Council Plan Action Plan 2026–27 — four focus areas

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

In 2026–27, we're focusing on what you've told us matters most — feeling safe, supported and welcome in your neighbourhood. This means clean and safe streets, accessible footpaths, welcoming parks, well maintained buildings and vibrant activity centres that support everyday life.

Our priority is caring for the places our community relies on each day. By investing in maintaining and improving what people already know and value, we're focusing on what makes the greatest difference to daily life, rather than expanding services or building premium infrastructure.

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Community safety, cohesion, health and wellbeing

We want everyone in Glen Eira to feel safe, supported and included at every stage of life.

What you'll see:



> Rollout of the *Community Safety Framework*

> A new *Antisemitism Strategy* to address discrimination towards our Jewish community



> Youth wellbeing programs co-designed with young people

> Development and implementation of an *Age-Friendly City Action Plan*



> Longer library self-service hours at Elsternwick and Bentleigh

> Continued reconciliation with First Nations communities through our next *Reconciliation Action Plan*

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Diverse, welcoming and accessible places

We're making places that are safe, easy to use and enjoyable — from streets and parks to libraries and shopping strips.

What you'll see:



> Completion of the Mackie Road Reserve Pavilion

> Adoption of Council's first *Community Infrastructure Plan*



> Footpath upgrades across Glen Eira

> Improvements along the Frankston Rail Trail

> Safer school drop-off and pick-up areas



> Smarter parking management and new technology trials

> Better seating, lighting and greenery in activity centres

> Public art and events to bring life to shopping strips

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Environmental stewardship

We're taking local action on climate change and protecting the natural environment for future generations.

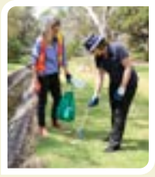
What you'll see:



> A new *Urban Forest Strategy*

> Getting Off Gas upgrades at Council facilities

> A pilot biodiversity corridor



> Litter reduction work along Elster Creek

> Trials of solar power and community batteries

> A new *Glass Recycling Plan*



> *Caring for Country* program with Traditional Owners

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Innovative and financially sustainable

We're committed to use community funds responsibly and innovatively, through careful planning, transparency and smarter use of technology to deliver reliable, affordable services and long-term value.

What you'll see:



> Ongoing delivery of the *Financial Sustainability Strategy*

> Digital upgrades and stronger cyber security



> Better understanding of the places that matter most to our community, to plan future improvements

> A more strategic approach to grants



> Better use of Council buildings and land

> Clearer, plain-language communication

Budget 2026–27 — a balanced and responsible approach

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The 2026–27 *Budget* has been developed in a challenging environment, with rising construction costs, energy prices and service delivery pressures. We've taken a careful and measured approach — prioritising renewal over expansion, managing debt responsibly, and planning within available funding.

Guided by the *Council Plan 2025–2029* and *Financial Sustainability Strategy*, the *Budget* focuses investment on essential services, asset renewal and priority projects that deliver long-term value for the community.

Place-based improvements

Asset renewal — $17.39 million

Investment to keep community assets safe, accessible, compliant and fit for purpose. This focuses on renewing existing assets, including parks and open space, roads and drainage, buildings, leisure and aquatic centres, fleet and plant, IT infrastructure and libraries.

Land acquisition — $14.75 million

Settlement of the Elsternwick Bowls Club site, securing strategically important land in line with Council's *Open Space Strategy*. This will increase access to open space and deliver longterm community, recreation and environmental benefits.

Climate and sustainability — $5.16 million

Investment to support Council's emissions reduction commitments and transition facilities off gas. This includes $4.9 million for the *Getting Off Gas* project at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre, along with energy efficiency upgrades, solar installations and other sustainability initiatives.

Activity centres — $2.20 million

Placebased improvements to support safe, accessible and vibrant local centres. This includes This includes *Better Streets, Better Places* projects, streetscape upgrades, public realm improvements and planning activities that enhance how people move through and use activity centres.

Community safety — $2.11 million

Projects to improve safety across the municipality, including intersection upgrades, pedestrian and school safety works, shopping centre safety improvements, disabled parking upgrades, local traffic management initiatives and cycling safety projects.

Community facilities — $1.06 million

Renewal and upgrade works to sporting and reserve pavilions to support local clubs, volunteers and community use.

Supporting everyday services

Alongside capital investment, the Budget funds the services residents rely on everyday — including libraries, waste and recycling, community safety programs, parks maintenance, leisure facilities, planning services, and support services for families, older people and vulnerable community members.

Service levels are largely maintained, with a strong focus on delivering value for money, improving efficiency, and prioritising essential and high impact services.

