



**GLEN EIRA
COMMUNITY SAFETY, COHESION, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

The Community Safety, Cohesion, Health and Wellbeing meeting commenced at 6pm.

**Wednesday 20 May 2026
6pm-8pm**

***Yarra Yarra Room
Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield***

Present:

<i>Councillors:</i>	Cr Jane Karslake (Chair) Cr Li Zhang	Councillor committee member Councillor committee member
<i>Community Representatives:</i>	Manny Kingsley Alison Wright Vassiliki Dandanis Deepa Mani Vijay Viswanathan Nandini Kaystha Narrim Segeal César Albarrán Torres Kara Collins	Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member
<i>Council Officers:</i>	Jane Price Geoff Hills Kate Bolaffi Deidre Pellizzer Susan Strano Harley Moraitis Andrew McQuillan Maureen Campbell	Director Community Wellbeing Manager Community and Economic Development Community Impact and Partnerships Officer Manager Libraries, Arts and Culture Arts Team Leader Manager Life Stages Senior Coordinator Healthy Ageing Committee Secretary
<i>Apologies:</i>	Bernie Marshall Cr Kay Rimbaldo Cr Margaret Esakoff	Community committee member Councillor committee member Councillor committee member

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Jane Karslake

Cr Jane Karslake welcomed the Committee and acknowledged Traditional Owners and Custodians.

2. Apologies

Cr Jane Karslake

Bernie Marshall
Cr Kay Rimbaldo
Cr Margaret Esakoff

Community committee member
Councillor committee member
Councillor committee member

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Cr Jane Karslake

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Action items from previous meeting

Cr Jane Karslake (Chair)

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/Closed
Prioritisation of areas of interest by Committee members	Send the prioritised list of committee suggestions to absent members for their input and voting.		Maureen Campbell	Closed
Additional Advisory Committee Meeting	Advise members of proposed date/s in April of additional meeting incorporating other Advisory Committee members.		Maureen Campbell	Closed

5. Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting

Jane Price

Jane noted the previous meeting included an update on the Antisemitism Strategy, including its purpose, engagement process, timeline and the Committee's role. Members were also advised of the Social Cohesion and Antisemitism Forum to be held the following day.

The Committee also discussed the 2026 draft agenda and identified additional priority topics for future meetings through to 2028. These were later circulated to absent members for input.

An update was also provided on consultation about the future of the Warrawee aged care service, as well as a proposed additional Advisory Committee meeting in April.

These minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 7 April 2026.

6. Items for Discussion

6.1 Significant Dates and Cultural Programming

Geoff Hills / Kate Bolaffi

Geoff and Kate outlined how Council acknowledges and promotes Days of Significance, including through website listings, Council activities and services, social media posts, Glen Eira News articles, Town Hall lighting, digital screen messages and support for community-led events through the community grants program. Following this presentation, Committee members participated in two activities to help identify the most effective way to gather community feedback.

For Activity One, members were asked to rank priorities from a community point of view. Activity Two focused on other significant days that are not currently listed and what Council should keep in mind. The discussion noted the need to recognise important dates without overwhelming people, while also making sure the community understands Council's purpose and approach. It was also noted that the Council website's Days of Significance page will explain what is happening on each date, including events, Town Hall light-ups and social media posts.

6.2 Public Arts and Heritage Policy

Deidre Pellizzer / Sue Strano

Deidre and Sue presented on Glen Eira Council's work in public art and heritage. They outlined the role of the Libraries, Arts and Culture team in delivering inclusive programs and creative activities for people at all stages of life, creating welcoming spaces where the community can connect, including people with disability and those who may be more vulnerable. They noted that improvements to local facilities also help strengthen community pride, a sense of belonging and identity. The Committee then considered how Council can develop a public art approach that provides clear community value by defining its purpose, reflecting local identity and stories, and supporting permanent, temporary and community-led works. Discussion also covered where public art should be located, who it should serve, and practical matters such as funding, maintenance, access and cultural sensitivities, to support meaningful and achievable outcomes.

Feedback included that public art brings people together and creates a sense of belonging, starts conversations and shows Glen Eira's identity, cultural diversity and heritage. Committee members also spoke about the value of a bold mix of interesting works, including sculptures, murals and street art, and said it was important to represent different cultures and First Nations perspectives. The discussion also covered ways to build stronger links with the Glen Eira Historical Society and support local artists through grants.

6.3 Healthy Ageing

Harley Moraitis / Andrew McQuillan

Andrew provided a presentation outlining how Council supports older residents to age well by delivering a mix of services, programs, and community initiatives, while working closely with partners to strengthen local support. The focus is on helping people stay healthy, connected, and engaged, while making sure services and environments are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to community needs.

Members noted Glen Eira's growing diversity, and suggested Council consider how to better connect with culturally diverse older residents, including those with Indian heritage, and said it was important to consider people who spend long periods in the area even if they do not live here permanently. Suggestions included promoting services more clearly, including at events such as Diwali, providing information in different languages, and supporting this work through initiatives such as awareness sessions and a carers guide.

Note: Kara Collins left the meeting following this presentation at 7.30pm.

6.4 Antisemitism Strategy Update

Geoff Hills

Geoff provided an update on the development of the Draft Antisemitism Strategy and advised that targeted engagement has been completed, and phase 2 engagement will focus on broad community engagement and input. This input will inform the Draft Strategy to be presented to Council for endorsement in September. Members were advised that there will be another meeting of the Advisory Committee before the Strategy is finalised.

7. General Business

Jane Price

At our last meeting the Committee prioritised the following list of topics for future discussion:

- **Youth Engagement** via local schools to manage racism and discrimination
- **Social Cohesion** activities such as "Know your neighbour" and food related events
- **Healthy / Positive Ageing** by providing more group exercise classes in our parks and detailing ways to identify healthy living activities
- **Libraries** to provide youth with ways to socialise e.g. gaming nights
- **Disability** support services such as 'Every Body Active'

Jane noted that these topics and topics raised during the Advisory Committee meetings will be built into future agendas.

Reflection of meeting

Members advised they found the meeting topics engaging, relevant and worthwhile. They noted that the topics of celebrations, public art and ageing felt closely linked to community life and said they would value more time to explore these issues in more detail.

8. Forward Meeting Schedule

Cr Jane Karslake (Chair)

An updated meeting schedule for 2026 was provided in the agenda and members were advised that their prioritised items, noted in General Business above, will be incorporated throughout future meetings.

Date	Items	Officer/Member
Wednesday 26 August 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room	Aged Care Reform update Affordable housing/ homelessness Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	Harley Moraitis Geoff Hills Geoff Hills
Wednesday 25 November 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room	Social Cohesion Strategy Community Safety Inclusion Framework/Rainbow Roadmap Reflection of structure of meetings	Geoff Hills Geoff Hills Geoff Hills Jane Price

9. Next meeting

Wednesday 26 August 2026 in the Yarra Yarra Room.

10. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.58pm with Cr Karslake thanking everyone for attending.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
Public Arts and Heritage Policy	Notify Committee members when the Policy is available on Council's website.		Deidre Pellizzer	Active
	Share link to the Angel of the North sculpture in England.	Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_of_the_North	Maureen Campbell	Closed