



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

**MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday 25 February 2026  
6pm-8pm**

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

**Present:**

<i>Councillors:</i>	Cr Jane Karlake (Chair) Cr Margaret Esakoff (Deputy Chair) Cr Kay Rimbaldo Cr Li Zhang	Councillor committee member Councillor committee member Councillor committee member Councillor committee member
<i>Community Representatives:</i>	Manny Kingsley Bernie Marshall Alison Wright Vassiliki Dandanis Deepa Mani Vijay Viswanathan	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  Maureen Campbell	Director Community Wellbeing Manager Community and Economic Development Committee Secretary
<i>Apologies:</i>	Nandini Kaystha Narrim Segeal César Albarrán Torres Kara Collins	Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member Community committee member

**1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

Cr Jane Karlake

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

**2. Apologies**

Cr Jane Karlake

Nandini Kaystha  
Narrim Segeal  
César Albarrán Torres  
Kara Collins

Community committee member  
Community committee member  
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**3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

Cr Jane Karlake

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**4. Action items from previous meeting**

Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
<b>Council Services Overview</b>	Compile and share a high-level list of Council services, highlighting those relevant to this Committee's remit, with all Committee members.	Copy of Glen Eira Service Catalogue 2024 distributed with the agenda for this meeting on 25 February 2026.	Jane Price	Closed
<b>Forward Meeting Schedule</b>	Review and resolve the scheduling conflict for the February meeting date to avoid clashing with the Glen Eira Leisure Committee meeting and confirm the final date with the Committee.	Alerted appropriate Directorate about clash. They will look to reschedule to another night.	Maureen Campbell	Closed
<b>PowerPoint Presentation</b>	Kara Collins requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be shared via email with the community members.	Copy of Advisory Committee PowerPoint presentation distributed with Minutes of meeting held 15 December 2025.	Maureen Campbell	Closed

**5. Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting**

Jane Price

The previous meeting was held on Monday 15 December 2025. This was the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee where all attendees introduced themselves and raised and discussed the key community issues within the remit of this Advisory Committee that were a priority or a key interest of theirs.

CEO Lucy Roffey and the Mayor also attended and, along with Councillors, outlined Council's responses following the devastating event at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December 2025.

The committee's Terms of Reference and meeting Principles were presented to the Committee via PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was distributed with the Minutes of the meeting.

The Glen Eira Council Plan 2025-2029 was presented, and committee members were provided with a hard copy of the Council Plan 2025-2029 Summary brochure.

The development of Council's Antisemitism Strategy was discussed with Council Officers advising that the strategy will be presented to this Committee in 2026.

The General Business section provided details regarding the forthcoming 'Flavours of Culture' event at Caulfield Park and confirmed that invitations have been extended to members of the Advisory Committee.

The proposed meeting schedule for 2026 was discussed, potential scheduling conflicts were addressed, and options were considered for remote participation to accommodate members' availability.

Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

## 6. Items for Discussion

### 6.1 Antisemitism Strategy

Geoff Hills

Geoff provided a comprehensive update on the development of the Antisemitism Strategy, outlining its purpose, engagement process, timeline, and the Advisory Committee's role.

Geoff outlined that to support the development of the Strategy, Council is working with Monash University to ensure the strategy is informed by research and evidence as well as engaging local stakeholders and aligning to national and state policy settings.

Discussion was held about the difference between a framework and the final strategy. The discussion also covered the community engagement process, stakeholder involvement, and opportunities for input.

The Committee was also advised that Glen Eira Council was hosting a Social Cohesion and Antisemitism Forum on Thursday 26 February, with representatives from 25 Victorian Local Governments attending along with special guests/speakers.

### 6.2 Draft 2026 Advisory Committee Agenda Calendar

Jane Price

The Advisory Committee draft Agenda calendar was discussed and Jane advised that Council priority areas of work/initiatives have been added to the draft agenda of meetings for the 2026 calendar year. These included antisemitism, cultural programming, aged care, affordable housing, social cohesion, and inclusion.

### 6.3 Prioritisation of areas of interest by Committee members

Jane Price

Jane explained that in addition to the Council priority areas identified for the 2026 calendar that there was space allocated at each meeting to cover priorities identified by Advisory committee members.

The Committee members and Councillors formed three groups to workshop and identify additional priorities for Advisory Committee meetings through to 2028.

This session resulted in the following topics being identified, with those considered as most important for future discussion in priority order and in **bold** type:

- **Working with schools in Glen Eira**
  - ***Managing racism and discrimination***
- **Social Cohesion**
  - ***“Know your neighbour” activities***
  - ***More events around food to bring people together***
  - Food from all of the various cultures in the community
  - More community activity around cultural celebrations
- **Health / Positive Ageing - inclusiveness**
  - ***How to identify healthy living activities***
  - How is healthy ageing projected
- **Health and Wellbeing**
  - **More group exercise classes in our parks**
  - **Libraries engage with our youth the ways they like e.g. game consoles / gaming night!**

- Exercise equipment for seniors in our parks – expand into more parks
- 'Healthy eating' engagement with kids
- More promotion of the 'walking school bus'
- More engagement between elderly and younger members of our community
- **Youth – Social Cohesion and Engagement**
  - Understanding current programs at Glen Eira
  - Alignment / re-alignment with Antisemitism Strategy
- **Disability**
  - Everybody Active (Partnerships with different journeys e.g. Autism, etc.)
- **Community Infrastructure**
  - How can this work well in accordance with Social Cohesion Strategy (e.g. library over-populated – extend hours)
- **Community Engagement**
  - Vital to everything we are doing in Glen Eira
  - Presentations
- **Community Safety**
  - Safety in parks and public places
  - Resources for community members when dealing with homelessness / unsafe situations
  - Encourage engagement with Neighbourhood Watch
  - Games / fun engagement with Police, SES, Ambos / St John's

The Committee members who were unable to attend this meeting will receive this list via email, allowing them to provide input and vote before the future agenda topics are finalised.

## 7. General Business

Jane Price

### ***Aged Care Update***

The Committee was informed about Council's decision to initiate public consultation on the future of the Warrawee residential aged care service in Benteigh, outlining the operational financial challenge with a current cost to Council of \$5.5M per annum. The current consultation is seeking input into two options under consideration:

Option 1 – Continue to operate Warrawee as a Council-run facility.

Option 2 – Transfer ownership to a registered aged care provider, with residential aged care continuing at the site.

Both options ensure Warrawee remains a residential aged care service and Council is not considering closing the site.

Community consultation is currently available through *Have Your Say* on Council's website, and will remain open until Wednesday, 25 March.

### ***Additional Advisory Committee Meeting***

Jane advised that an additional Advisory Committee meeting will likely be scheduled for April which will bring together all of Council's Advisory Committee members. This information session is optional and will be held online and incorporate a LGPro led training session as well as consultation on Council's Community Infrastructure Plan. Further information will be provided via email within the next few weeks.

**8. Forward Meeting Schedule**

Cr Jane Karslake (Chair)

As discussed earlier in the meeting, the proposed meeting schedule for 2026 was presented and it is planned to finalise this following completion of the prioritisation task with the Advisory committee members who are absent from this meeting.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Officer/Member</b>
Wednesday 20 May 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room	Antisemitism Strategy update Significant Dates and Cultural Programming Public Arts and Heritage Policy	Geoff Hills Geoff Hills Deidre Pellizzer
Wednesday 26 August 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room	Aged Care Reform and Healthy/Positive Ageing Strategy Affordable housing/ homelessness	Harley Moraitis Geoff Hills
Wednesday 25 November 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room	Social Cohesion Strategy Reconciliation Action Plan Inclusion Framework/Rainbow Roadmap	Geoff Hills Geoff Hills Geoff Hills

**9. Next meeting**

Wednesday 20 May 2026 in the Yarra Yarra Room.

**10. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.42pm with Cr Karslake noting apologies and thanking Councillors and Committee members for attending.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2026.

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