

# INFRASTRUCTURE

## GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FACT SHEET



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### The challenge: Infrastructure under pressure in Glen Eira

Glen Eira is facing significant infrastructure challenges driven by rapid population growth, ageing assets, and increasing community expectations. Our roads, transport networks, open spaces, and community facilities are under strain.

Without urgent investment and strong partnerships with State and Federal governments, we risk falling behind on essential upgrades and failing to meet the needs of a growing, diverse population.

### Our advocacy priorities

#### 1. Invest in transport and road upgrades.

Seeking funding for priority road upgrades and active transport projects, including critical road renewals to improve safety, expanded bike lanes and pedestrian pathways, and integrated transport planning to connect Glen Eira with key employment and education hubs. This includes:

- Pedestrian crossing upgrades in Murrumbeena: \$350,000
- Elsternwick Green Link (active transport corridor): \$150,000
- Community safety upgrades on Queens Avenue, Caulfield East: \$200,000
- Community safety upgrades to Eat Street car park in Bentleigh: \$200,000
- Community safety upgrades to Carnegie Library and Community centre laneway: \$250,000

#### 2. Upgrade community facilities and open spaces.

Seeking funding for new and upgraded community facilities and open space improvements, including modern, accessible community hubs, revitalised parks and playgrounds, and inclusive sports facilities designed for all ages and abilities.

- Elsternwick Club site (new open space): \$10 million to transform site, or \$5 million to convert heritage home
- Mackie Road Reserve (Bentleigh East): \$5.85 million

- Ames Avenue/Rosstown open space (Carnegie): \$3 million
- Porter Road Park (Bentleigh): \$2 million
- Glen Huntly Park Pavilion upgrade: \$500,000
- Elsternwick Community Hub (planning): \$2 million
- Wall-to-Wall mural trail: \$250,000

#### 3. Build climate-resilient infrastructure.

Seeking funding for drainage upgrades and green infrastructure initiatives to reduce flood risk, improve biodiversity and urban cooling, and deliver renewable energy and energy-efficient upgrades for council facilities.

- *Urban Forest Strategy* implementation: \$550,000
- Getting Off Gas program (electrification): \$570,000
- Glen Huntly Road streetscape upgrades: \$250,000

#### 4. Fair funding and planning reforms.

Seeking a commitment to review and increase Financial Assistance Grants to councils and introduce mandatory developer contribution frameworks to ensure fair funding for essential infrastructure and early local government input in planning reforms.



The Elsternwick Club, Elsternwick.

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## Policy outcomes sought

- Improved transport connectivity and reduced congestion through strategic upgrades.
- Modern, inclusive community facilities that meet current and future needs.
- Climate-resilient infrastructure that safeguards Glen Eira against extreme weather.
- Sustainable funding and planning frameworks that empower councils to deliver for their communities.

## Why Government partnership is essential

Local government is on the frontline of infrastructure delivery, but our capacity is limited by funding constraints and regulatory barriers. Glen Eira City Council is committed to building a strong, connected community, but we need State and Federal support to:

- Deliver critical upgrades to roads, transport, and community facilities.
- Build climate-resilient infrastructure that protects homes and businesses.
- Ensure planning and funding systems are fit for purpose and responsive to local needs.

## Community impact

Modern, reliable infrastructure underpins Glen Eira's liveability and economic vitality. Upgrading roads, transport, and community facilities improves safety, reduces congestion, and supports health and wellbeing. Investing in climate resilience protects homes and businesses from extreme weather and builds a sustainable future for all.



## Key data and context

- **Population growth:** Glen Eira's population is projected to grow by 30,000 people by 2036, reaching 188,000 residents. This growth will place unprecedented pressure on transport, roads, parks, and community facilities.
- **Ageing infrastructure:** Many of Glen Eira's roads, drainage systems, and community assets are ageing and require renewal to remain safe and functional.
- **Transport congestion:** Increased traffic and limited public transport options are creating congestion and reducing accessibility for residents and businesses.
- **Climate resilience:** Infrastructure must be upgraded to withstand extreme weather events and support sustainability goals, including improved drainage and green infrastructure.

To read the *Advocacy Priorities 2025–2026*, scan the QR code or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



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