



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Honouring and thanking our local volunteers

To celebrate *National Volunteers Week* (18–24 May), community members have been honoured and thanked for their service to the City of Glen Eira via a special video message.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff recorded a message to celebrate and thank the people and community groups who provide services and dedicate their time to contribute in the best interests of our City.

As part of Council's annual *Volunteer Recognition Program*, 46 community organisations nominated 208 volunteers for recognition — 45 people for 500 hours of service; 46 people for 1,000 hours of service; 35 people for 2,000 hours of service; 45 people for 10 years of service; 27 people for 20 years of service; six people for 30 years of service; and four people for 40 years of service.

A *Certificate of Appreciation*, lapel pin and a thank you from Cr Esakoff have been sent to the volunteers.

Cr Esakoff said while our celebration of volunteers is different this year, it hopefully still conveys our depth of gratitude to everyone.

“We often say that volunteers are the backbone of our community, and now it is more evident than ever. In the current pandemic, we hear heart-warming stories of hope, kindness and gratitude,” she said.

“A sincere thank you for all your hours of volunteer service. It is deeply appreciated and greatly valued by our community.”

If you would like to watch the message, which includes a Welcome to Country from Boon Wurrung Elder Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/news/latest-news/community-awards](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/news/latest-news/community-awards)

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