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ACTION PLAN 2019–2020

The *Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2017–2021* identified community safety as a main priority. In response a *Community Safety Plan 2018–2022* and *Action Plan* for 2018–2020 were developed.

The vision for safety in Glen Eira is achieved under four themes which in turn lay the foundation for the *Action Plan*.



The *Community Safety Action Plan 2018–2020* contained a 50 actions to be implemented over two years of which 47 (94%) were completed. The three actions reported as not being complete were not completed due to operational challenges either within Council or its community safety partners, or COVID-19 restrictions which caused the cancellation of events and community engagement initiatives in 2020.

Council has been successful in securing \$216,000 of funding from the Victorian Government to deliver community safety initiatives in the second year of the *Community Safety Action Plan*. This financial contribution has assisted Council to deliver community safety initiatives on education and awareness of theft of and from motor vehicles and residential properties, and improving safety in the East Bentleigh shopping precinct.



THEME 1

A strong, resilient and connected community

Council launched the Glen Eira *Know Your Neighbour Kit*, an initiative arising from the *Neighbourhood Street Activity Pilot Project* designed to enhance the Community's ability to connect, build friendships, and enhance community safety.

Glen Eira's Youth had access to more than 250 programs and activities which focused on supporting, connecting, and engaging them across a range of interests.

Council gained a deeper understanding of the community's confidence and feelings of safety through a community research project which guided Council's planning of future community safety actions.



THEME 2

Living safely

Council participated in a range of professional and community networks which enabled us to raise and advocate for issues relating to the prevention of family violence and reduce harms in the community.

Four face-to-face engagement events with Victoria Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Council offered the opportunity to access resources and advice, and increased residents' ability to address safety concerns regarding their homes, cars and personal safety.

Implemented a range of activities to mark the *16 Days of Activism* and advocate for gender equality and the prevention of violence against women. Activities were undertaken internally for Council staff as well as throughout Glen Eira.



THEME 3

Safe public places

Council has continued to enhance the community's safety in and around car parks through clear and informative signage reminding them to lock their cars and remove their valuables. Signs were installed across 43 Glen Eira car park locations.

As part of activating and enhancing the safety of public places, Council has implemented and completed the *Brightening Bentleigh* laneway project. The project aims to improve the safety and amenity of the laneway that runs behind the Centre Road shops in Bentleigh to include lighting and pedestrian crossing points at Vickery Street and Bent Street. An evaluation of the project will be undertaken in June 2021.



THEME 4

Safe travel and transport

Council continues to collaborate and work closely with the Metropolitan Transport Forum to improve safety and accessibility for seniors. A parking policy review was completed and includes provisions for senior parking. An *Accessibility Report* on the Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick and Koornang Road, Carnegie, shopping precincts provided recommendations regarding disability parking options.

Council has commenced the development of two pilot projects; Safe Cycling Corridor and the Safe School Neighbourhood which aim to enhance the safety of pedestrians and cyclists throughout Glen Eira.



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