnerability to flooding during major storm events.
- **Climate resilience:** Investment in green infrastructure and renewable energy is essential to meet emissions targets and protect community assets.

To read the *Advocacy Priorities 2025–2026*, scan the QR code or visit

[www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



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