



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL'S HISTORY

FAST FACTS

- The Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation were the first inhabitants of the area.
- European settlement dates from the 1840s. The land was swampy and used mainly for farming in the north and market gardening in the south.
- Growth occurred through the 1880s to the mid-1900s. Significant development occurred after the Second World War.
- The City of Glen Eira takes its name from two local landmarks — Glen Eira Road and Glen Eira Mansion.
- The City was formed in December 1994 with the amalgamation of the former City of Caulfield with the northern part of the former City of Moorabbin.
- Glen Eira's first Council was elected by residents and ratepayers in March 1997.
- Glen Eira includes the suburbs of Bentleigh, Bentleigh East, Carnegie, Caulfield, Caulfield East, Caulfield North, Caulfield South, Elsternwick, Gardenvale, Glen Huntly, McKinnon, Murrumbeena, Ormond and part of St Kilda East.

TIME LINE

- 1857** The Caulfield Road District
- 1862** The Moorabbin Road District
- 1871** Shire of Caulfield
- 1871** Shire of Moorabbin
- 1901** The Borough of Caulfield (April)
- 1901** The Town of Caulfield (September)
- 1913** City of Caulfield
- 1934** City of Moorabbin
- 1994** City of Glen Eira (amalgamation of the City of Caulfield with the northern section of the City of Moorabbin)
- 1997** First Glen Eira City Council election

FORMER CITY OF CAULFIELD

- The origin of the name of the City of Caulfield is not known for certain. It may be linked with 'Baron Caulfield of Ireland, perhaps through John Caulfield, a pioneer of the colony.
- The name Caulfield has been in use since 1853 to identify the area around the racecourse.
- In 1853 the Victorian Parliament passed an act to give authority to locally elected people to extract rates from residents in order to finance road construction.
- The first Caulfield Road Board was elected in November 1857. It had control over the roads in an area bounded by Warrigal Road, Hotham Street, Dandenong Road, North Road and Brighton Road.
- In 1871, the Caulfield Road District became the Shire of Caulfield and was proclaimed the City of Caulfield in 1913.

- The Coat of Arms was granted to the City of Caulfield on Sunday 1 May 1977.
- The motto of the City “Labore Vinces” is Latin for “By Our Labours We Shall Conquer”.



FORMER CITY OF MOORABBIN

- The name Moorabbin derives from an Aboriginal word which means ‘a resting place’.
- Moorabbin began as an outpost of “Dendy’s Brighton” and took shape as a market garden area along what was Arthur’s Seat Road, now the Nepean Highway.
- For more than a century, the sandy soil of Moorabbin provided metropolitan Melbourne with much of its fruit and vegetables.
- In 1862 the Moorabbin Road District was established. The boundaries extended from the outskirts of Brighton south-east along both sides of the Nepean Road as far as Mordialloc Creek.
- Moorabbin was proclaimed a Shire in 1871 and a City in 1934.
- Moorabbin was one of the first Post World War II ‘boom suburbs’. By the 1950s, it became one of the fastest growing municipalities in Australia.
- In 1994, it was decided to split the City of Moorabbin into three parts and divide its municipal area between the new cities of Glen Eira, Bayside and Kingston.