



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

MINUTES

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

Councillors 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 Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonagh
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib
General Manager Glen Eira Leisure, Peter Tillotson
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere
Coordinator Legal and Governance, Joanne McKay
Councillor Business Officer, Mary Lennon

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor read the acknowledgment.

Glen Eira City Council Acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays 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 Karlake

Seconded: Cr Parasol

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.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no Public Participation submissions.

5. WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were five Written Public Questions to Council.

Nan Yates Bentleigh	Question 1: Over the last months residents on or abutting to Dickens St Bentleigh have sent a petition and individual letters outlining the safety issues of traffic and parking near the childcare centre on the corner of Patterson and Dickens St. We want limited parking hours so that Dickens St is not reduced to one middle lane in between parked cars. The council's engineering department has responded without solving the issue and in our view HAS NOT addressed the safety issues affecting residents, pedestrians, drivers and the children attending King Kids ELC. We as rate payers and voters ask this matter be resolved before someone is killed. Please advise us of the action you as our representatives intend to take. With Thanks. Answer: Thank you for your question regarding traffic, parking and road safety around the KingKids Early Learning Centre in Dickens Street, Bentleigh. While your question refers to a petition, we have not received a formal petition on this matter. We have, however, received correspondence from local residents and recently undertook a detailed investigation of conditions in Dickens Street. That investigation confirmed congestion and safety issues during the morning childcare drop-off period, particularly near the Patterson Road roundabout. As a result, we consulted nearby residents and have decided to introduce a 'No Stopping' restriction on the eastern side of Dickens Street between Patterson Road and the childcare centre driveway from 8.00 am to 9.30 am, Monday to Friday. These changes will be implemented in the coming weeks. We also assessed requests for residential parking restrictions. Based on observed parking demand, these restrictions are not considered justified at this stage. In addition, we are developing plans for further safety improvements at the Patterson Road and Dickens Street roundabout, including pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures to improve safety and reduce vehicle speeds. Subject to design completion, community consultation and funding, construction is anticipated in 2027/28. We will continue to monitor conditions and consider further measures if required.
Anastasios Filippopoulos Carnegie	Question 2: Can the council explain why a prime parking spot on Koornang Road, Carnegie, has been designated as a Mail Zone for Australia Post during hours that are inconvenient for the public? This location is one

	of the busiest parts of the shopping strip and restricting it solely for Australia Post reduces essential short-term parking access for local residents and businesses. Australia Post already has dedicated parking at the rear of its premises, so allocating this street space exclusively to them seems unnecessary. I request that the council review this designation and convert the spot to 15-minute public parking from 6am to 12am, ensuring fair access for the community. Answer: The Mail Zone outside Australia Post on Koornang Road is provided to support the collection and delivery of mail and parcels in a busy activity centre. Council understands that parking demand in this area is high and that convenient short-term parking is important for residents, visitors and local businesses. However, kerbside space must accommodate a range of competing needs, including postal services, deliveries, accessibility and public parking. The request to convert the Mail Zone to 15-minute parking has been noted. Council officers will review the current arrangement, including operational requirements, parking demand and any impacts on the surrounding area, before determining whether any changes are warranted.
Meow Chaye Koh Bentleigh East	Question 3: Given that Glen Eira City Council's master schedules confirm that Council retains sole ownership and physical maintenance responsibilities for the sports facility infrastructure at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, what compliance mechanisms does Council employ to monitor the public transparency of its tenant sports associations? Specifically, what action will Council take regarding tenant clubs that enforce an un-advertised, mandatory financial levy at checkout via registration software explicitly billed to local families under the justification of 'court maintenance'? Furthermore, how does Council ensure that community sports tenants leasing public facilities adhere to the Victorian Child Safe Standards, particularly regarding the transparent management of executive officials undergoing active compliance reviews, to protect the structural integrity of junior community sports programs operating on public property? Answer: All community sporting clubs and tenants operating from Council facilities are required to comply with the terms of their lease or licence agreement, relevant legislation, and applicable policies and standards. We do not generally oversee or approve the day-to-day fee structures, membership arrangements or registration charges established by tenants.

	In relation to the levy referenced in the question, Council understands that the relevant sporting association applies this charge to support the operational delivery of competitions and associated amenities. However, where concerns are raised, we may review the matter to determine whether any obligations under the relevant lease, licence or funding agreement have been breached and take appropriate action where required. Maintenance of the sports facility infrastructure itself remains Council's responsibility. All tenant organisations providing services to children and young people are required to comply with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and all applicable legislative requirements. Concerns regarding compliance should be referred to Council or the appropriate regulatory authority for investigation.
Anne Kilpatrick Bentleigh East	Question 4: There is a planning permit application for 14 canopy trees to be removed from 16 Marma Road, Murrumbeena, many along the boundary. Given tree canopy on private land is where the majority of tree canopy exists in Glen Eira yet seems to be most at risk by observation of tree removals, how can residents have meaningful input into planning decisions like these? Answer: The trigger for a planning permit for tree removal is pursuant to Clause 52.37. The State Government introduced these planning controls in September 2025 without any consultation with Council. The State Government have determined that applications under this clause will be assessed under the VicSmart permit pathway, which means there is no opportunity for any community input into these planning decisions. The planning application for these trees will be assessed against the decision guidelines of the Canopy Trees provision. No decision has been made on this application as yet.
Glen Eira Historical Society per Anne Kilpatrick Caulfield	Question 5: Given we understand that a number of long outstanding heritage review amendments have been recently returned to Council by the Minister for Planning, please advise what is happening with each of the outstanding heritage-related planning amendments including those recently returned. Answer: A number of Council's heritage amendments have been impacted by recent state government led planning reforms such as the Housing statement and Activity Centre Program and are yet to be finalised. These amendments include;

	Amendment C221 – Implementing the Glen Huntly Structure Plan and introducing new Heritage Overlay controls to a small number of places within the commercial core and surrounding residential neighbourhood. This amendment was refused authorisation to exhibit in September this year. The good news is that these heritage places will still be considered as part of the current Amendment C252 application (Glen Huntly and Caulfield East Heritage) having been originally proposed as part of C252 and not yet formally removed from that amendment. Amendment C252 is currently awaiting authorisation, and Council is responding to a request from the Department of Transport and Planning for further assessment of the amendment against the new 'Victorian Local Heritage Guidelines'. This is expected to be completed and lodged by early 2027. Amendment C246 – Caulfield North Heritage Review and Amendment C260 Caulfield South and Gardenvale - Both of these amendments received positive recommendations from an independent planning panel and were adopted by Council in July of this year. The Department of Transport and Planning has requested that further work be undertaken on each of these amendments prior to lodging with the Minister for Planning for approval. The changes include aligning the amendment documentation with new template requirements, as well as reviewing each of the places against the new 'Victorian Local Heritage Guidelines' introduced by the State Government in May of this year. This work will be completed and expected to be lodged with the Minister for approval later this year. Amendment C245 – Implementing the Caulfield Structure Plan and introducing new Heritage Overlay controls to a small number of places. It is unlikely that this amendment will be authorised to proceed being impacted by the Activity Centre Program. Officers will now look to include the places identified for heritage protection in an upcoming heritage amendment, the details of which are yet to be confirmed. Amendment C257 – Elsternwick Heritage Review. This amendment was refused authorisation to exhibit in September this year having been impacted by the Activity Centres Program. The amendment documentation will now be reviewed and assessed against the new Victorian Local Heritage Guidelines introduced by the State Government in May of this year with the view to lodging a new amendment application in 2027. Amendment C281 – Murrumbeena Heritage Review was adopted by Council in May this year and is currently pending authorisation to exhibit. This is not expected to be delayed by recent planning reform.
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6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OR MEETINGS**Moved: Cr Zhang****Seconded: Cr Zmood**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 September 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**7.1 PETITION: SMART GLASSES IN COUNCIL-CONTROLLED AREAS****Moved: Cr Ragni****Seconded: Cr Karslake**

That Council:

1. receives and notes the petition; and
2. refers this petition to the relevant officer for investigation including a detailed response to the submitter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS

Cr Daniel – Eastern Alliance Greenhouse Action (EAGA)

Cr Karslake – Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG)

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY

9.1 Advisory Committees

9.1.1 COMMITTEE MINUTES**Moved: Cr Parasol****Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings as shown below are received and noted:

1. Innovation and Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes – 12 August 2026
2. Community Safety, Cohesion, Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee Minutes – 26 August 2026
3. Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee Minutes – Meeting 10 August 2026
4. GEL Advisory Committee Minutes – Meeting 3 September 2026
5. Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – Meeting 18 September 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Records of Assembly

9.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**Moved: Cr Zhang****Seconded: Cr Ragni**

That Council notes the Records of Assemblies for:

1. 18 August 2026 Assembly;
2. 25 August 2026 Assembly; and
3. 1 September 2026 Pre-meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Ragni vacated the Chamber at 8:16pm.

It is recorded that Cr Ragni entered the Chamber at 8:20pm.

10. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)

10.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2025–26

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council:

1. Adopts the Glen Eira City Council *Annual Report 2025–2026* (Attachment 1).
2. Authorises the *Annual Report* to be published on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW 2026

Moved: Cr Daniel

Seconded: Cr Esakoff

That Council:

1. Endorses the Glen Eira Planning Scheme Review October 2026 including the Strategic Work Plan 2026.
2. Authorises the Manager City Futures to make any administrative changes required where changes do not affect the purpose or intent of the Planning Scheme Review.
3. Submit a copy of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme Review Report, October 2026 (Attachment 1) to the Minister for Planning by end of October 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Extension of Speaking Time

Moved: Cr Zmood

Seconded: Cr Parasol

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Zhang vacated the Chamber at 8:31pm.

It is recorded that Cr Zhang entered the Chamber at 8.34pm.

10.3 KOORNANG ROAD STREETSCAPE MASTERPLAN - ADOPTION

Moved: Cr Ragni

Seconded: Cr Parasol

That Council adopts the *Koornang Road Streetscape Masterplan* (**Attachment 1** to this report)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is recorded that Cr Esakoff declared a general Conflict of Interest to item 10.4 and provided a reason before vacating the Chamber at 8:44pm.

10.4 PARTICIPATION IN THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved: Cr Daniel

Seconded: Cr Zhang

That Council:

1. Approves Council's participation in the Victorian Government Banking Services Contract with Westpac Banking Corporation for the provision of banking and payment services under Contract No. 2027.21, being a schedule of rates contract with an estimated annual contract value of \$400,000 (excluding GST) and an estimated total contract value of \$1.6 million (excluding GST), inclusive of the initial term ending September 2028 and includes a further option for a two-year extension at the discretion of the Victorian Government; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, following Council's resolution, to negotiate, finalise and execute all necessary contractual documentation associated with Council's participation in the Victorian Government Banking Services Contract, and to undertake all actions necessary to facilitate Council's transition to and implementation of the contract.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.5 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2026

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

That Council adopts the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 August 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 CAR SHARE BAY ALLOCATION POLICY

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. Notes the outcome of the review of the Car Share Policy.
2. Adopts the revised Car Share Bay Allocation Policy as attached to this report, with an effective date of 6 October 2026 and a review period of four years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.7 DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved: Cr Rimbaldo**Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. Notes the outcome of the review of the Destruction of Dogs Policy.
2. Adopts the revised Dog Management Policy.
3. Notes that the next review of the policy will occur in October 2030.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10.8 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS POLICY
PARKING INFRINGEMENT APPEAL POLICY
PATROLLING OF GREEN TRAFFIC SIGNS POLICY**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes of the reviews of the:
 - a) School Crossing Supervisors Policy;
 - b) Parking Infringement Appeal Policy; and
 - c) Patrolling of Green Traffic Signs Policy.
2. Notes that the Risk, Governance and Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1 September 2026, supported the recommendation that the policies be revoked.
3. Revokes the:
 - a) School Crossing Supervisors Policy;
 - b) Parking Infringement Appeal Policy; and
 - c) Patrolling of Green Traffic Signs Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 COUNCILLOR GIFT POLICY

Moved: Cr Karlake**Seconded: Cr Zhang**

That Council adopts the revised Councillor Gift Policy (attachment 1 of this report).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.10 COUNCILLOR CIVIC SUPPORT AND EXPENSES POLICY

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

That Council adopts the revised Councillor Civic Support and Expenses Policy (Attachment 1 to this report).

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**12.3.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO.26/002 - SMART GLASSES**

Moved: Cr Ragni

Seconded: Cr Rimbaldo

That Council:

1. Notes the community campaign calling on Council to address privacy concerns associated with smart glasses and other devices with recording capability, and which seeks Council action to restrict the use of such devices in Council facilities; and
2. Requests a report before 28 February 2027 on:
 - a. options for updating conditions of entry, facility rules, operational procedures and relevant Council policies to manage risks associated with smart glasses and recording devices in Council facilities, including any exceptions that may be required where such devices are used as assistive technology by a person with a disability;
 - b. whether amendments to Council's Local Laws may be warranted to address the use of recording devices, including any legal, practical and enforcement considerations;
 - c. opportunities for advocacy to the Victorian and Australian Governments regarding the regulation of recording technologies and any identified privacy implications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.4 Councillor questions

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**Moved: Cr Zmood****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 Business Excellence Awards 2026

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

- because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)); and
- and the attachment contains personal information of the applicants for the Glen Eira Business Excellence Awards which will be announced on 26 November 2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Confirmed this 4 November 2026 Council meeting.

Chairperson.....