



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

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## Have your say on Council's 2020–2021 draft Annual Budget

Glen Eira City Council's 2020–2021 draft *Annual Budget* and *Council and Community Plan* (including the *Strategic Resource Plan*) is now available for public comment.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said the *2020–2021 Annual Budget* is presented in unprecedented times.

“Since March, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals, businesses and government,” she said.

“Service closures, emergency response and financial concessions to sustain community resilience have all had a substantial impact on Council's financial position. This is expected to continue in the 2020–21 financial year.

“The recently endorsed \$7.3 million COVID-19 Response and Recovery Package will be resourced through re-prioritising existing budgets and reallocating resources from activities now unable to be progressed due to COVID-19. The value of initiatives is estimated at \$2.8 million for the current financial year and this has been reflected in Council's forecast.”

Cr Esakoff said while Council has always enjoyed a sound financial position, it is already experiencing a detrimental impact on previously reliable income streams as a result of COVID-19.

“However, we will do our best to continue to deliver the high quality services and projects that you already enjoy, and that together, make our City a great place to live,” she said.

In the draft *2020–21 Budget*, Council has allocated \$34.15 million for asset renewals, upgrades and expansions, including the Carnegie Sports Precinct; the construction of the Murrumbeena Community Hub; the upgrade of Bentleigh Library; activity centre streetscape works; and the implementation of structure plan designs for Elsternwick, Bentleigh and Carnegie. Funding has also been allocated for community safety projects and the renewal and upgrade of Council's major infrastructure assets such as footpaths, drains and roads.

The draft *Budget* and *Council and Community Plan* can be viewed online at [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au)

The opportunity to provide feedback closes on Friday 5 June.



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