



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

*under s60 of the Local Government Act 2020 and
Rule 22 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules*

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,
Corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield
at 5.00pm**

*"The role of a Council is to provide good governance
in its municipal district for the benefit and
wellbeing of the municipal community."*

- S8(1) Local Government Act 2020

Councillors:

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

Chief Executive Officer: Lucy Roffey

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Glen Eira City Council acknowledges the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and uphold Traditional Owner's continuing relationship to the land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. APOLOGIES

3. REMINDER TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors are reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or which are 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 are now invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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 19 November 2025 at 7.30pm.

4. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)**4.1 TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

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Director: Kellie Vise, Director Customer and Corporate Affairs

Trim No: 25/1440709

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prior to the election of the Mayor, Council is required to determine the term of office for the Mayor. Council can resolve to set the term for one or two years in accordance with section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council can opt to establish an office of Deputy Mayor. If the Office of Deputy Mayor is established the term of office must be set by Council resolution prior to the election of the Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with the previous practice of Glen Eira City Council, it is proposed that the office of Deputy Mayor be established and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be elected for a term of one year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. determines that the Mayor be elected to serve a one-year term; and
2. establishes an office of the deputy Mayor to align with the length of the mayoral term.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2020* sets the requirements of the term of office for the Mayor, which also applies to the Deputy Mayor (if the office of Deputy Mayor is established).

Prior to the election of a Mayor, Council must resolve whether the Mayoral term will be set for either one or two years in accordance with section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council must also determine whether to establish the office of Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

On 26 November 2024, Council elected the former Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

On 26 November 2024, Council elected Cr Simone Zmood as Mayor and Cr Luca Ragni as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period. Council has the option of determining whether the Mayor's term of office is one or two years.

At the conclusion of that term, Council may re-elect the incumbent Mayor for another term determined at that time or elect another Councillor to be Mayor.

It has previously been the practice of Glen Eira City Council to elect the Mayor for a one-year term with the next Mayoral election to be held as close to the end of that one-year term as possible.

Section 20A(1) of the Local Government Act provides Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. If the office is established section 26 of the Local Government Act applies which means that the Council must determine by resolution whether the Deputy Mayor is elected for a one or two year term prior to the election of the Deputy Mayor.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate emergency implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, risk or asset management implications associated with this report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This report is in accordance with Section 20A (1), 26 (3) and 27 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable to this report.

LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN

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OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council resolves to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a term of one year with the next Mayoral election to be held as close to the end of that one-year term as possible.

4.2 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2025

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Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* provides that the term of office for the Mayor be determined prior to the election of the Mayor. This will have occurred on the previous item of the agenda. The Chief Executive Officer will assume the Chair for the election of the Mayor in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rules 10-12 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

The Mayor will assume the Chair for the remaining items on the agenda for this meeting following their election.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects a Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for the term as determined by Council commencing 18 November 2025.

BACKGROUND

The process for the election of the Mayor is conducted in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 10-12 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The Chief Executive Officer will act as Chairperson for the election of the Mayor which will be held in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

The procedure guiding the election of the Mayor is outlined in rule 10-12, Chapter 2 (Part B) of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

The Mayor will assume the Chair for the remaining items on the agenda for this meeting following their election.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate emergency implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource, risk or asset management implications associated with this report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The election of the Mayor is held in accordance with Sections 25 and 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 10-12 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

An announcement regarding the election of the Mayor will be made on Council's website, via a press release and on relevant social media and publications. Written advice will also be provided to the Minister for Local Government.

LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN

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OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

The election of Mayor is a key milestone in Council's annual agenda. The process outlined in this paper will ensure that the election is conducted in accordance with the relevant requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

4.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR 2025

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Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council elects a Deputy Mayor of Glen Eira City Council in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules which provide that the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor is the same as for the election of the Mayor but is Chaired by the newly elected Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for the term as determined by Council commencing 18 November 2025.

BACKGROUND

Section 60(1)(d) of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides the election of a Deputy Mayor must be included in the Council's Governance Rules. This provision is addressed by Rule 13 of Glen Eira City Council's Governance Rules – Election of Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Delegated Committees.

The role of the Deputy Mayor as described under section 21 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is to support the Mayor and stand in for the Mayor in the event they are unable to fulfil their duties for any reason or if the office of Mayor is vacant.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Under Rule 13 of Glen Eira City Council's Governance Rules 'Election of any Deputy Mayor cannot proceed until the election of the Mayor has been completed'.

In accordance with Rule 13, the Mayor will Chair the meeting to elect the Deputy Mayor, and the Chief Executive Officer will conduct the poll should one be required.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate emergency implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource, risk or asset management implications associated with this report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The election of the Deputy Mayor is undertaken in accordance with sections 25, 26 and 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and, Rule 13 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

An announcement regarding the election of the Deputy Mayor will be made on Council's website, via a press release and on relevant social media and publications. Written advice will also be provided to the Minister for Local Government.

LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN

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OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

The election of Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the relevant requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING