

MEDIA RELEASE

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New Mayor for Glen Eira

At a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 13 November, Rosstown Ward Councillor Margaret Esakoff was elected Mayor of Glen Eira for the 2019–20 Council year.

Camden Ward Councillor Dan Sztrajt, who is serving his first term on Council, was elected Deputy Mayor.

Cr Esakoff is a long-time resident of Glen Eira. She was educated in Rosstown Ward and has lived there almost all of her adult life. She is serving her fifth term on Council, and served as Mayor in 2005, 2007 and 2011, and Deputy Mayor in 2008 and 2010.

Cr Esakoff said she is extremely humbled to be elected Mayor of Glen Eira.

"I'd like to thank everyone, especially my Councillor colleagues for the support and trust you have bestowed on me in electing me to carry out this role for what is the final year of this term of Council and the one leading up to the 2020 election," she said.

"When I was elected, I promised to put the community first, I do and I will continue to do so."

Cr Esakoff said by the end of the Council term, she hopes to reach the tendering stage of the Carnegie Swim Centre redevelopment currently out for community feedback; further the *Master Plan* for Lord Reserve and Koornang Park, Carnegie; and have the detailed design completed for the Murrumbeena Community Hub.

"Amongst many other projects, we will also progress work on the Caulfield Station Precinct and Glen Huntly Structure Plans; the Carnegie and Bentleigh Structure Plans; and the Elsternwick Structure Plan," Cr Eskaoff said.

Cr Esakoff finished up by thanking outgoing Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams for his exemplary performance.

"Your work ethic, your diligence, your dedication to the community and your attention to detail, has all been very evident. For your contribution to public life and the community over the past 12 months, I truly thank you."

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