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Safety for people residing, visiting or working in Glen Eira is recognised as important to the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and community. Safety allows people to go about their daily lives without fear for themselves or others and enables a strong community that has high levels of active participation. The *Glen Eira Community Safety Plan 2018–2022* was developed in consultation with key stakeholders and the community in order to provide a strategic framework for co-ordinating and implementing actions and initiatives that will maintain and progress safety in the community.

The *Glen Eira Community Safety Plan 2018–2022* is supported by a biennial *Community Safety Action Plan* which sets out the suite of actions to be undertaken to achieve identified objectives and strategies. The *Community Safety Action Plan 2020–2022* builds upon the achievements of the previous *Community Safety Action Plan 2018–2020* while responding to current community safety priorities identified in the *Community Vision 2040*, *Council and Community Plan 2017–2021*, and Council's commitment to community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Glen Eira Community Safety Committee, which has broad representation from government, key stakeholders and community organisations, oversees and supports the implementation of the *Glen Eira Community Safety Plan 2018–2022*.

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





THEME 1

A strong, resilient and connected community

Council developed and launched the *Glen Eira Good Neighbour Recognition Program* designed to connect and build positive relationships with our neighbours, build friendships, and enhance community safety. Council's *Good Neighbour Recognition Program* recognises people who are friendly, helpful and inspire others through their acts of kindness.

During our 2020–2021 lockdown periods, Council supported and promoted online events, activities, projects and programs that brought community together, fostered connections, and increased understanding of culture and faith. Glen Eira Libraries had weekly online multicultural and diversity author discussions which included international and national guests from indigenous, transgender and diverse communities. Further, Live Sundays provided online music, performances, talks and workshops from various artists and cultures.



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. *Coffee with a Cop*, an initiative with Victoria Police and Council, offered the Glen Eira community the opportunity to access resources, gain information and ask questions about key community safety issues over four online events. Topics included elder abuse, mental health, community policing and youth.

Implementation of activities to mark the 16 Days of Activism and advocate for gender equality and the prevention of violence against women occurred. Activities were undertaken internally for Council staff as well as throughout Glen Eira. Activities included *Bystander Training*, social media postings and a footpath sticker campaign.

Council was successful in receiving funding from The Department of Justice and Community Safety to develop and implement the *Living Safely Program*. In partnership with Victoria Police and Glen Eira Neighbourhood Watch, 5,860 Crime Prevention Kits were distributed to Glen Eira residents. The kits included a home safety audit checklist and wheelie bin stickers which saw improvement in community confidence and an increase in car and home security measures.



THEME 3

Safe public places

Council has continued to enhance the community's safety in our design and redevelopment of public places. The *Bentleigh Laneway Project* was completed and improved pedestrian access throughout the laneway, which saw an increase of community confidence and feelings of safety, whilst also improving connectivity.

An extension was attached to Packer Park Pavilion which ensured clear lines of sight from the road, provided clear and more attractive entry points, decreased hiding points (particularly near to entry/exit points) and increased the provision of lighting at appropriate points.



THEME 4

Safe travel and transport

Council continues to support activities that promote the Victorian Government's *Walk to School* program. An increased number of schools implemented *Walk to School* programs in term two, with 13 primary schools taking up the offer of a \$300 grant to pledge to be a socially connected and active school. This was to promote active transport and to increase social connection.

Promotion and communication around improving road safety for drivers continues through Council's monthly newspaper *Glen Eira News* and main social media sites (Facebook and Instagram). In partnership with Victoria Police, messages reminding our community members to keep road safety at the top of their minds and take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others, occurred throughout the year.



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