



SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS PROGRAM 2024 PROJECTS

Graduation
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Glen Eira Town Hall

Taking climate action together

Glen Eira Eco Expo



“It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement: the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living.” — Sir David Attenborough

Glen Eira’s Eco Expo 2024

Joanne Blanshard

Come to *Glen Eira’s Eco Expo* on Saturday 9 November from 12pm–4pm at Glen Eira Town Hall.

As a resident for over 25 years, I’ve had the opportunity to see incredible work for the environment being undertaken by community groups, Council representatives, businesses and non-profit organisations.

It is my vision to bring together these entities at Glen Eira’s first *Eco Expo* to create a cooperative, collaborative and common-sense approach to sustainability in our community. Residents can learn what is going on in our area, share ideas and benefit from the amazing efforts already underway.

At the *Expo*, will be a mix of stalls, showcasing services offered by the City of Glen Eira as well as those individuals and groups that are practising sustainability in our local neighbourhood.

There is a true opportunity for local residents to learn from each other by bringing together excellent ideas, proven techniques, observations, recommendations and demonstrations. Little do we know, that such knowledge and information exists on our own doorstep. Come to the inaugural *Eco Expo* to see it showcased.

If you’d like to be involved in the *Glen Eira Eco Expo* as a stallholder or a volunteer, please contact me.

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“Food brings people together on many different levels. It’s nourishment of the soul and body; it’s truly love.” — Giada de Laurentiis

The People’s Pantry

Nada Hasan, Talia Raman and Yashi Potdar

We are the People’s Pantry. Our journey started by trying to minimise food waste whilst supporting the Glen Eira community.

The idea is quite simple: it’s like a community pantry where everyone chips in. We aim to set up multiple food pantry locations where people can drop off non-perishable food items they don’t need, and others can come by to pick up what they need for free, no questions asked. It’s all about sharing and making sure everyone has access to good food, especially during the current cost-of-living crisis.

A few food pantries exist already in Glen Eira. As part of our project, we plan to create a map of existing and new food pantries to increase awareness within the community. Please let us know about any current food pantry locations so we can add it to the map.

Here’s how you can help us build new pantries:

- Donate cabinets.
- Donate non-perishable food (eg. canned goods, pasta, long-life milk, rice, etc.).
- Let us know about any locations to put new food pantries (schools, churches, community centres, etc.).
- Simply spreading the word is a huge help!

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*"Find your place on the planet. Dig in and take responsibility from there."
— Gary Snyder*

Understorey Planting Strategy: A storey for life, a strategy for change

Angela Herd, Jan Lohmann, Lee Treloar and Poornima Ghanta

We are a group of residents committed to reintroducing indigenous and endemic plants to the understorey of Glen Eira's parks and gardens.

In the last 20 years, there has been a rapid deterioration in the biodiversity of plants, insects and birds in Glen Eira. Increasing the biodiversity of understorey planting is essential. The understorey provides the habitat that many insects, birds and other fauna need to thrive, indeed, to survive. It is a key component in creating a food web to support the intricate relationships that lead to a richly biodiverse ecosystem. It is also a key component in the creation of wildlife corridors for different species to disperse across the landscape.

Initially, we will partner with Council on their plantings designed to increase biodiversity. In parallel, we aim to build a network of like-minded, passionate and committed Glen Eira residents to further our strategy and increase the biodiversity and liveability of this area.

None of us are disconnected from our natural environment. Studies have shown how important engaging with nature is for our mental and physical well-being. If it flourishes, we flourish. And, with the changing climate, a healthy understorey of local plants will be key in ensuring that Glen Eira's natural world continues to thrive for all who share this place.

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Local Air Monitoring Project



LAMP
for
ZEN

Shedding light on local air pollution
for
Zero Emissions Neighbourhoods

“Because no matter who we are or where we come from, we’re all entitled to the basic human rights of clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and healthy land to call home.” — Martin Luther King III

Local Air Monitoring Project for Zero Emissions Neighbourhoods (LAMP for ZEN)

Arabella Daniel

If I were to ask you which source in metropolitan Melbourne produces more hazardous fine particle pollution than all the vehicles, industry, and aviation combined, what would your answer be?

It's homes that rely on wood heaters for heating, according to Environment Protection Authority Victoria.

These wood heaters produce emissions that pose serious health risks to all of us, especially to the most vulnerable members of our community such as asthmatics.

Management of residential air pollution is a council responsibility, but our Council lacks local data to address this issue effectively.

To tackle this, I've created the *Glen Eira Local Air Monitoring Project (LAMP)*, using low-cost monitors to establish a local real-time air quality network. These low-cost monitors are used worldwide by researchers and governments. I've owned such a monitor myself for four years.

This project will be delivered in stages: initially starting with a citizen science initiative in schools and then expanding to residential properties. You can help by contacting me if you work at a school, installing your own low-cost monitor and joining my Facebook group.

By raising awareness of local sources of air pollution, we can switch to electric alternatives which save lives, improving health, and reducing climate emissions, thus supporting Council's health, wellbeing, and climate commitments.

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“To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people’s trash.” — Bill Nye

Love Our Street 3163 Carnegie Project

Victoria Jukes

The *Love Our Street 3163 Carnegie Project* aims at keeping the streets beautiful by working with like-minded volunteers in a monthly one-hour litter clean in a popular local location.

Replicating the successful *Love Our Street* movement within the Caulfield area, the project aims at fostering pride in the area, connection with community, and sustainable practices.

The project hopes to launch its first event in spring 2024. This is the first of our monthly events, where volunteers get to connect, share sustainable practices and spend a little time making a big positive impact.

The project aims to:

- see a reduction of litter in our public spaces
- encourage more sustainable waste practices and management
- promote Council and community sustainability offerings
- support more attractive, clean, safe public spaces and the maintenance of waterways for the benefit of people, animals and plants.

If you enjoy having clean safe public spaces to live, exercise and play with family, friends and pets, and think you could support the project, contact Victoria.

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“There is one advantage to having nothing, it never needs repair.”
— Frank A Clark

Glen Eira Repair Cafes

Amelia Knapman, Caitlin Faulks, Diana Gibson, Gaurav Nigam and Marlee Crawford

Glen Eira Repair Cafes will tackle increasing household waste by offering community repair services, run by volunteers. As a part of the growing repair cafe movement, we want to encourage younger adults (18–30) to choose repair over replacing.

Students living away from home, those early in their working lives or with young families are managing their early adult years under the cloud of a cost-of-living squeeze. They are time poor and faced with a world where consumerism is encouraged, while climate and environmental impacts are up front and centre for them.

Repair cafes designed for young adults will:

- keep items in use, and away from landfill, for longer
- save young adults valuable money at a crucial time in their lives (and during the current cost-of-living crisis)
- keep ‘repair-first’ top-of-mind for a range of useful items
- keep alive valuable repair skills, passing these on to the next generation.

Phase one of our project asks young adults what will make *Repair Cafes* attractive for them and promotes Glen Eira City Council's upcoming *Roving Repair Cafes*.

Phase two will run *Repair Cafe* events designed with young adults in mind, incorporating into the Cafes delivery model what we've learnt about their lifestyle needs.

Join us on the journey to circularity for young adults!

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