



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

MINUTES

The Community Safety, Cohesion, Health and Wellbeing meeting commenced at 5.40pm.

**Monday 15 December 2025
5.30pm-7pm**

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

Present:

<i>Councillors:</i>	Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)	Councillor committee member
	Cr Margaret Esakoff (Deputy Chair)	Councillor committee member
	Cr Kay Rimbardo	Councillor committee member
	Cr Li Zhang	Councillor committee member
	Mayor Cr Simone Zmood	Councillor (Guest)
<i>Community Representatives:</i>	Manny Kingsley	Community committee member
	César Albarrán Torres	Community committee member
	Bernie Marshall	Community committee member
	Narrim Segeal	Community committee member
	Kara Collins	Community committee member
	Nandini Kaystha	Community committee member
	Alison Wright	Community committee member
	Vassiliki Dandanis	Community committee member
	Deepa Mani	Community committee member
<i>Council Officers:</i>	Lucy Roffey	Chief Executive Officer (Guest)
	Jane Price	Director Community Wellbeing
	Geoff Hills	Manager Community and Economic Development
	Maureen Campbell	Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Cr Margaret Esakoff

Cr Margaret Esakoff welcomed the Committee and acknowledged Traditional Owners and Custodians.

2. Apologies Cr Margaret Esakoff

Vijay Viswanathan Community committee member

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration Cr Margaret Esakoff

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Introductions Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

Cr Jane Karlake (Chair) arrived at 5.50pm. Mayor Cr Simone Zmood arrived at 6pm.

Councillors and Council Officers introduced themselves, their roles and responsibilities.

Community members introduced themselves and included their connection to Glen Eira, current / previous careers and topics that are interest or important to them.

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Bondi Beach Massacre Lucy Roffey

Following the event at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December, CEO Lucy Roffey and Councillors outlined Council responses that included enhanced security measures for Jewish community and local events as well as collaboration with Victoria Police, Community Safety Group, and State Government. The Mayor provided letters of support to stakeholders and administered messages via social media. Council has also organised to light up the Town Hall and lower (in accordance with Federal government protocols).

5.2 Committee Terms of Reference and purpose Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

Jane Price

Cr Karlake and Jane Price outlined the committee's Terms of Reference, membership composition, governance rules, and meeting logistics, emphasising the advisory role, conflict of interest procedures, and expectations for participation and conduct.

5.3 Meeting Principles Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

The following meeting Principles were presented to the Committee via PowerPoint presentation:

- Respecting the opinions, beliefs and rights of others
- Listening actively and valuing diverse views
- Regular attendance
- Active participation and collaboration in meetings
- Impartially contributing to the interests of the local community
- Not using information improperly or for advantage

5.4 Presentation on Council Plan 2025-2029 Jane Price

The Council Plan 2025-2029 was presented, detailing the alignment of Advisory Committees with strategic directions, the Committee's advisory and advocacy role, and the integration of health and wellbeing priorities into the Council Plan 2025-2029. Committee members were

provided with a hard copy of the Council Plan 2025-2029 Summary brochure and directed to the QR Code to view the entire document.

5.5 Key Issues and Priorities Discussion

All

Committee members raised and discussed the key community issues within the remit of this Advisory Committee that were a priority or a key interest of theirs. Issues raised included: gender-based violence, youth services, food insecurity, diversity and inclusion, gambling, social isolation, and local and international student wellbeing with many facing isolation and loneliness.

Discussion also covered the development of Council’s Antisemitism Strategy, Council's leadership role in this area, and the mechanisms for influencing and collaborating with other councils and other levels of government. Officers and Councillors noted that in addition to developing local initiatives, working in partnership and advocacy are central to addressing complex issues such as community safety that are influenced by broad contributors.

Council Officers advised that the Antisemitism Strategy will be brought to this Committee next year.

A question was raised about the potential for collaboration with Council’s other Advisory Committees. Officers responded that this will be given consideration in how to share relevant information where there is overlap between the issues covered through each of the Advisory Committees.

6. General Business:

Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

Geoff Hills shared information about the upcoming 'Flavours of Culture' event at Caulfield Park, designed to foster social cohesion by bringing together community members, local businesses, and restaurateurs to share food and cultural experiences. An invitation was extended to the Advisory Committee members and six confirmed their attendance.

7. Forward Meeting Schedule

Cr Jane Karlake (Chair)

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

Date	Items	Officer/Member
Wednesday 25 February 2026 6pm - Caulfield Cup Room	<i>List of items</i>	<i>Officer Name</i>
Wednesday 20 May 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room		
Wednesday 26 August 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room		
Wednesday 25 November 2026 6pm - Yarra Yarra Room		

8. Next meeting

Wednesday 25 February 2026

9. Closure of Meeting:

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

Title/Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
Council Services Overview	Compile and share a high-level list of Council services, highlighting those relevant to this Committee's remit, with all Committee members.		Jane Price	Active
Forward Meeting Schedule	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	Active
PowerPoint Presentation	Kara Collins requested a copy of the PowerPoint presentation be shared via email with the community members.		Maureen Campbell	Active