

AGENDA

GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE - ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 13 October 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 September 2025 Ordinary Meeting

1.5. Correspondence for noting

1.6. Question Time

2. CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Sponsorship Request

2.1 2026 Gala Awards and Business Forum

(Confidential)

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. NEXT MEETING

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

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM**

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

PRESENT: Cr Andrew Katos (Chair), Cr Trent Sullivan, Cr E Kontelj, Tennille Bradley (CEO Proxy), Robyn Birrell, Shannan Gove, Deirdre McGuane

Also present: Hannah Sidebottom (GME Executive Officer), Brendan Sanders (Manager, Economic & Cultural Development), Sue Arnold (A/Events Coordinator), Teresa Seg (Minutes)

OPENING: The Chairperson welcomed the Committee and declared the meeting open at 6.25pm.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS:

1.2 APOLOGIES: Cr Anthony Aitken, Tracy Carter, Peter Hertan, Marcus Gale, Kent Boorman

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: Nil.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF JULY 2025 ORDINARY MEETING

R Birrell moved, E Kontelj seconded –

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 July 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 REPORTS

Event Evaluations:

2.1 2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross National Series, Round 1 & 2 – Post Event Evaluation

R Birrell moved, E Kontelj seconded -

That Geelong Major Events accepts the 2025 AusCycling Cyclo-Cross National Series, Round 1 & 2 evaluation and note the Officer's comments

Carried

2.2 2025 National Celtic Folk Festival – Post Event Evaluation

**T Bradley moved, D McGuane seconded -
That Geelong Major Events accepts the 2025 National Celtic Folk Festival
evaluation and note the Officer's comments**

Carried

Annual Report:

2.3 Geelong Major Events Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

**D McGuane moved, R Birrell seconded -
That Geelong Major Events endorse the Geelong Major Events Committee Annual
Report 2024-2025 to proceed to Council.**

Carried

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CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 6.31pm on Monday 8 September 2025.

2. REPORTS

2.1 2026 Gala Awards Night and Business Forum

Confidential:

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.