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Glen Eira City Council

Advocacy Priorities 2025–2026



Glen Eira Town Hall.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Glen Eira City Council acknowledges the Boon Wurrung/ Bunurong and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Council honours the rich histories and cultures of First Nations peoples and recognises and values the important contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in enriching our community. We support the Uluru Statement from the Heart and are committed to a *Reconciliation Action Plan* which is underpinned by the principles of self-determination. We work towards improved outcomes and long-term generational change, and to consolidate Glen Eira as a culturally safe place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are committed to achieving equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to live healthy and prosperous lives and to improve life outcomes for current and future generations.

Glen Eira resides on country that always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

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WHY WE ADVOCATE

Glen Eira is a council that delivers.

We work closely with our community to understand what matters most — and we act. But we can't do it alone. These priorities are our call to government to partner with us — to help us fund what our community needs, to enable vital reform and to remove barriers — so we can get on with the job.

Our community consistently tells us that the services they value most are:

- parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces
- roads, footpaths and cycling routes
- rubbish collection and waste management
- sporting facilities and recreation centres
- libraries.

They've also made it clear that in order to accommodate the needs of their growing populations, we need to improve the amenity of our activity centres — vibrant local hubs that support jobs, housing and services.

To continue delivering for our community, we are seeking **next-stage funding for key projects**, including streetscape upgrades, youth and community facilities, and programs that enhance accessibility, safety and wellbeing.

It's clear that our communities must grow, to accommodate more residents, and to promote more diverse housing options. We are ready to play our part, but we need support from all levels of government to build neighborhoods where people thrive. Through strong partnerships and a genuine seat at the table, we will achieve great outcomes for our community.

Bringing our Council Plan to life.

Our priorities will progress the strategic objectives outlined in our *Council Plan 2025–2029*, ensuring we continue to meet our community's needs now and into the future.

This means you know that your support directly leads to long-term community outcomes.

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Community safety,
cohesion, health and
wellbeing



2

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Diverse, welcoming
and accessible
places



3

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Environmental
stewardship



4

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Innovative
and financially
sustainable



HOW WE ADVOCATE

Our commitment to you.

At Glen Eira, advocacy is more than a conversation — it's a commitment. We work collaboratively, provide evidence, and listen to our community. We're ready to partner with government to deliver real outcomes — and we invite you to join us.

Advocacy is tailored to the issue at hand. Whether it's safety, sustainability or infrastructure, our advocacy is grounded in partnership and purpose. We've strengthened our advocacy around crime prevention and community safety, including efforts to combat antisemitism and hate speech. We're committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Glen Eira is a diverse and vibrant municipality. Faced with challenges including population growth, transport pressures and environmental sustainability, we advocate to ensure our community remains safe, inclusive and resilient, and our neighbourhoods are vibrant and liveable.

We also face financial constraints as a local government, with limited capacity to create lasting change without collaboration across all levels of government. That's why we align our efforts with government priorities and build strong partnerships to amplify our impact.



Glen Eira Mayor Councillor Simone Zmood and Deputy Mayor Councillor Luca Ragni with Councillors Li Zhang and Sam Parasol at the 2025 *Working Together for Glen Eira* federal election advocacy breakfast.

REAL CHANGE MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

Our recent advocacy successes show what's possible when we work together. We've secured funding for key projects that make a real difference — including \$3 million for a new pavilion at Mackie Road Reserve, \$2.5 million to electrify Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre, \$2.3 million to transform our active transport network, and \$900,000 for critical upgrades at Bailey Reserve.

These projects have not only delivered upgrades to our community infrastructure, they've enhanced participation, wellbeing and community connection. At a time when there are growing concerns around community cohesion and safety, these investments are critical and are already delivering benefits far exceeding the cost.



LEFT: Artist's impression of the future Mackie Road Reserve Pavilion. TOP RIGHT: Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre. BOTTOM RIGHT: Funding announcement at Bailey Reserve Softball Pavilion with the Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association.

A photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting at a wooden table, coloring. The woman, on the left, is wearing a pink floral headscarf and a brown patterned top, smiling at the camera. The girl, on the right, is wearing a pink hoodie with a unicorn graphic and a purple bow in her hair, looking at the camera with her hand on her chin. They are both holding purple crayons and coloring on sheets of paper with line drawings of a unicorn and a dragon. In the background, other people are visible, including a man in a dark shirt with 'GEYS' on it. A large purple semi-circle graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

SAFE, SUPPORTED AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

A mother and child enjoying a community event at Bentleigh Library and Youth Hub.

WHY IT MATTERS

Everyone deserves to feel safe, supported and connected — whether walking home at night, raising a family or as an older resident. But rising costs, growing social division and mental health pressures are making that harder. Glen Eira is stepping up with local solutions — and we're asking government to back us.

We're committed to safer communities for all. That means stronger responses to crime, hate speech and antisemitism, and creating spaces where people feel protected, respected and welcome.

Your impact by partnering with us

- Safer, more inclusive public spaces reduce crime, prevent harm and build trust — especially for women, young people and older residents.
- Preventative measures and early support through the establishment of dedicated community hubs and wellbeing programs that focus on health, inclusion and social support.
- Anti-hate initiatives and neighbourhood amenity improvements to foster a sense of community, inclusiveness and build community resilience.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Build a community hub in Elsternwick \$2 million to plan the hub

A welcoming space for families and children, this integrated facility will combine the Elsternwick Family and Children's Centre with tailored support services, making it easier for families to access trusted programs and professionals in one location. The proposed hub will feature early childhood and family support spaces; wellbeing programs that build connection, resilience and healthy development; and integrated services to help families navigate parenting, health and community life. This funding supports the concept design and planning phase, including community engagement and early documentation.

Timing: We're currently shaping the concept with partners and the community. With funding secured, concept designs could begin in 2025–2026.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

Revitalise Koornang Road \$1 million to kickstart the next stage

We urgently need to deliver the next stage of the *Carnegie Masterplan* — a \$4–5 million plan to revitalise the Koornang Road streetscape and boost community and economic activity. The project includes more street trees and greenery; new public seating, bins and bike hoops; and safer, upgraded footpaths and pedestrian areas. Carnegie's vibrant shopping precinct is home to local traders, the Carnegie Library and Community Centre, and train station. These upgrades will make the area more welcoming, safer, accessible and enjoyable — encouraging community connection and supporting local businesses to thrive.

Timing: This is a multi-year project starting in 2025–2026, with staged delivery based on available funding and masterplan completion.



Improve Centre Road \$500,000

We're seeking funding for the next stage of the *Bentleigh Streetscape* redevelopment — a \$1.7 million project to refresh Centre Road and support local business and community life. Centre Road is a thriving hub for connection and commerce. Works include improving garden beds, renewing seating areas, and planting street trees to make the space more accessible, comfortable and enjoyable. These upgrades will encourage people to stay longer, feel safer, connect and enjoy the space.

Timing: Multi-year project starting in 2025–2026, with staged delivery based on available funding.



SUPPORTING PROJECTS

Wall-to-Wall mural trail

\$250,000

Deliver a curated series of large-scale murals across Glen Eira to activate blank or underused walls. Developed with local artists, businesses and community groups, the trail will celebrate local stories, culture and heritage. It will encourage walking and cycling, increase foot traffic in retail and dining precincts, and support Glen Eira's creative industries. The project aims to enhance civic pride and position Glen Eira as a destination for arts tourism.

Inclusive placemaking with Monash University's XYX Lab

\$200,000

Partner with XYX Lab to design safer, more inclusive public spaces using evidence-based principles. Co-designed with the community, the project will consider how people of all ages, abilities, genders and backgrounds experience the built environment. Features may include improved lighting, sightlines, seating, wayfinding and interactive elements to support social connection. The initiative will reduce isolation, build belonging and complement Council's broader placemaking and wellbeing strategies.

A collective model to strengthen local responses to homelessness

\$200,000

Establish a coordinated, place-based response to homelessness in Glen Eira. Aligned with the *Zero Project: Housing First Coordination*, this initiative will bring together service providers, community organisations and people with lived experience to co-design practical, person-centred solutions. The focus will be on proactive outreach, case management and pathways to housing, health and employment. A shared governance model will help reduce duplication, close service gaps and support long-term transitions out of rough sleeping.

Community safety upgrades

\$650,000 (total)

Co-fund improvements in three high-priority locations identified by the community:

- Queens Avenue underpass (Caulfield East) — \$200,000
- Eat Street carpark (Bentleigh) — \$200,000
- Carnegie Library and Community Centre laneway — \$250,000

These locations are well-used but often feel unsafe or unwelcoming — especially after dark. By improving visibility and creating more inviting public spaces, we're helping people feel safer and more confident moving through their neighbourhoods. This encourages walking and active transport, supports local traders and community facilities, and improves access for all ages and abilities.



A mural brightening up an Elsternwick laneway.

SUPPORTING POLICY ASKS

Prevent family violence

Provide tailored, long-term funding for support services and primary prevention initiatives to prevent family violence. These include housing, counselling, employment, legal and financial assistance, and programs to address gendered drivers of violence. Funding to also support parenting programs for fathers, helping to build respectful relationships and positive role modelling. This could include partnering with local organisations to co-design new dad's groups, culturally inclusive fathering workshops or programs for separated or single fathers.

Support community safety

Partner with councils to deliver evidence-based community safety programs and gender-sensitive approaches. These may include safer pedestrian routes, lighting and signage improvements, graffiti removal, events, engagement programs, anti-discrimination measures, and co-designed programs with community-based organisations.

Improve health and wellbeing

Expand local health and wellbeing initiatives. This includes strengthening support for mental health, arts and cultural infrastructure; immunisation programs; our Maternal and Child Health workforce; and outreach to the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and elder communities.

Support cohesion

Support Glen Eira's inclusion in the Victorian Government's Anti-Hate Taskforce and back the Local Empowerment Against Hate initiative, a community-led initiative to prevent and respond to hateful conduct and discrimination at the local level.

Provide cost of living relief

Provide cost-of-living relief through food security, energy upgrades and targeted subsidies. This could include expanding community pantry and meal programs or offering targeted subsidies for essential services.

Scale up school programs

Scale up school-based programs on vaping, gambling and mental health first aid by partnering with local health services, youth organisations and schools. Co-design content with young people to ensure relevance and impact, and work with community groups to extend these programs to address racism, discrimination and social exclusion. Consider integrating prevention initiatives on gender-based violence (GBV) and the prevention of violence against women (PVAW) to foster respect, equality and inclusion across school and community settings.

Reduce gambling

Implement the Alliance for Gambling Reform agenda, including harm reduction measures such as reducing pokies, restricting sports gambling advertising and strengthening online gambling regulation. Complement local leadership in harm prevention by supporting local campaigns like *Love Our Game*, which encourages young people to celebrate sport without gambling. Also improve treatment and referral pathways for people experiencing gambling harm.

Stimulate business activity

Support local economic activation through mural trails, music programming and precinct revitalisation to strengthen community connection, attract visitors and stimulate business activity.

Invest in housing

Prioritise social and affordable housing initiatives in areas with low stock, and programs to support those who are more vulnerable to homelessness. Develop a strategic approach to increase ongoing funding for affordable housing.

Foster inclusion

Support the delivery of inclusive social cohesion initiatives, like Upstander training and Welcoming Cities initiatives, to make Glen Eira more inclusive, equitable and welcoming to all.

POLICY OUTCOMES FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Safety builds connection

People feel safer in well-lit, active public spaces. That means more time outdoors, more local events, and stronger communities.

Hate harms everyone

Antisemitism, racism and other hate incidents are rising. Local action helps stop hate before it escalates.

Upstanders make a difference

Training people to speak up against harassment and discrimination builds a more inclusive Glen Eira.

Health starts early

Vaping, gambling and youth mental health need early intervention. Prevention is cheaper than crisis.

Gambling harm is costly

It costs Victoria billions. Councils are leading the way in reducing pokies and raising awareness.

Housing and cost-of-living pressures are growing

More people are struggling. Councils need support to meet demand and tackle homelessness.

Long-term investment matters

Stable funding means better services, stronger partnerships, and fewer people falling through the cracks.



Community members celebrating Diwali Festival of Lights together at Booran Reserve.



FUTURE-READY PLACES BUILT FOR EVERYONE

WHY IT MATTERS

Our neighbourhoods are changing — and our infrastructure must keep pace. We need places that are inclusive, future-proof and built for how people live now. Glen Eira is actively progressing housing initiatives and revitalising our activity centres to support population growth, economic resilience and community wellbeing.

We're ready to work with the government to deliver thriving neighbourhoods, but we need help to unlock the funding and policy settings that make it possible. With the right support, we can create places that are welcoming, connected and built to meet the needs of our growing and diverse communities.

Our activity centres are at the heart of this. They help create liveable, welcoming neighbourhoods for residents, businesses and visitors. Glen Eira's population is expected to grow by 30,000 people — reaching 188,000 by 2036.

That's why we're investing in better streetscapes, infrastructure and planning. We want our centres to stay safe, accessible and enjoyable — now and into the future.

Your impact by partnering with us

- Investing in open space and accessible infrastructure improves liveability, supports population growth and boosts property values.
- Upgraded kindergartens and libraries support early learning, digital inclusion and lifelong education.
- Smarter planning and transport reforms reduce congestion, improve accessibility and align growth with community expectations.
- By aligning activity centre planning with smart planning, local identity and community needs, we create places that are built for people and promote healthy and vibrant communities. Smart planning is an evidence-based, place-focused approach that aligns infrastructure and development with community needs, local identity and long-term sustainability.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Deliver a new open space in Elsternwick \$10 million

Glen Eira has the least open space per person in metro Melbourne — and just one public green space in Elsternwick's activity centre. To address this, Council has invested \$15 million to secure the Elsternwick Club site. With \$10 million in funding, we'll turn it into a vibrant, inclusive public space that honours heritage and meets community needs. Or, with \$5 million, we'll transform the heritage home into accessible community facilities. This is a rare chance to create a green heart for Elsternwick — boosting wellbeing, cooling the city and connecting people for generations to come.

Timing: We're currently in the concept design stage. With funding secured, construction can commence in 2026–2027.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

Transform Mackie Road Reserve \$5.85 million

Help us transform Mackie Road Reserve into a vibrant, inclusive open space hub for the growing Bentleigh East community. With the Victorian Government committing \$3 million for a new pavilion, we now have a unique opportunity to enhance the surrounding reserve and deliver the full vision of the *Masterplan*. We are seeking additional funding to revitalise the oval, create an all-abilities playspace, expand green areas, and improve accessibility, parking and pathways. The design includes sustainability features such as solar panels, energy-efficient lighting and water-saving technology. Informed by strong community engagement, the project will support active lifestyles, social connection and environmental resilience. It will become a welcoming, multifunctional destination that celebrates diversity and strengthens community wellbeing.

Timing: Pending funding, Council can move immediately into design completion in 2026.



Turn Ames Avenue/Rosstown open space into a flourishing park \$3 million

Open space is urgently needed in Carnegie, in alignment with our *Open Space Strategy Refresh 2020*. Carnegie is expected to grow by 22 per cent by 2031, with most new residents living in high-density housing. Following the closure of Rosstown Community, the community supports a passive open space at this location. Council acquired and cleared two adjoining sites, expanding the future park to over 4,000 square metres. The endorsed design includes gardens, nature play and climate-sensitive landscaping, with inclusive access and interpretive elements developed in partnership with Traditional Owners. Council has already invested \$2.4 million in land, design and demolition.

Timing: With funding, we can complete the project in 2025–2026.



SUPPORTING PROJECTS

Porter Road Park, Bentleigh **\$2 million**

Deliver nearly 2,000 square metres of new open space in an area with limited park access, addressing a critical community need. The park will feature recreational facilities for all ages, including a half court, play areas, picnic shelters and enhanced landscaping with native trees. It will also support climate resilience by providing shade, cooling and flood mitigation. Council has already invested \$5.8 million in land acquisition and design. This further investment will create a welcoming, inclusive space that strengthens community wellbeing and connection.

Timing: We've completed detailed design. With funding secured, construction can commence 2025-2026.

Murrumbeena pedestrian crossing **\$350,000**

Install a pedestrian-operated signal crossing near Murrumbeena Primary School and Boyd Park, improving safety for students and the wider community. This high-traffic area currently lacks a safe crossing point, putting vulnerable road users at risk. This investment will support safer, more active travel and enhance local connectivity.

Timing: We're currently in the concept design stage. With funding secured, construction can commence in 2025-2026.

Elsternwick Green Link **\$150,000**

Transform Rippon Grove, near Elsternwick train station and the Rosstown Rail Trail, into a vibrant and accessible active transport corridor. Government funding will help deliver community-led upgrades such as safer crossings, native landscaping and active transport paths — to boost wellbeing, climate resilience and local business.

Timing: We're currently in the concept design stage. With funding secured, construction can commence in 2025-2026.

Glen Huntly Park Pavilion Upgrade **\$500,000**

The Glen Huntly Park Pavilion upgrade is a shovel-ready initiative aimed at promoting fair access and strengthening community sport. With a focus on supporting the growth of women's and junior participation, the project will replace outdated, non-compliant facilities with modern, inclusive amenities. The scope includes new toilets and showers, an umpires room, a unisex accessible sanitary facility, and associated landscaping and building works. Backed by a shared funding commitment from Council and the Caulfield Grammarians Football Club, the \$800,000 project is currently seeking additional support to proceed.

Timing: The project has completed feasibility and is currently in concept design. It's ready to progress to detailed design and construction, pending funding. Delivery is targeted for the 2026–27 financial year, aligning with Council's capital works schedule.

Our infrastructure and connectivity priorities

- > Improving access to Caulfield Racecourse Reserve and surrounding school grounds, while expanding cycling and pedestrian networks across Glen Eira to better connect key precincts such as Caulfield Station.
- > Upgrading kindergarten infrastructure and inclusive facilities — including accessible change spaces and kindergartens co-located on school sites, such as those at Caulfield Primary and Ripponlea Primary — to support equitable access and seamless transitions for all children.
- > Modernising libraries and community hubs, like Bentleigh Library and Youth Hub and Elsternwick Library, with 24/7 access and flexible, multipurpose design.
- > Improving public transport accessibility and frequency, particularly in Bentleigh East.

SUPPORTING POLICY ASKS

Reform planning rules to align growth with community needs by:

- > Mandating a new infrastructure contributions scheme that will drive meaningful community benefit in a way that assures, and does not undermine, current and future council financial sustainability
- > Requiring affordable housing in developments through tools like inclusionary zoning and diverse housing types
- > Strengthening regulations and standards for rooming houses to ensure safety and quality
- > Extending the *Cladding Rectification Program* to ensure building safety.

Be more transparent and accountable in planning reform by:

- > Seeking regular and early local government input
- > Conducting public hearings and engagements for genuine state consultation.

Improve domestic animal management outcomes by:

- > Reforming dog breed legislation to improve enforcement, reduce harm and promote fairness.
- > Providing funding for subsidised desexing of cats and dogs to reduce stray and unwanted litters and improve welfare outcomes, including reinstating the Victorian Government desexing subsidy program.



TOP: Carnegie Major Activity Centre.

BOTTOM: Funding for cat desexing will improve domestic animal management outcomes.



Solar panels at the all-electric Carnegie Memorial Swimming Pool.

A young tree with yellow flowers is supported by two wooden stakes. A grey fabric band is wrapped around the tree trunk. The tree is planted in a black plastic mulch ring. The ground is covered in brown mulch. In the background, there are more trees and a dark purple semi-circular graphic overlay.

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES RUNNING ON CLEAN ENERGY

Tree planting in Packer Park, Carnegie.

WHY IT MATTERS

Climate change is here — and councils are on the frontline. Glen Eira is ready to lead the transition to a cleaner, greener future. But, we need government to help fund the transition, lead reform and empower communities.

Your impact by partnering with us

- Electrification and energy upgrades reduce emissions and household bills — delivering visible climate and cost-of-living wins.
- Greener streets and open spaces improve public health, reduce heat, support biodiversity and strengthen cultural connection to place.
- Local climate action — informed by Traditional Owners' knowledge of Caring for Country — helps reduce pressure on emergency services, supports healthy ecosystems and builds community resilience to extreme weather.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Accelerate our transition from gas \$570,000

We need support to fully realise the *Getting Off Gas* program. We've planned a strategic rollout, beginning with Carnegie Library and Community Centre and extending to priority community sites such as Caulfield Park Pavilion, McKinnon Kindergarten and East Bentleigh Senior Citizens' Centre. Further investment will ensure momentum is maintained and benefits are equitably distributed across neighbourhoods. This program advances our commitment to climate action by transitioning community-use facilities away from gas. It prioritises energy efficiency, public health and long-term cost savings through electrification.

Timing: Multi-year project beginning in 2025–2026.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

Enhance the Glen Huntly Road streetscape in Glen Huntly \$250,000

Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly is a growing area that has seen rapid change since the level crossing removal and new train station. There is a perfect opportunity for streetscape improvements and expanded tree canopy to support this revival. Revitalising the streetscape with new street furniture is a key step in supporting local traders and creating a more attractive, welcoming environment that encourages people to visit and spend time in the precinct.

Timing: Multi-year project beginning in 2025–2026.

Implement our Urban Forest Strategy \$550,000

Implementing our *Urban Forest Strategy* will expand the urban tree canopy in Glen Eira and boost local biodiversity. This work aligns with the Victorian Government's recent planning reforms — which require permits to remove canopy trees in residential zones and aims to protect and enhance tree cover across urban areas. We are ready to deliver on these goals locally, but we need support to do it well and at scale. This funding will enable detailed planning, including identifying priority planting areas, selecting climate-resilient species, and designing biodiversity corridors. The objective is to create a greener, cooler and more liveable City while supporting long-term environmental resilience.

Timing: We're currently in the concept design stage. With funding secured, construction can commence in 2025-2026.



SUPPORTING POLICY ASKS

Build community climate resilience by:

- > Co-investing in climate-ready infrastructure and upgrading community facilities to withstand extreme weather events
- > Accelerating the transition to low-emission technologies across Council assets, like solar energy, electric vehicle infrastructure and energy efficient systems
- > Delivering sustainable funding tools for water-sensitive urban design and flood mitigation.

Support environmental protection and local biodiversity by:

- > Expanding *Community Power Purchase Agreements* and local sustainability programs to reduce emissions
- > Providing air and waterway pollution monitoring data to support local action and accountability
- > Reforming planning and vegetation clearance rules to support tree canopy growth — ensuring *ResCode* setbacks, open space, neighbourhood character provisions and vegetation controls align with the *Plan for Victoria* and deliver its tree canopy targets
- > Helping councils to boost biodiversity through creating new parks, revegetating corridors, and developing biosphere links and laneway microhabitats
- > Advancing sector-wide advocacy through key collaborations, including the Elster Creek Catchment Collaboration, the Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action, Climate Emergency Australia, and the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment.

Support the circular economy by:

- > Rethinking the kerbside glass mandate and instead expanding the *Container Deposit Scheme* to include wine and spirit bottles to deliver lower costs, reduced household burdens and better environmental outcomes
- > Reducing landfill waste through regulating commercial recycling, tackling hard-to-recycle waste, setting national recycled content targets, supporting repair and producer responsibility initiatives, and expanding kerbside reforms
- > Removing funding barriers like *Service Rates Guidelines* and redirecting *Waste Levy* funds to local action.



ABOVE: Expanding the *Container Deposit Scheme* will be better for households than another kerbside bin.

An aerial photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, a multi-lane road curves to the right, with a white car and a silver car driving. To the left of the road is a concrete wall and railway tracks. To the right is a green-paved bike path with white directional arrows, bordered by a green fence and a row of tall trees. In the background, there are modern multi-story buildings, a residential area with houses, and a clear blue sky.

FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING AND SMARTER PARTNERSHIPS

Queens Avenue bike path, delivered through partnership.

WHY IT MATTERS

Councils deliver highly-valued services to our local communities, but the current system is stretched. We are increasingly being asked to do more without the mechanism to increase our base funding.

We know our community best, and we are committed to delivering the things that matter most, but we need governments to work with us and give us a seat at the table so that together, we can reform these outdated funding models.

Your impact by partnering with us

- Fairer funding models will help councils continue delivering essential services without overburdening ratepayers.
- Stronger partnerships unlock better outcomes — from waste reform to infrastructure delivery — by leveraging local knowledge and capacity.
- Embedding councils in reform processes ensures policies are practical, grounded and responsive to community needs.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Simplify funding rules and stop shifting costs

Right now, many government grants come with strict rules about how councils can use the money — even when local needs are different. These “tied grants” limit flexibility and make it harder for councils to respond to what communities actually need. At the same time, councils are being asked to take on more responsibilities without enough funding to match — which puts pressure on local budgets and ratepayers.

We’re asking for fairer funding and more freedom to plan locally, so councils can deliver the services and infrastructure that help communities thrive.

Value the voice of councils

in policy reform and strategic planning through genuine and early engagement and co-design processes.

Expand procurement partnerships

to maximise value for our communities, improve service delivery and capitalise on our collective goals.



Councils are experiencing sky-rocketing costs, especially for essential service and infrastructure delivery.

SUPPORTING POLICY ASKS

- > **Restore** at least 50:50 funding for core services like libraries, maternal and child health and school crossings.
- > **Cover** new costs from state reforms — including waste, cladding rectification and planning system changes.
- > **Link** rate caps to the Local Government Cost Index and actual service delivery costs so they reflect real-world pressures.
- > **Share** infrastructure delivery by working alongside councils to plan, fund and build the local facilities our communities need — and create ongoing funding streams to support this work overtime.
- > **Restore** *Federal Financial Assistance Grants* to one per cent of national tax revenue.



Funding for core services like libraries (above) and school crossing supervision (below) should be shared equally.



A view towards Melbourne CBD over the City of Glen Eira.

PROJECTS BY ELECTORATE

PROJECT	FEDERAL	STATE
BENTLEIGH AREA		
Centre Road, Bentleigh	Goldstein	Bentleigh
Eat Street, Bentleigh	Goldstein	Bentleigh
Porter Road Park, Bentleigh	Goldstein	Bentleigh
Mackie Road Reserve, Bentleigh East	Hotham	Bentleigh
CARNEGIE/MURRUMBEENA AREA		
Ames Avenue/Rosstown open space	Hotham	Oakleigh
Carnegie Library laneway	Hotham	Oakleigh
Koornang Road, Carnegie	Hotham	Oakleigh
Murrumbeena pedestrian safety	Hotham	Oakleigh
ELSTERWICK/CAULFIELD AREA		
Glen Huntly Road, Glen Huntly/Elsternwick	Goldstein/Macnamara	Caulfield
Elsternwick Community Hub	Macnamara	Caulfield
Tree Canopy – Glen Huntly Road	Macnamara	Caulfield
Glen Huntly Park Pavilion	Macnamara	Caulfield
Green Link, Elsternwick	Macnamara	Caulfield
Queens Avenue, Caulfield East	Macnamara	Caulfield
The Elsternwick Club	Macnamara	Caulfield
CROSS-ELECTORATE		
Wall-to-Wall mural trail		
Inclusive placemaking		
Collective model for rough sleeping		
Urban Forest Strategy		
Getting off Gas program		



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