



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2026

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7:30 PM**

Present

The Mayor, Councillor Simone Zmood
Councillor Arabella Daniel
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jane Karlake
Councillor Sam Parasol
Councillor Luca Ragni
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
Manager Life Stages, Harley Moraitis
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Councillor Business Officer, Mary Lennon

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We Acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES

Apology

Moved: Cr Zhang

Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo

That the apology from Cr Young be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REMINDER TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no submissions for Public Participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were four Written Public Questions to Council.

Krystyna Duszniak Caulfield North	Question 1: How many trees will be planted by Glen Eira Council this season and how many of those are indigenous (local to the Glen Eira region)?
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	<p>Answer:</p> <p>In the current season 149 indigenous trees are confirmed, with officers continuing to work towards a target of up to 400 trees indigenous, subject to availability of suitable stock. This would represent, 2% of the indigenous planting program and approximately 50% of the tree planting program.</p>
Krystyna Duszniak Caulfield North	<p>Question 2:</p> <p>In your answer to one of my questions last month, you stated that ‘Council prioritises indigenous species in our biodiversity planning and seeks to increase their extent over time.’ But this is simply not true when it comes to trees. Why can’t you set a target of, say, 50% of all new trees planted will be indigenous trees, instead of the 2% you currently plant?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>I can confirm the response to your previous question related to Council’s previous planting season where more than 20,000 indigenous plants were delivered last planting season. Consistent with Council’s broader planting approach, we attempt to ensure trees represent approximately 2% of total indigenous plantings, equating to around 400 indigenous trees.</p> <p>Last season due to the constraints, such as site conditions and stock availability, we planted 170 indigenous trees, which represented 21% of the total trees planted last season.</p> <p>For the current season 149 indigenous trees are confirmed, with officers continuing to work towards a target of up to 400 trees indigenous, subject to availability of suitable stock. This would represent, 2% of the indigenous planting program and approximately 50% of the tree planting program.</p> <p>However, setting a fixed percentage target for indigenous street tree planting does have challenges, as species selection must respond to site-specific conditions to ensure trees establish successfully and contribute to long-term canopy cover and climate resilience.</p> <p>Council’s commitment is to prioritise indigenous planting when and where appropriate.</p>
Helen Fischer Bentleigh	<p>Question 3:</p> <p>Council is planning on planting 5,000 plants in the area between Glenhuntly Park and the old Neerim Stables site on Neerim Road in mid-June.</p> <p>What will be the percentage of trees, shrubs and ground</p>

	<p>covers and what percentage of these will be indigenous?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>This area has been designed and planned to be 100% indigenous planting.</p> <p>11 Trees (total number)</p> <p>10% Shrubs</p> <p>90% Ground covers</p>
<p>Helen Fischer Bentleigh</p>	<p>Question 4:</p> <p>In the answer to my question at the 19th May Council Meeting about breaking down the numbers of ground, middle and tree layer plantings for 2026, the answer was as follows: 'Approximate breakdown is 70-75% groundcovers, grasses and forbs, 25-30% shrubs and ~2% trees.'</p> <p>How many indigenous trees (not shrubs) is the Council planning on planting this calendar year and could you provide the percentage of indigenous trees compared to all the trees being planted in Glen Eira this calendar year?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>The 2% figure previously referenced relates to the overall percentage of trees within Council's indigenous planting program, not just tree planting. This program includes all planting layers, groundcovers, grasses, shrubs and trees, and totals over 20,000 plants this year. Within that broader program, trees make up a relatively small proportion.</p> <p>The proportion of indigenous trees within that program has been increasing, last year it was around 21% (170 trees), and this year we are targeting 50%, or approximately 400 trees, subject to stock availability.</p>

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Karlake

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**7.1 JOINT LETTER: POLLUTER PAYS MOTION TO SUPPORT A CLIMATE COMPENSATION FUND****Moved: Cr Karlake****Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. receives and notes this joint letter; and
2. refers this to Council officers for further investigation including a detailed response to the submitter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.1 Advisory Committees

9.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting as shown below be received and noted:

1. Environmental Stewardship Committee- 11 May 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Records of Assembly

9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**Moved: Cr Esakoff****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 5 May 2026 Assembly;
2. 12 May 2026 Assembly; and
3. 19 May 2026 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 ROYAL COMMISSION ON ANTISEMITISM AND SOCIAL COHESION – SUBMISSION

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council endorse the submission (*Attachment 1*) to the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Cr Esakoff be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Cr Parasol be granted a one minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time**Moved: Cr Daniel****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Cr Parasol be granted a two minute extension of speaking time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council endorse the Commitment (*Attachment 1*) to preventing and responding to homelessness.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 AGED CARE POLICIES

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council

1. Adopts the following updated policies:
 - a) Residential Care Access and Fee Policy (previous title - Residential Care Services for Older Persons) (*Attachments 1, 2 and 3*)
 - b) Independent Living Units for Older Persons Policy (*Attachments 4, 5 and 6*)
 - c) Residential Aged Care Liquidity Management Policy (*Attachments 7, 8 and 9*)
2. Revokes the following policies:
 - a) Fees for Community Care Services Policy (*Attachment 10*)
 - b) Fees for Independent Living Services Policy (*Attachment 11*)
 - c) Residential Aged Care Accommodation Bonds or Refundable Accommodation Deposits Policy (*Attachment 12*)
3. Adopts the following new policies:
 - a) Client Contributions for Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) Funded In-Home and Social Support Services Policy (*Attachment 13*)
 - b) Client Contributions for Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) Policy (*Attachment 14*)
 - c) Residential Aged Care Management and Refunds of Refundable Accommodation Deposits Policy (*Attachment 15*)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 UPDATE TO CANOPY TREE PROTECTION LOCAL LAW

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council:

1. Resolve, pursuant to Clause 33(1) of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law, to introduce a permit application fee in respect of permits required under Clause 23(2) of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law;
2. Resolve, pursuant to Clause 33(3) of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law, to reduce by 50% (rounded to the nearest whole dollar) the fee for the permit required under Clause 23(2) of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law set in the Schedule of Fees and Charges by Council, where:
 - a) a planning permit is required under Clause 52.37-2 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme for the removal, destruction or lopping of a canopy tree;
 - b) a permit is required for the carrying out of acts regulated by Clause 23(2) of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law; and
 - c) both permits for (a) and (b) of this Part 2 are for the same site and are applied for concurrently by an applicant; and
3. Approve the update of the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law Policy (Attachment 1) and the Canopy Tree Protection Local Law Assessment Guidelines (Attachment 2).

For the Motion: Crs Zhang, Karlake, Daniel, Rimbaldo and Ragni (5)

Against the Motion: Crs Esakoff, Parasol and Zmood (3)

CARRIED

**10.5 TENDER 2026.7 PUBLIC TOILET CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF
AUTOMATED PUBLIC TOILETS**

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council having reviewed and considered the confidential Tender Evaluation report (attachment 1 to this report):

1. appoints Tenderer 11 as the contractor under Tender number 2026.7 - Public Toilet Cleaning and Maintenance of Automated Public Toilets for an amount of 725,880.77 exclusive of GST per annum and \$3,629,403.87 exclusive of GST over the 5 years life of the contract.
2. prepares the contract once a financial assessment report has been received that gives a satisfactory score in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender;
3. authorises the CEO to execute the contract on Council's behalf;
4. notes the attachments to the report remain confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(g) and section 66(5) of the Local Government Act 2020 or until Council resolves otherwise;
5. authorises Council officers to disclose any confidential information in relation to this item, but only to the extent necessary to give effect to the resolution; and
6. authorises Council officers to disclose the successful tenderer name in the meeting minutes for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. ORDINARY BUSINESS

12.1 Requests for reports from a member of Council staff

Nil

12.2 Right of reply

Nil

12.3 Notice of Motion / Notice of Rescission

Nil

12.4 Councillor questions

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**Moved: Cr Karlake****Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That pursuant to Section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as is required for Council to consider the following matters that are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act:

13.1 Aged Care Reforms - Warrawee (Confidential)

This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- because it is Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)); and
- contains commercial in confidence sensitive information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the above procedural motion, community members vacated the gallery and the live streaming was disabled ahead of the confidential item.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Confirmed this 30 June 2026 Ordinary Council meeting.

Chairperson.....