

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## Looking to the future

Smart city initiatives use a range of digital technologies to improve the liveability, economic productivity and sustainability of the community.

Glen Eira City Council is looking to build on its existing smart city initiatives and develop a Smart City Roadmap to guide our focus and help us understand the potential benefits, costs and opportunities presented by smart cities initiatives.

There are many opportunities for smart cities to deliver benefits to Glen Eira, some of which are already underway. A few examples of smart city initiatives Glen Eira could undertake include:

- parking technology to better manage parking and congestion;
- environmental sensors to support environmental monitoring;
- innovation networks/hubs to support creativity and entrepreneurial activity across the City; and
- intelligent irrigation to manage green spaces more efficiently.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said data, smart technologies and innovation create new and exciting ways for our City to become more liveable, accessible, connected, safe, sustainable and engaged.

"Council is determined to make the most of these new and emerging opportunities and deliver enhanced value to the community," she said.

"We will design this *Roadmap* to ensure our City continues to be a great place to live, work and visit now and into the future."

To be involved and have your say on the smart future of Glen Eira, come along and share your ideas at the following online community workshops:

- Introduction to Smart Cities Monday 12 July, 6.30pm-7.30pm
- Community workshop one Wednesday 14 July, 6pm-7.30pm
- Community workshop two Thursday 15 July, 8.30am-10am

To RSVP, visit www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/smart-cities-roadmap/survey\_tools/rsvp or email smartcities@gleneira.vic.gov.au

If you are unable to attend one of the above sessions, we encourage you to complete the online survey at www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/smart-cities-roadmap

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