



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025

MINUTES

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 7:31 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 Kimberley Young
Councillor Li Zhang

Council Officers Present

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 Planning and Building Service, Lauren Richardson
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Coordinator Legal and Governance, Joanne McKay
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster

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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

Nil

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.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Karlake

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails;
2. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem where a Councillor is participating virtually; and
3. where a Councillor is participating virtually and the meeting cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem, the meeting is to be reconvened on Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 7.30pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were two Written Public Questions to Council.

<p>Felicity Childs Carnegie</p>	<p>Question 1:</p> <p>2 large trees were cut down in Lords reserve along the walkway opposite Glen Huntly portable classrooms. One was a large conifer and possibly a gum tree. Why did this occur? Perhaps council ought to compose a register of trees that are cut down in the municipality to gauge the loss.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>I'm pleased to report that all Council trees are recorded within Council's tree management system. Records are kept of all Council tree removals, and the reasons why they are removed.</p> <p>In relation to the two trees:</p> <p>The Eucalyptus tree was removed on 19 November 2024 as it had major structural failure following a storm event. The tree was inspected by Council's qualified arborist, and it was deemed to represent a hazard if retained due to the failures.</p> <p>The Cypress tree was also removed on 19 November 2024 as it had one third of the canopy split away at the base. This tree was also inspected by Council's qualified arborists and was deemed an immediate hazard.</p>
<p>Dan Blackman Murrumbeena</p>	<p>Question 2:</p> <p>Anthony Breslin gifted the "Story of the big frog" to the Murrumbeena community in 2021, which was located near the Murrumbeena train station. Sadly this mural was removed in around July 2024 to the upset of the community. Since that time there has been speculation and reports that Glen Eira council is working with the artist to return the mural, however nothing has since occurred. Can the council please confirm if Anthony's work will be returned to Murrumbeena and the schedule anticipated? If the mural is not going to be returned to the community, can council please indicate what other works are being progressed to replace the mural. Rest in Peace Anthony & thank you - your mural and works have brought much joy to the community.</p> <p><i>It is recorded that the Mayor Cr Zmood made a statement of condolence prior to the answer being read.</i></p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>The 'Story of Big Frog' artwork by the late Anthony Breslin is</p>

	<p>a much-loved community project and the outcome of a fantastic collaboration between artist Anthony Breslin, Caulfield Rotary Club, the Murrumbeena Traders' Association, and the local community. We know that the removal of the artwork has been very disappointing for the community and there may have been frustration about the time taken to identify a suitable alternative location.</p> <p>Council staff have been working with the late artist's representatives to find appropriate locations for both the smaller tiles and larger tiles involved in the artwork.</p> <p>These discussions can seem to take a long time, however considerations are given to the late artists preferences on location, the long term visibility and maintenance of the art work and any authority or owners approval necessary.</p> <p>Currently, discussions are progressing well for a location in Murrumbeena for the smaller tiles and we hope to be able to make an announcement soon. Discussions will also continue with the late artist's representative on the best location within Murrumbeena for the larger tiles.</p>
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It is recorded that the meeting has been adjourned due to technical issues at 7.41pm

It is recorded that the meeting has reconvened at 7.44pm

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Rimbaldo

Seconded: Cr Daniel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Zhang – Municipal Association of Victoria

Cr Karslake – Victorian Local Government Association

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**9.1 Advisory Committees**

Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly**9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES**

Moved: Cr Esakoff

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 25 March 2025 Assembly;
2. 1 April 2025 Assembly; and
3. 8 April 2025 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 OUR PLACE OUR PLAN BROAD ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo**

That Council notes the Our Place, Our Plan community engagement report
(Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET AND 2025-2029 REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

Moved: Cr Zmood**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. commences the statutory process pursuant to s93, s94 and s96 of *the Local Government Act 2020* to seek community feedback on the proposed 2025-2026 Budget and 2025-2029 Revenue and Rating Plan by:
 - a) placing the proposed 2025-2026 Budget (Attachment 1 to the report) and 2025-2029 Revenue and Rating Plan (Attachment 2 to the report) on Council's website; and
 - b) considering community feedback at the 10 June 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.
2. receives a further report to adopt the proposed 2025-2026 Budget and 2025-2029 Revenue and Rating Plan at the 30 June 2025 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2025 - 2029

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council:

1. endorses the draft Biodiversity Plan 2025 - 2029, as presented in Attachment 1, for community engagement aligned to Phase Four of Our Place, Our Plan from 30 April to 18 May 2025; and
2. requests a further report on the submissions received and a final Biodiversity Plan for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 THE ELSTERNWICK CLUB COMMUNITY VISIONING ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Zmood**That Council endorses The Elsternwick Club community visioning engagement summary report (**Attachment 1**).**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***It is recorded that Cr Zhang vacated the Chamber at 8:34pm.**It is recorded that Cr Zhang entered the Chamber at 8:35pm.*

10.5 ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ELSTERNWICK CLUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

That Council:

1. establishes the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee;
2. endorses the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1 to this report) as the Terms of Reference governing the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee;
3. appoints community members Andrew Roberts, Danielle Hersz, Desiree Lucchese, Heather Mallinson, Janice Iloni, Rosemary Cho, Sue Pennicuik, Theodore Della Bosca, Tim Ryder and Valentine Gnanakone as members of the Elsternwick Club Advisory Committee
4. nominates Councillor Simone Zmood as Chairperson of the Committee, and Councillor Margaret Esakoff and Councillor Sam Parasol as members for an initial 12-month term, which will commence from the first meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE GLEN EIRA LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved: Cr Ragni**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. establishes a Glen Eira Leisure Advisory Committee;
2. endorses the Glen Eira Leisure Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1 to this report) as the Terms of Reference governing the Glen Eira Leisure Advisory Committee's operations;
3. supports the commencement of the Expression of Interest process to seek nominations for community representatives and skills-based representatives; and
4. nominates Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Kimberley Young and Cr Luca Ragni to the Committee for an initial 12-month term, which will commence from the Committee's first meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2025

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

That Council approves the recommendations in the confidential Citizen of the Year Awards Program 2025 Recommendations (Attachment 1 to this report) and authorises officers to notify and publicly announce the winners, when appropriate, for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year, and Sustainability Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT (31 MARCH 2025)

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Parasol**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 March 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 COUNCIL LEASES - COATESVILLE TENNIS CLUB, GLEN EIRA TENNIS CLUB, KINGS PARK TENNIS CLUB, MURRUMBEENA TENNIS CLUB, ORMOND TENNIS CLUB AND VICTORY PARK TENNIS CLUB

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. Authorises officers to enter into and finalise new Leases with the following tennis clubs for their continued occupation of Council freehold land, for an initial term of five years, plus one option of a further four years:

Club	Incorporated Association number
a) Coatesville Tennis Club Inc	A0010631G
b) Glen Eira Tennis Club Inc	A0032851N
c) Kings Park Tennis Club Inc	A0015170D
d) Murrumbeena Tennis Club Inc	A0037595G
e) Ormond Tennis Club Inc	A0008520V
f) Victory Park Tennis Club Inc	A0018640U

2. Executes each lease in an appropriate manner by affixing the common seal of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.10 COUNCIL LEASES - COATESVILLE BOWLING CLUB AND MURRUMBEENA PARK BOWLS CLUB

Moved: Cr Esakoff**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council:

1. Authorises officers to enter into and finalise a new Lease with each of the following bowling clubs for their continued occupation of Council freehold land, for an initial term of five years, plus one option of a further four years:

Club	Incorporated Association number
a) Coatesville Bowling Club Inc	A0039991K
b) Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club Inc.	A0012008V

2. Executes each lease in an appropriate manner by affixing the common seal of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.11 COUNCIL LEASE - GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA)

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. Authorises officers to enter into and finalise a new Lease with Girl Guides Australia (Victoria) for its continued occupation of the guide hall within Bailey Reserve Bentleigh East, for an initial term of five years, plus one Option of a further four years; and
2. Executes the lease in an appropriate manner by affixing the common seal of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.12 2025.13 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PANEL

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Ragni**

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

1. Appoints the providers by category as listed in the attached Tender Evaluation report under section: tender recommendation evaluation conclusion, as the panel providers for this Tender number 2025.13 Professional Services Panel in accordance with the Schedule of Rates submitted;
2. prepares the contract for the provider listing in the tender recommendation in accordance with the Conditions of Contract as negotiated and agreed to by Council;
3. authorises the CEO to execute the contracts 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(s) name in the meeting minutes for this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.13 FINANCE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROCUREMENT

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

That Council:

1. Approves an exemption under section 5.7 and Appendix 2 of the Procurement Policy from the procurement thresholds set out in section 5.5 and Appendix 1 of the Procurement Policy for Council to conduct a closed Request for Tender process for the procurement of an implementation partner to deliver the Oracle Finance Fusion solution on the basis that:
 - a) Such exemption has been approved by the CEO; and
 - b) The CEO recommends that the Council approve such exemption; and
 - c) Exceptional circumstances apply where it has been demonstrated that such exemption is in the best interests of the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.14 PRIVACY AND HEALTH RECORDS POLICY

Moved: Cr Daniel**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. adopts the proposed Privacy and Health Records Policy as provided in Attachment 1.
2. on adoption of the proposed Privacy and Health Records Policy, revokes the current
 - a) Privacy Policy (Attachment 2); and
 - b) Health Records policy (Attachment 3).

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 Zmood****Seconded: Cr Daniel**

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 VCAT Matter - Removal of conditional requirement

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

- because it is confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a) (section 3(1)(h)); and
- The report contains reference to legal advice which is not to be publicly accessible

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that the gallery was cleared of all community members and the live-stream was disabled ahead of the confidential item.

It is recorded that Cr Parasol declared a general Conflict of Interest and left the meeting ahead of item 13.1 at 9:12pm.

Following the confidential item, the meeting was closed.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Confirmed this 20 May 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Chairperson.....