

AGENDA

GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING ORDINARY SECTION

Monday 10 November 2025
6:45 pm

Wurriki Nyal
137-149 Mercer Street, Geelong 3220

MEMBERS:

Cr A Katos (Deakin Ward) – Chair
Cr E Wilkinson (Connewarre Ward)
Cr E Kontelj (Hamlyn Heights Ward)
Cr T Sullivan (Leopold Ward)
T Carter (Tourism Greater Geelong and The Bellarine)
R Birrell (External GME Committee Member)
S Gove (External GME Committee Member)
K Boorman (External GME Committee Member)
D McGuane (External GME Committee Member)
M Gale (External GME Committee Member)
P Hertan (External GME Committee Member)
T Bradley (City of Greater Geelong)*

*As proxy for CEO A Wastie

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Owners of the Land, Waterways and Skies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of our Greater Geelong community today.

1.2. Apologies

1.3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

1.4. Confirmation of Minutes of October 2025 Ordinary Meeting

1.5. Correspondence for noting

1.6. Question Time

2. CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Sponsorship Request

2.1 Geelong Gallery - Paul Durand-Ruel and the Legacy of Impressionism *(Confidential)*

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. NEXT MEETING

The next GME meeting will be held on Monday 1 December 2025

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.45PM**

Held at Wurriki Nyal – 137-149 Mercer Street, Geelong (Hybrid Meeting)

PRESENT: Cr Andrew Katos (Chair), Cr Elise Wilkinson, Tennille Bradley (CEO Proxy), Tracy Carter (Executive Director Tourism Greater Geelong & The Bellarine, Robyn Birrell, Shannan Gove, Deirdre McGuane, Peter Hertan, Marcus Gale

Also present: Hannah Sidebottom (GME Executive Officer), Brendan Sanders (Manager, Economic & Cultural Development), Teresa Seg (Minutes)

OPENING: The Chairperson welcomed the Committee and declared the meeting open at 6.45pm.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

1.2 APOLOGIES: Cr E Kontelj, Cr Trent Sullivan, Kent Boorman

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

R Birrell moved, D McGuane seconded –

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 September 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and be confirmed and signed.

Carried

1.5 CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING: Nil.

1.6 QUESTION TIME: Nil.

2. CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Sponsorship Request:

2.1 2026 Gala Awards and Business Forum (Confidential)

R Birrell moved, E Wilkinson seconded -

That the Geelong Major Events Committee consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020

Carried

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. NEXT MEETING

The next GME meeting will be held on Monday 10 November 2025

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 6.50pm on Monday 13 October 2025.

T Carter moved, E Wilkinson seconded -

**That pursuant to Section 66 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, the meeting
be closed to the public.**

Carried

2. REPORTS

2.1 Geelong Gallery - Paul Durand-Ruel and the Legacy of Impressionism (Confidential)

Purpose: To provide a summary of key information and a funding recommendation for the Committee regarding the Geelong Galleries application for funding for the Paul Durand-Ruel and the Legacy of Impressionism (working title) exhibition.

Background: Paul Durand-Ruel and the Legacy of Impressionism presented by the Geelong Gallery and Art Exhibitions Australia will bring together approximately 60 exceptional works, many drawn from private collections and never before seen in Australia. As an Australian exclusive the exhibition explores the pivotal role of art dealer Paul Durand-Ruel in championing the Impressionist movement and shaping the trajectory of modern French painting well into the 20th century.

The exhibition is proposed to run from **4 July to 11 October 2026** (a 100-day season) with an expected attendance of **100,000 people (98% paid attendance)**, and will be accompanied by an extensive public program including:

- Curator and expert talks
- After-hours events with live music and hospitality
- A major opening and gala event
- Education and school engagement programs
- Collaborative partnerships with local tourism and hospitality operators

Summary of Key Event Metrics

Event Classification	Anchor Event
Funding Requested	\$200,000
Funding Term	1 Year

Confidential:

Recommendation:

That the Geelong Major Events Committee consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable as the report includes sensitive budgetary information provided by the event organisers, the disclosure of which could adversely impact their operations. Furthermore, it contains commercially sensitive details regarding sponsorship amounts, which may compromise the committee's ability to negotiate effectively in the future.