



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 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 Kimberley Young
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
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 Daniel

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That the apology from Cr Rimbaldo 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.

Suspend Standing Orders**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council suspend standing orders at 7.33PM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor suspended standing orders to congratulate Cr Karslake on her election as the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) President and invited Cr Karslake to say a few words.

Resume Standing Orders**Moved: Cr Zmood****Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council resumes standing orders at 7.37pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no submissions for Public Participation.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There was one Written Public Questions to Council

Melissa Singer McKinnon	Question 1: Teenagers are engaging in unsafe and antisocial behaviour in our council parks using e-scooters, bikes and other vehicles, some of which appear to be in breach of road rules. What is council doing to control the use of motorised scooters, bikes and other vehicles in our public parks to keep our community safe? Answer: Council acknowledges community concerns regarding the unsafe use of e-scooters, bicycles and other motorised vehicles in parks and reserves. In Victoria, the use of e-scooters and bikes is legal where compliance with the Victorian Road Rules is observed. Road rule enforcement is the responsibility of Victoria Police; Council plays a role in promoting safety in public spaces. Under the Glen Eira Community Local Law 2019, Council can investigate activities that create safety risks, cause a nuisance or damage Council assets. Council officers regularly patrol parks and reserves and may take action where unsafe behaviour is evidenced, and it affects community safety.
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	Where potential road rule offences are observed or reported, Council may refer matters to Victoria Police, who are responsible for enforcing road safety laws and have broader enforcement powers. Council also encourages residents to report suspected road rule breaches directly to Victoria Police so they can investigate and take appropriate action. Council will continue to patrol public spaces and work with Victoria Police to support safe and accessible parks for all users.
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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 30 June 2026 and the Special Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026 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 Karlake – Victorian Local Government Association – Board Meeting

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.1 Advisory Committee

9.1.1 Nil

9.2 Records of Assembly

9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

Moved: Cr Daniel

Seconded: Cr Esakoff

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 16 June 2026 Assembly;
2. 22 June 2026 Assembly; and
3. 30 June 2026 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 DRAFT CIRCULAR ECONOMY PLAN 2026 - 2030

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

That Council:

1. Approves the advertising of the draft Glen Eira Circular Economy Plan 2026–2030 for community consultation between 5 August 2026 and 1 September 2026;
2. Receives a further report at the November Council meeting to consider adoption of the Glen Eira Circular Economy Plan 2026–2030, together with the Community Engagement Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 STRATEGIC ASSET RESERVE POLICY

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Strategic Asset Reserve Policy as **Attachment 1** to this report.
2. On the adoption of the proposed Strategic Asset Reserve Policy, revokes the Sale of Council Land and Buildings Policy as provided in **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 SPORTSGROUND AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ALLOCATION POLICY

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Sportsground and Associated Facilities Allocation Policy, as shown in Attachment 1, as Council's principles-based framework for the seasonal allocation and use of Council sporting grounds, pavilions and associated infrastructure.
2. Adopts the Sportsground, Pavilion and Associated Infrastructure User Guide, as shown in Attachment 2, which provides detailed operational guidance on allocation processes, facility classifications, responsibilities, and compliance requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 CAULFIELD CIVIC PRECINCT CONCEPT PLAN

Moved: Cr Parasol**Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council:

1. Adopts the **Caulfield Civic Precinct Concept Plan** attached to this report.
2. Notes that any future progression of projects identified within the Concept Plan will require:
 - a. detailed design and technical investigation;
 - b. preparation of detailed cost estimates and a business case; and
 - c. consideration through Council's Strategic Asset Reserve (SAR) process and annual budget prioritisation framework.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Moved: Cr Young**Seconded: Cr Daniell**

That Council adopts the amended Investment Policy as set out in Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Moved: Cr Zhang**Seconded: Cr Young**

That Council notes the report on the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Young vacated the Chamber at 8:41pm.

10.7 QUARTERLY REPORTING OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

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

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Report from the Director Community Wellbeing, outlining community grants and awards approved for the period February to June 2026.

It is recorded that Cr Young was not present during the vote.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Young entered the Chamber at 8:49pm.

10.8 RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

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

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that Mr Craig Geddes will complete his term as an independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee at the end of the 2026 calendar year, having reached the maximum nine-year tenure in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence a recruitment process, including public advertisement, to appoint a suitably qualified independent member to the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. Approves that a further report be presented to Council to consider the appointment of a preferred candidate following completion of the recruitment process.

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

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Confirmed this 1 September 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Chairperson.....