



GLEN EIRA
Diverse, Welcoming and Accessible Places
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Diverse, Welcoming and Accessible Places Advisory Committee meeting commenced at 5:30pm.

Monday, 9 February 2026
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Function Room - First Floor,
Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Corner North and Murrumbeena Roads, Murrumbeena

Present:

Councillors: Cr Sam Parasol (Chair) Councillor committee member
Cr Kimberley Young Councillor committee member (arrived at 6:35pm)

Community

Representatives: Bridget Cramphorn Community committee member
Cesar Canaria Community committee member
Charles Agius Community committee member
David Bruce-Smith Community committee member
Jamie Truong Community committee member
Kelsey Moore Community committee member
Rachael Vassallo Community committee member
Rose Ciampoli Community committee member
Zak Eichenbaum Community committee member

Council Officers: Lucy Roffey Chief Executive Officer
Rosa Zouzoulas Director Planning and Place
Joycelin Giacomini Executive Management Officer
Ed Zhao Principal Transport Planner
Jacqui Brasher Principal Strategic Planner
Matthew Barbetta Open Space Coordinator

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

The committee was welcomed and the Traditional Owners and Custodians were acknowledged.

2. Apologies Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

Amanda Haycox Community committee member
Cr Luca Ragni Councillor committee member (absent)

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Action Items from previous meeting Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

The action items from the previous meeting were taken as read.

5. Summary of meeting minutes from previous meeting Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

The minutes from the previous meeting were taken as read.

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1 Heritage Jacqui Brasher

Protecting Glen Eira's Heritage were presented, introducing how places and precincts are selected and protected through the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

The following items were presented to the Committee via PowerPoint presentation:

- properties and locations of significance in Glen Eira
- different levels of heritage protection and the respecting administering authorities
- planning scheme amendment process
- current heritage amendments (C240, C246 and C260)
- Glen Eira heritage work programme
- initiatives to raise awareness of Glen Eira's rich heritage

A question was raised regarding the connection between State Government and local Council in protecting heritage and overseeing new developments. Officers responded, noting the aim is to balance heritage protection with development needs. Council continues to work with State Government to ensure our structure plan is envisaged.

Clarification was sought on which properties and locations qualify as heritage, what a heritage overlay includes.

Further questions were asked about how community awareness of heritage matters could be improved, appropriate points of contact within Council for heritage-related enquiries, and whether Council has plans to acquire or showcase properties of heritage or community significance for public access. Officers responded, highlighting Glen Eira City Council Town Hall and the recently acquired Elsternwick Bowls Club as notable properties with heritage significance. Anyone interested in heritage matters can contact Glen Eira City Council on 03 9524 3333 to schedule a time for discussion.

6.2 Active Travel

Ed Zhao

An update regarding active travel initiatives and Glen Eira City Council's ongoing efforts to enhance local transportation planning were discussed.

The following items were presented to the Committee via PowerPoint presentation:

- principles of healthier streets
- statistics on how people travel and within Glen Eira only
- improving Frankston rain trail case study
- near-term focus

The committee engaged in discussions relating to the transportation methods of community members, feedback received from the wider community, and potential areas that could be deprioritised.

6.3 Open Spaces

Matthew Barbetta

Glen Eira City Council's open space approach and the Open Space Strategy were introduced.

The following items were presented to the Committee via PowerPoint presentation:

- quantity and locations of available open spaces
- climate change actions
- achievements to date
- planning priorities and focus areas

Questions were raised about how plant species are chosen for planting. Officers explained that the Glen Eira Biodiversity Plan and Urban Forest Strategy guide these choices, highlighting the value of layering plants—ranging from grasses and small plants to trees. This layered method encourages greater biodiversity by attracting insects and birds. The Council obtains flora for public spaces from local nurseries; however, challenges such as limited stock availability, and the effects of climate changes can impact the use of indigenous species.

Clarification was requested regarding the term "passive space." The officer characterised passive space as an area without organised sports or sports facilities, serving as a multifunctional space to accommodate individuals of all ages.

The committee engaged in discussions concerning the potential organisation of informal recreational activities, such as movie nights, exhibitions, and other events, within these open spaces and further promotion should be undertaken. Officer noted an upcoming Glen Eira City Council event, "Under the Stars 2026," featuring live music at Packer Park.

7. General Business:

Cr Sam Parasol (Chair)

The committee was in agreement to have the presentation slides shared during this meeting be distributed to all members of the committee and time set at the start of the next meeting for members to raise any further thoughts/feedback on this committee meeting for discussion. Additionally, there was a request for the provision of topic-specific information to

be sent to the Committee in advance of meetings, enabling members to be well-prepared for discussions.

8. Next meeting

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

9. Closure of Meeting:

The meeting closed at 7:39pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 7 April 2026.

Action summary from this meeting

Item	Action	Update	Responsible Officer	Active/ Closed
General Business	Distribute 9 February presentations and supply supplementary relevant reading materials to committee members.	March	Joycelin Giacomini	Closed
General Business	Allocate 30 minutes in the 13 May meeting agenda to answer any questions related to the 9 February discussion topics: Heritage, Active Travel, and Open Space.	April	Joycelin Giacomini	Open