

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22 September 2026
6:00 pm

City Hall
57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

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COUNCIL:

Cr S Kontelj (Kardinia Ward) - Mayor
Cr E Kontelj (Hamlyn Heights Ward) - Deputy Mayor
Cr R Nelson (Barrabool Hills Ward)
Cr E Sinclair (Charlemont Ward)
Cr M Cadwell (Cheetham Ward)
Cr E Wilkinson (Connewarre Ward)
Cr A Aitken (Corio Ward)
Cr A Katos (Deakin Ward)
Cr T Sullivan (Leopold Ward)
Cr R Story (Murradoc Ward)
Cr C Burson (You Yangs Ward)

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Present:

- Cr S Kontelj
- Cr R Nelson
- Cr T Sullivan
- Cr E Wilkinson
- Cr E Sinclair
- Cr A Katos
- Cr E Kontelj
- Cr M Cadwell
- Cr R Story
- Cr C Burson

LOA: Cr A Aitken

Also Present: A Wastie (Chief Executive Officer), T Edwards (Executive Director, Corporate Services), J Stirton (Executive Director City Infrastructure), J van Slageren (Acting Executive Director, Growth and Place), A Basford (Executive Director City Life), A Martin (Chief Governance and Risk Officer) S Beck (Acting Manager Council & Corporate Governance) T Booth (Acting Governance Advisor – Council Business).

Opening: The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

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

Nil

1.3. Leaves of Absence

RESOLUTION – Item 1.3.1

Cr R Nelson moved, Cr C Burson seconded –

That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr E Kontelj from 8 September 2026 to 11 September 2026, inclusive.

Carried

RESOLUTION – Item 1.3.2

Cr E Wilkinson moved, Cr R Story seconded –

That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr A Aitken from 10 September 2026 to 25 September 2026, inclusive.

Carried

1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

1.5. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLUTION - Item 1.5.1

Cr A Katos moved, Cr E Kontelj seconded –

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2026 be confirmed.

Carried

1.6. Public Question and Submission Time

Question and Submission Time is an opportunity for questions to be addressed to Council and while the minutes record the general content, they do not purport to be a transcript of what was said by individuals. Likewise, Councillor or Officer verbal responses are in summary form only. Views expressed may not be the views of Council.

The following persons submitted questions prior to the Council Meeting and presented them at the Council Meeting, on the following subjects:

- Bernie Franke – Fyansford Planning
- Georgina Quayle (proxy Allanah Chappell) – Rooming Houses
- Silvana Benacchio – Differential Rates
- Jan Noreika – Differential Rates
- Josephine Woodburn - Differential Rates
- Ann Daniell - Differential Rates

The following persons submitted questions prior to the Council Meeting but were not in attendance to present them at the Council Meeting, on the following subjects:

- Luke Roberts – St Leonards Development Contribution Fund
- D M Scott – Indented Head Infrastructure
- Trevor Rixon – Roads in New Estates
- John Winkler – Kyema Drive

SUBMITTER 1. LUKE ROBERTS

Subject: St Leonards Development Contribution Fund

Relevant City Department: Growth & Place

Question 1:

With the local government now covering the cost of the Early Learning Centre, and with the redevelopment plans for both St Leonards Lake Reserve and Charles McCarthy Reserve already largely designed, planned and effectively shovel-ready since 2022, would Council consider using some of the development contribution funds originally allocated for community infrastructure towards progressing these projects? In particular, could the funding that may no longer be required for the Early Learning Centre be reassessed and potentially redirected towards the Lake Reserve and Charles McCarthy Reserve redevelopment?

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your question Luke.

The City recognises the importance of the St Leonards Lake Reserve and Charles McCarthy Reserve projects.

The '2015 St Leonards Shared Infrastructure Funding Plan' includes a contribution towards an Early Years and Community Hub. With the Victorian Government now progressing delivery of an Early Learning Centre in St Leonards, the City is actively considering the future use of these funds and how they can best contribute to community infrastructure outcomes within St Leonards. The City has taken a measured approach to this work because it has been important to gain confidence that the Victorian Government's Early Learning Centre would proceed before assessing the future use of funds originally collected towards an Early Years and Community Hub.

We recognise the community's interest in this matter and will keep the community informed as consideration progresses.

SUBMITTER 2. D M SCOTT**Subject: Indented Head Infrastructure****Relevant City Department: City Infrastructure****Question 1:**

As a ratepayer in Indented Head with severe health conditions and injuries from two serious accidents, the lack of infrastructure in our area directly harms my health. Ibbotson Road remains unsealed, and the thick dust severely aggravates my breathing. Furthermore, both Ibbotson Road and The Esplanade are deeply hazardous to drive on. Even at 20km/h, my car regularly slides sideways over the massive potholes and corrugations on Ibbotson Road, narrowly missing trees. Meanwhile, the large tree roots on The Esplanade have raised the bitumen into jagged ridges, causing severe pain and flare-ups to my accident injuries. Compounding this danger, mobile tower signals completely drop out during peak holiday seasons due to tourist overcrowding. Living with severe medical conditions, being left without mobile service during an emergency is life-threatening. St Leonards and Indented Head ratepayers are being left behind while holidaymakers overload our basic amenities. My questions to Council are: Given the severe impact on resident health and safety, what is the exact timeline for Council to seal Ibbotson Road and repair the raised bitumen on The Esplanade?

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your submission.

At present, the City does not have a program to seal or upgrade its 400km unsealed road network, and Ibbotson Street is not currently identified for upgrade through Council's capital works program.

Residents may wish to explore a Special Rates and Charges Scheme, where the cost of the works is shared between benefiting property owners and the City. If you and your neighbours are interested in this option, we encourage you to submit a petition to Council so the process and requirements can be discussed further. For context, in 2023 Council previously consulted with property owners in Indented Head regarding a similar scheme. The proposal did not proceed at that time.

The City will continue to maintain Ibbotson Street in accordance with the Municipal Road Management Plan and address any defects that reach intervention levels. We also acknowledge concerns regarding dust from unsealed roads. Independent testing of the gravel material used on Ibbotson Street confirmed that it does not pose a health risk.

In relation to The Esplanade, this is a State road managed by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). Responsibility for maintaining and repairing the road surface, including any areas affected by raised or deteriorated bitumen, rests with DTP rather than the City. We have forwarded your concerns to the Department and requested that they investigate and respond accordingly.

Question 2:

Will Council actively advocate to telecommunications providers to install booster signals for the mobile towers in Indented Head during the peak holiday seasons?

Question 2 Response

The provision and operation of mobile telecommunications services, including mobile towers and network upgrades, are the responsibility of telecommunications providers and the Australian Government. Council does not have the authority to direct telecommunications companies to install additional infrastructure or increase network capacity.

The City recognises the importance of reliable mobile coverage for residents and visitors, particularly during emergencies and peak holiday periods. The issues raised will be considered, and opportunities for advocacy with telecommunications providers and relevant government representatives will be explored subject to the City's processes and endorsement.

Residents experiencing ongoing mobile service issues are also encouraged to report them directly to their provider, as customer data assists in identifying areas requiring network improvements.

SUBMITTER 3. TREVOR RIXON

Subject: Roads in New Estates

Relevant City Department: Growth & Place

Question 1:

Is the developer legally responsible for sealing all the roads on the new estate as indicated on the Planning Permit 970/2014 Plan of Subdivision? If they are legally responsible, why were they allowed to avoid doing this? Can they still be held accountable to resolve this matter?

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your Question Trevor

The Baybreeze Estate was approved through Planning Scheme Amendment C325, which was considered by an independent Planning Panel.

Under Planning Permit 970/2014, the developer was required to construct and seal roads where specified by the permit. The permit did not include a requirement to seal the western side of Ibbotson Street.

As there is no permit requirement for that section of road to be sealed, the developer cannot be required to undertake these works or be held accountable for not completing them.

SUBMITTER 4. JOHN WINKLER

Subject: Kyema Drive

Relevant City Department: Growth and Place

Question 1:

This question is in relation to my previous question of 25th August 2026.

The amended and endorsed plans for PP-1246-2023 32 Kyema Drive include 25% transparency fences, at full height. The fences as built are not transparent for the full height. The amendment plans were agreed to by all parties at VCAT, not only because they met surveillance requirements, but also because the amended design - at full height - would not restrict overland flow to the floodway and therefore satisfy other concerns raised by residents.

The fence as it is currently built is not full height. It has a solid lower plinth which now separates Kyema Drive from its floodway to the East and would obstruct overland flow to a level higher than the floor heights of 8 homes in Kyema Drive. The fence is not temporary as suggested by council in response to my original question. It is a permanent boundary fence that was constructed well in advance of the temporary site fences that were added later for construction purposes. Residents request council assistance to simply have the fence altered on the basis of being compliant as drawn on the endorsed plans. That is, for 25 percent transparency at Full Height from existing ground level, and specifically without a lower plinth. To be clear, the request is for compliance simply with the detail on the plans, and not to be confused with any missing overlays which is understood do not apply.

In addition, Kyema Drive residents would like to meet with council to establish a way forward to deal with these sorts of circumstances that continually occur as a result of the absence of the needed controls being implemented by council until such time as the drainage issue is resolved.

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your question John.

The matters you have raised regarding the fence at 32 Kyema Drive, including concerns about compliance with the endorsed plans and potential floodway impacts, will be referred to the City's Planning Investigations team for review via our standard process.

The team will assess the issues raised and respond directly to you regarding the outcome of their investigation and any appropriate next steps.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to our attention.

SUBMITTER 5. BERNIE FRANKE

Subject: Fyansford Planning

Relevant City Department: Growth and Place

Question 1:

Fyansford residents have serious concerns about local planning in Fyansford. Will our council support an independent review into local planning?

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your question Bernie.

The City recognises that planning matters in Fyansford are of significant interest to local residents and that there are a range of views about how growth and development are occurring in the area.

Substantial planning work has been done in the form of Development Plans for The Heights estate and the Gen Fyansford estates – these estates are well underway and include new housing and community facilities.

Strict planning controls protect the riverine environment and unique historical features. The wider area will be shaped by the future Western Geelong Growth Area to the west of the freeway.

Planning decisions are made within the framework established by the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme, Victorian planning legislation and a range of strategic planning policies. These processes include statutory requirements for notification, consultation and opportunities for community input where applicable.

The City is not proposing to undertake an independent review of local planning in Fyansford. We remain committed to listening to community feedback and ensuring planning matters continue to be considered through the established planning and governance processes.

An additional statement was permitted by the Chair:

My family's lived in Fyansford for 22 years. We're wondering what's going on. The Fyansford tip operated for years with an expired planning permit. At the same time the Council was fielding multiple amenity concerns about the site.

Industrial one zone land in Fyansford, its purpose is to provide for the manufacturing industry and the storage and distribution of goods. However, in Fyansford, it seems that we increasingly have other uses that have nothing to do with providing for the manufacturing industry and the storage and distribution. In a recent industrial one zone development, we've seen the usual car parking requirements reduced. So, we have a use with more cars and less parking. Then there's the retrospective planning permit in Fyansford. A site was recently developed in Upper Paper Mill Road, but it has inadequate capacity to handle car parking and now it's causing safety issues. The solution is apparently the retrospective permit

Ordinary Mum and Dad house block owners in the rural living zone are affected as well. Our neighbour is refused a permit to build a family home on land zoned for the purpose. It's rural

living zone. Just down the road and only a year or two later, another block owner in the exact same circumstances somehow gets a permit. What's going on?

Then, there is the waste processing plant. An entirely new waste processing plant appears on the Fyansford tip. No permit. There is an attempt at a retrospective permit. When I put a Freedom of Information request in because we are curious about how this can occur under the nose of Council, I get a response from Council claiming they just can't seem to understand what I'm asking about. Which is why I'm here asking for some light on local planning.

Response:

Mayor Kontelj advised a response will be provided separately.

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SUBMITTER 6. GEORGINA QUAYLE (PROXY ALLANAH CHAPPLE)**Subject: Rooming Houses****Relevant City Department: Growth and Place*****The chair allowed additional context to be provided by Allanah ahead of asking Georgina's question:***

I'm here regarding a development of a rooming house at the moment in East Geelong. The property was sold by my neighbour in July and we were advised by the new owners that it would be renovated. We understand that this development is occurring with an approved building permit under the loophole clause of 52.23 of the Victorian planning provisions. This development or renovation has no sign of it being a building site at all. There's no mandatory signage. There's no fencing, so the neighbourhood had no idea what was happening. Through discreet exploration, we've discovered that it does have a permit. This development involves the conversion of a four bedroom, two bathroom, aged weatherboard home with no overlays into a nine bedroom, nine ensuite rooming house requiring car parking. This development has no signage and no external visibility that it's a building site, so we believe it's been done under the stealth of darkness.

Question 1:

There appears to be a major loophole in rooming houses that directly effect the local community and neighbouring properties I have emailed the council at length posing many questions and have had zero response what are my rights in relation to serious concerns and breaches of public safety? When can I expect to hear back in relation to my concerns at 3 Glen Avenue east Geelong?

I understand Council says the property is permitted. My concern is what happens to neighbouring residents when a four-bedroom house becomes nine-bedroom Class 1b accommodation. Who is responsible for dealing with parking, privacy, overlooking and amenity problems once it's operating, and what rights do we actually have?"

Question 1 Response

Thank you for your question.

The City has received your email dated 10 September 2026 regarding your concerns about the property at 3 Glen Avenue, East Geelong, including matters relating to rooming house provisions, public safety and impacts on neighbouring properties.

Officers are currently reviewing the matters you have raised and will provide a direct response to you. As your enquiry contains a number of detailed questions which require investigation, we will provide you with a detailed written response.

While privacy and overlooking matters are considered by the Private Building Surveyor through the building permit as Rooming Houses are exempt from a planning permit under state regulations, concerns relating to on-street parking are regulated and enforced under the Victorian Road Rules.

Residents have the right to report suspected parking offences to the City for investigation. Matters relating to neighbourhood amenity can be investigated under the City of Greater Geelong's Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2024 where they fall within scope.

An additional question was permitted by the Chair:

Can I just ask when the Council will reassess the value of my home as it will drop significantly? When will that occur?

Response provided by CEO Ali Wastie

Thank you for your question.

Council doesn't assess values of property. That is undertaken by the State Government and that's done on an annual basis through the Victorian Auditor General.

SUBMITTER 7. SILVANA BENACCHIO**Subject: Differential Rates****Relevant City Department: Corporate Services****Question 1:**

Will you support a separate "Retirement Village Differential Rate", with a reduction of up to 33% for retirement villages that pay rates directly to Council? Retirement Village residents respectfully ask Council to recognise the fairness and equity issues created by the current rating system. Many residents are older Australians living on fixed or carefully managed retirement incomes. They have downsized to remain independent, yet contribute to the City of Greater Geelong community. Importantly, many retirement villages that pay rates directly to Council also fund and maintain their own internal roads, kerbs, footpaths, lighting, gardens, drainage, facilities and other infrastructure. This raises a reasonable question: if residents are paying rates directly to Council while their villages are also providing and maintaining significant infrastructure, is the current rating treatment equitable? Other Victorian Councils, including Brimbank, Frankston, Knox, Melton and Mornington Peninsula, have recognised that retirement villages can warrant different rating treatment. We respectfully ask the City of Greater Geelong Councillors to ensure local retirement village residents receive the same consideration. We ask of the 11 Councillors to support: a formal review of retirement village rating; and consideration of a Retirement Village reduced Differential Rate of up to 33% for villages paying rates directly to Council.

A combined response will be provided after each of the questions on differential rates has been read out. See response at end of submission 10.

SUBMITTER 8. JAN NOREIKA

Subject: Differential Rates

Relevant City Department: Corporate Services

Question 1:

We have made numerous attempts throughout this year to engage with all councillors following our petition for a reduced differential rate for Retirement Villages in the Co GG. What is the reason councillors have not replied to letters sent them? Another letter (two attachments) has now been emailed. Will all councillors give an undertaking that this letter will receive a reply?

A combined response will be provided after each of the questions on differential rates has been read out. See response at end of submission 10.

SUBMITTER 9. JOSEPHINEWOODBURN**Subject: Differential Rates****Relevant City Department: Corporate Services****Question 1:**

My submission on behalf of the residents of Armstrong Green Retirement Village is that the City of Greater Geelong give consideration to approving a differential council rate of up to 33% for retirement village residents who live in the greater Geelong area when undertaking your next annual rate review. Rates on my Retirement Village Unit for the 2026 – 2027 financial year are \$2062.05. The capital improved value of land, building and improvements is \$600,000. Rates on a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom detached dwelling in Currumbin St, Armstrong Creek are \$1947.15. The capital improved value of land, building and improvements is \$550,000. Rates on a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom detached dwelling in Freshwater Dve, Armstrong creek are \$2278.00. The capital improved value of land, building and improvements is \$625,000. My submission is why are the rates on a retirement village unit in one instance more and another instance less on detached dwellings in the same suburb when retirement village residents through their monthly levy fund services such as: the maintenance and upgrading of sealed roads, footpaths, kerbing, security fencing, stormwater drainage, street furniture, street lighting and common garden areas. Furthermore residents make less use of public facilities such as parks. Council has the legislative authority to act under the provisions of S161 Differential rates of the Local Government Act 1989.

Question 2:

The current capital improved system of valuing land means that retirement village residents are assessed under the same rate as owners of residential properties. ie. 0.00212512. My submission is that retirement village residents are eligible to be assessed under a separate retirement village rate given that council may raise general rates by the application of a differential rate if it uses the capital improved value system of valuing land which the council uses.

A combined response will be provided after each of the questions on differential rates has been read out. See response at end of submission 10.

SUBMITTER 10. ANN DANIELL**Subject: Differential Rates****Relevant City Department: Corporate Services*****Question 1:***

Why won't Geelong Council give consideration to differential rates for Retirement Villages? I am speaking on behalf of residents of Geelong Grove Retirement Village. You may recall our submissions and petitions earlier this year. Although, as I look around I wonder who is actually listening to our communities. There is a long-standing financial imbalance to the rating system in Geelong. We request Council give serious consideration to the introduction of a differential rating category for retirement villages, offering a 30% discount on standard residential rates. Currently residents in retirement villages pay the same as other ratepayers. When the boundary into a Retirement Village is crossed, the Council's operational footprint disappears. Essential infrastructure is funded out of residents' pockets. Residents pay for and maintain internal infrastructure. Council has absolutely no cost and this must result in a significant reduction in the asset management burden. Another point for consideration is the housing crisis we are currently experiencing. Encouraging more older people to move into Retirement Villages would significantly ease this crisis. A differential rate may be an additional incentive to move. A 30% discounted Differential Rate would recognise Geelong Council's acknowledgment of Villages' reduced consumption of Council services. A 30% reduction would also show empathy for older Residents who are often on quite low fixed incomes. There are numerous progressive local governments across Australia.

Combined Response to Submissions 7 - 10.

Thank you for the questions.

The City acknowledges the important contribution retirement village residents make to our community. We recognise the valuable role retirement villages play in providing housing choice, independence and social connection for older residents.

Council has considered the request for a retirement village differential through petitions, correspondence and meetings with village representatives.

All correspondence received, including the most recent correspondence to Councillors, has been referred to Financial Services to coordinate a response through the City's established processes.

Council's current position does not support a separate reduced differential rate for retirement villages.

Council rates are a property tax based on property value. There are not a user-pays charge based on an individual resident's use of services or infrastructure.

The City acknowledges that retirement villages maintain private roads, footpaths, lighting, gardens and community facilities. These are private assets that form part of the village's accommodation and operating model. Their maintenance does not change residents' access to City services, programs, public infrastructure, libraries, recreation facilities, parks, waste services, local roads and many other services funded through rates.

We have carefully considered the arguments that retirement village residents fund private infrastructure and that many residents are living on fixed incomes. Any reduction of up to 33 per cent would ultimately need to be funded by other ratepayers, including pensioners, older residents living independently, and households experiencing their own cost-of-living pressures.

For this reason, the City does not consider a retirement village differential rate to be a fairer or more equitable outcome for the broader community.

Additional response provided by Cr E Sinclair

Thank you for your question and thank you to the City for its response.

Acknowledged that the City had provided a response regarding the current policy position, however noted that the question was directed to Councillors.

Referred to an orientation kit prepared by a resident which articulates the arguments and questions raised in support of the request and the evidence available for Councillors' consideration.

Encouraged Councillors to review the resource and consider the matters raised as part of future budget deliberations.

1.7. Petitions

1. Differential Rates for Retirement Village Residents.

Cr T Sullivan, on behalf of residents of Bellarine Springs Retirement Village, presented a petition requesting that Council reconsider the introduction of a differential rate for retirement village properties.

The petition requests that Council:

- Introduce a differential rate of up to 33% for retirement village properties, or a reduction comparable to that provided by other Victorian councils;
- Consider the unique operating arrangements of retirement villages, including residents' contributions towards village infrastructure and facilities;
- Recognise the financial impact of Council rates and charges on retirement village residents, many of whom are on fixed or limited incomes; and
- Review how other Victorian councils have implemented differential rating arrangements for retirement villages and apply similar considerations within the City of Greater Geelong.

The petition has approximately 181 signatures.

2. Reinstate Two Hours of Free Parking in Geelong CBD.

Cr S Kontelj presented petition on behalf of residents and visitors.

The petition requests that Council:

- Reinstate two hours of free parking within the Geelong CBD;
- Review current parking arrangements within the CBD; and
- Support accessibility to the city centre and local businesses by reintroducing a period of free parking for visitors.

The petition (at time of submission) has approximately 970 signatures.

2. REPORTS

2.1. Naming North Bellarine Aquatic Centre

Source: City Life
Executive Director: Anthony Basford

Purpose

1. To seek Council approval to name the North Bellarine Aquatic Centre (project name) the “Linda McGill Aquatic Centre” following a public voting process.
2. If approved submit the name to Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) for final approval and gazettal.

Background

3. The North Bellarine Aquatic Centre (NBAC) is the current project name for the leisure and recreation space at the Drysdale Sporting Precinct. Project names cannot be registered with Geographic Names Victoria (GNV) and the City is required to undertake community consultation to determine a registered name for the facility.
4. Three names were identified for public consultation, guided by the Geographic Names Victoria *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria*; and the City’s Draft Place Naming Policy (which will be considered at a future Council meeting). The shortlisted names recognise influential women with strong connections to the Bellarine region and significant contributions to the community. Each name was assessed for compliance before being presented for public vote.
5. An invitation was extended to Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) to participate in the naming of the facility. In February 2026 WTOAC thanked the City for the opportunity.. On this occasion they have chosen not to participate in the naming process.
6. City officers consulted with the Bellarine Historical Society and the NBAC Community Advisory Panel (the Panel) to identify possible names for the facility. Preference was given to those that would reflect community values, local history and align with the priorities identified in the Draft Place Naming Policy and achieve GNV compliance.
7. The three names put to public vote were:
 - 7.1. Linda McGill Aquatic Centre
 - 7.2. Jean Cull Aquatic Centre
 - 7.3. Jenny Bourke Aquatic Centre.

Key Matters

8. The primary engagement method was an online voting opportunity via the City's "Have your Say" page and supported by a targeted communications campaign that included social media posts, a front-page article in "the Bellarine times" digital signage at Splashdown and Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre, and email invitations to current members and recent patrons registered within the City's leisure management system.
9. The engagement methods aimed to reach the people most likely to use and identify with the new facility; with a focus on residents of the Bellarine Peninsula and existing users of NBAC.
10. 544 people contributed to the discussion. 89% of the submissions came from the greater Bellarine Peninsula region. 95% made a submission on one of the three names put forward.
11. The name with the highest level of community support was 'Linda McGill Aquatic Centre'. A further 27 submissions did not nominate a preferred name. Background information on Linda McGill is provided as an attachment to this report.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.1

Cr R Story moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Approves the use of the name "Linda McGill Aquatic Centre" as the official name of the new aquatic and leisure facility in the Drysdale Sporting Precinct;**
- 2. Notes if approved the name "Linda McGill Aquatic Centre" will be submitted to the Geographical Names Victoria for approval and gazettal.**
- 3. Thanks the members of the Bellarine Historical Society and the NBAC Community Advisory Panel, and all community members that took an active role in the naming process.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

12. There are no direct financial impacts for Council arising from the subject of this report.

Community Engagement

13. The City undertook significant community engagement as below.
14. City Officers, following the Draft Place Naming Policy extended an invitation to WTOAC who declined to be involved on this occasion.
15. Officers then identified the next priority group as per the Draft Place Naming Policy and begun consultation with Bellarine Historic Society and the Panel.
16. A shortlist of the names of three females with significant history and connection to the region were presented for broader community engagement.
17. The 'North Bellarine Aquatic Centre Naming' Have Your Say page opened for community engagement from Tuesday 7 July 2026 to Friday 7 August 2026, with targeted outreach to the Bellarine community.
18. Community engagement ended with 544 valid submissions, 83% of those submissions came from those with an address on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Social Equity and Sustainability

19. The recommendation takes guidance from the Draft Place Naming Policy to ensure an approach that creates a landscape that honours the City's full history and ensures everyone can see themselves represented in public spaces.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

20. No Gender+ Impact Assessment was completed as Officers determined the naming of the facility does not meet the requirements of a direct or significant impact. As part of broader gender equality, guidance was taken from the Draft Place Naming Policy, with female or gender-diverse persons being selected and shortlisted.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

21. The proposed facility name must meet the naming rules requirements under section 5 of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 (Vic). GNV oversees the naming and registration of facilities. Additionally, guidance was taken from Councils draft Place Naming Policy.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

22. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority:
Governance and Integrity
23. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:
An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.

Conflict of Interest

24. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

25. The recommendation aligns with Council's Risk Appetite, due to the community consultation undertaken, it protects public trust and aligns with Council policies and decision frameworks and is inclusive of GNV Naming Rules.
26. A failure to progress the recommendation may result in the re-opening of the facility after the completion of Stage 2 works, without an official name or signage.

Environmental Sustainability

27. There are no environmental sustainability impacts associated with the recommendation.

Attachments

1. Have Your Say Summary Report - Naming North Bellarine Aquatic Centre [2.1.1 - 9 pages]
2. Background on Linda McGill [2.1.2 - 1 page]

2.2. Place Naming Policy

Source: City Life
Executive Director: Anthony Basford

Purpose

1. To adopt the Draft Place Naming Policy (the Policy) following extensive community consultation and Councillor discussion.

Background

2. The City of Greater Geelong drafted a Place Naming Policy to guide the naming of public places. The policy establishes a clear, consistent and culturally informed framework aligned with legislation and community expectations.
3. The Policy complies with legislative requirements that Council must follow and responds to best practice frameworks:
 - 3.1. Geographic Place Names Act 1998.
 - 3.2. Naming Rules for Places in Victoria (2022).
 - 3.3. Gender Equality Strategy (2023–2027).
 - 3.4. City of Greater Geelong's Community Engagement Policy.
4. The Policy aims to shape a shared identity that reflects the City's values as a clever, creative, and caring community. It supports diversity and cultural recognition through place naming, while mitigating risks such as politicised proposals, cultural insensitivity, and legal disputes.

Key Matters

5. The policy recognises the need for a clear, consistent and culturally informed framework that aligns with legislation and community expectations. It addresses historical imbalances by increasing recognition of women, First Nations people and underrepresented cultural groups in place naming.
6. Broad internal engagement that included staff, stakeholder and Councillor consultation was undertaken. Strong feedback requested that the Policy support naming decisions through a prioritisation process.
7. Councillor feedback requested clarity regarding the process of prioritisation and the naming of spaces within a facility, which has been addressed in the Policy. Additional amendments requested by Councillors have also been incorporated to improve clarity, without changing the intent or direction of the Policy.
8. Community engagement was undertaken in March/April 2026. Officers have refined the Policy to improve clarity of its intent, scope and operation in response to feedback, but no fundamental changes to the overall direction of the policy have been made.

9. The key refinements are:
 - 9.1. The prioritisation framework has been strengthened and more clearly articulated to reinforce the recognition of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, gender equity, multicultural communities and local history. This reflects the majority community support for addressing under-representation in place naming.
 - 9.2. The role of Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) has been clarified. In response to feedback from WTOAC, the Policy clearly articulates its authority in identifying culturally appropriate names. Broader community feedback also sought stronger recognition of First Nations cultural leadership in naming processes.
 - 9.3. Additional clarification has been included regarding re-naming of places, to address community misunderstanding. The policy does not introduce a broad re-naming program. Re-naming will only be considered in exceptional or compelling cases, and in line with the Naming Rules.
 - 9.4. Community engagement and decision-making processes have been refined to improve transparency. It better explains how community input informs naming decisions, responding to feedback on the need for clearer and more accessible processes.
 - 9.5. Minor drafting and structural changes have been made throughout the policy to improve readability and usability. This ensures the policy is practical to apply and addresses consistent feedback about the need for clearer communication.
10. A Gender Impact Assessment was completed and used to inform the Policy. The GIA informed the development of policy provisions relating to equitable and inclusive naming practices, establishment of a place name bank, improved governance and monitoring arrangements, and future actions to support greater diversity and representation in place naming opportunities.
11. In line with best practice and to comply with legislative requirements, the Policy commits to
 - 11.1. increasing the representation of women and multicultural communities in naming of places; and
 - 11.2. involving Traditional Owners in naming processes, as required under the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria (2022), reinforcing cultural integrity and local knowledge.
12. Victoria's path to Treaty further reinforces the role of Traditional Owners in decisions affecting Country, including place naming.

RESOLUTION – Item 2.2

Cr E Wilkinson moved, Cr E Sinclair seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Place Naming Policy as at Attachment 1;**
- 2. Notes the Place Naming Engagement Summary as at Attachment 2; and**
- 3. Acknowledges and thanks the community for their valuable input and feedback which helped guide the development of the Policy.**

Cr E Kontelj left the meeting at 6:40pm.

The meeting was paused at 6:40pm, then resumed at approximately 7:05pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION – Item 2.2

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr C Burson seconded –

That Council adjourn consideration of item 2.2 Place Naming Policy to the 27 October 2026 Council Meeting.

Carried

Financial Sustainability

13. The Place Naming Policy provides a framework for decision-making and does not create any direct budget implications.
14. Costs associated with individual naming proposals, such as signage or implementation, will continue and be managed through existing budget processes.

Community Engagement

15. The Policy was developed through internal and external consultation, including engagement with WTOAC, Councillors, community stakeholders and the broader community.
16. Community engagement on the draft Policy attracted 142 responses, with feedback informing the final Policy.
17. Overall, feedback was broadly supportive, with a range of views expressed across the full spectrum of support. Of respondents who rated their level of support, 59.3% (73 respondents) indicated neutral to very supportive views of the draft Policy (rating of 50 or above), while 40.7% (49 respondents) indicated lower levels of support or opposition (rating below 50).
18. A detailed summary of feedback received is provided in the attached Community Engagement Report.

Social Equity and Sustainability

19. The Policy promotes greater equity and inclusion by promoting recognition of Aboriginal cultural heritage, women, culturally diverse communities and other groups that have historically been underrepresented in place naming.
20. A Gender Impact Assessment informed the development of the Policy, and the prioritisation framework has been designed to support more balanced and representative outcomes over time.
21. The Policy also supports community connection, cultural recognition and belonging through inclusive naming practices

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

22. A Gender+ Impact Assessment was undertaken as part of the policy development process.
23. The assessment identified significant underrepresentation of women and other historically underrepresented groups in commemorative place naming locally and more broadly across Victoria.
24. The assessment concluded that the proposed policy would have a positive impact by supporting more inclusive and representative naming outcomes over time.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

25. The Policy has been developed in accordance with the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria (2022).
26. The Policy supports Council's responsibilities as a naming authority and provides a clear local framework for naming and re-naming proposals.
27. Legal advice has informed the development of the Policy.
28. The Policy has also been prepared with consideration of Council's Community Engagement Policy, the Gender Equality Strategy 2023–2027 and Council's obligations under the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Alignment to Community Plan and Vision

29. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority: Healthy and Caring Community
30. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration: An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.

Conflict of Interest

31. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

32. Place naming decisions can attract significant community interest and may present reputational and governance risks where decision-making processes are unclear or inconsistent.
33. Council aims to make transparent and inclusive decisions that reflect the municipality's diverse histories, cultures and communities. In this context, Council has adopted a balanced risk appetite.
34. The Place Naming Policy supports informed and defensible decision-making by establishing a clear, consistent and legislatively compliant framework for considering naming proposals, community feedback and Traditional Owner perspectives.

Environmental Sustainability

35. The Policy is administrative in nature and is not expected to have any direct environmental sustainability impacts.
36. Environmental considerations associated with individual projects will continue to be assessed through relevant planning and approval processes.

Attachments

1. Place Naming Policy Final [2.2.1 - 14 pages]
2. Place Naming Policy - Community Engagement Summary Report [2.2.2 - 9 pages]

2.3. Draft Public Realm Framework

Source: **Growth & Place**
Interim Executive Director: **Jacqueline Randles**

Purpose

1. To seek Council endorsement for Stage 2 community engagement on the Draft Public Realm Framework, which guides planning, design, delivery and renewal of streets and public spaces across all of Greater Geelong's activity centres, both existing and growth areas.

Background

2. The Draft Public Realm Framework (the Framework) recognises the critical role of local activity centres to Geelong's economy and community life.
3. The Framework focuses on improving the performance of activity centres through guiding the public realm outcomes, to achieve increased foot traffic, dwell time, visitation and the overall attractiveness of activity centres as places for business, investment and community use.
4. The Framework establishes an integrated approach to improve the public realm in Greater Geelong's activity centres through:
 - 4.1. Defining the Place Character of each centre (Central, Urban, Coastal and Rural);
 - 4.2. Outlining Design Principles; and
 - 4.3. Providing Place-specific Design Directions for each public realm type (street type, civic spaces).
5. It responds to key drivers including population growth, urban intensification, social equity, retail challenges of online shopping, climate change, and evolving community and business expectations for accessible, inclusive and high-quality activity centres.
6. The Framework will be implemented through a range of mechanisms, including planning scheme controls to guide private development outcomes, Council-led projects and public realm upgrades, and strategic partnerships.
7. Stage 1 community engagement (March–May 2025) informed preparation of the draft Framework.
8. Stage 2 engagement is proposed to refine and strengthen the Framework prior to final adoption and implementation.

Key Matters

9. The Framework establishes a place-based and principles-led approach, ensuring all public realm projects respond to local context while achieving consistent, high-quality yet financially sustainable outcomes.
10. It introduces a structured implementation and investment framework, including:
 - 10.1. A prioritisation framework based on community need, asset condition, deliverability and strategic alignment;
 - 10.2. An investment hierarchy (maintain, renew, upgrade, pilot and transform); and
 - 10.3. Coordinated delivery pathways across Council, development and partnerships.
11. The Framework responds to key issues identified through an audit of existing centres and Stage 1 engagement, including:
 - 11.1. Inconsistent and fragmented public realm outcomes;
 - 11.2. Ageing infrastructure and increasing maintenance costs;
 - 11.3. Limited tree canopy, greening and climate resilience;
 - 11.4. Gaps in safety, accessibility and active transport; and
 - 11.5. Opportunities to better reflect local identity and place character including Wadawurrung culture.
12. Design Standards will be developed to support the Framework and provide detailed technical specifications for materials, streetscape elements and delivery, ensuring consistency and quality across projects.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.3

Cr T Sullivan moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Draft Public Realm Framework (Attachment 1) for a four-week period of community consultation; and**
- 2. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council following community consultation.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

13. The Framework strengthens financial sustainability by:
 - 13.1. Introducing a prioritisation framework to direct investment to areas of greatest need and impact; and
 - 13.2. Promoting a whole of life approach to design, focusing on durability and maintainability.
14. Aligning capital works, renewal programs and developer contributions to achieve coordinated outcomes.

Community Engagement

15. The Framework has been informed by Stage 1 community engagement undertaken between March and May 2025, in coordination with the Open Space Strategy.
 - 15.1. Engagement activities included a dedicated Have Your Say page (3,295 views), online and hardcopy surveys (87 submissions), three face-to-face drop-in sessions across Greater Geelong (48 participants) and workshops with key stakeholders including the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and Youth Council.
16. Targeted communications through social media, newsletters, print media and community networks.
17. Key themes identified through engagement included:
 - 17.1. Strong support for increased tree canopy, shade and urban greening.
 - 17.2. Safety, accessibility and universal design.
 - 17.3. More pedestrian-focused environments.
 - 17.4. Locally distinctive places reflecting identity.
 - 17.5. Recognition of Wadawurrung culture in the public realm.
18. Stage 2 engagement will include a four-week public exhibition period, with opportunities for community feedback through:
 - 18.1. Online survey and submissions;
 - 18.2. Drop-in sessions and pop-up engagement; and
 - 18.3. Targeted stakeholder engagement.
19. Feedback received will inform refinement of the final Framework prior to adoption.

Social Equity and Sustainability

- 20. The Framework promotes social equity by:
 - 20.1. Prioritising equitable access to quality public spaces across all activity centres;
 - 20.2. Addressing gaps in accessibility, amenity and investment;
 - 20.3. Embedding universal design principles;
 - 20.4. Supporting improved walkability, active transport and public transport access.
- 21. The Framework supports broader social outcomes by:
 - 21.1. Creating safe, inclusive and welcoming spaces;
 - 21.2. Supporting social interaction and community connection;
 - 21.3. Supporting local economies through active and vibrant centres; and
 - 21.4. Improved liveability and wellbeing across the municipality.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

- 22. A Gender+ Impact Assessment is currently underway and will be completed following Stage 2 community engagement.
 - 22.1. Initial findings have informed the Framework, particularly in relation to:
 - 22.2. Safety and perceptions of safety in public spaces;
 - 22.3. Inclusive and accessible design; and
 - 22.4. Provision for diverse activities and user groups.
- 23. Outcomes of the GIA will inform the final Framework.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

- 24. The Framework aligns with Council's legislative responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- 25. The Framework aligns with key State and local policy frameworks, including:
 - 25.1. Council Plan 2025–2029.
 - 25.2. Clever and Creative Future (2017).
 - 25.3. Central Geelong Framework Plan (2023).
 - 25.4. Greater Geelong Planning Scheme
 - 25.5. Plan for Victoria (2025).
 - 25.6. Movement and Place Framework (2019).
 - 25.7. Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria (2017).
- 26. The Framework will inform decision-making across:
 - 26.1. Capital works and asset renewal programs.
 - 26.2. Planning permit conditions.
 - 26.3. Strategic planning and infrastructure coordination.

27. There are no direct legal implications arising from endorsing the Framework for consultation.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

28. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priorities:
- Core and Critical Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
 - Healthy and Caring Community
 - Heritage and Culture
29. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, “Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future” community aspiration:
- A destination that attracts local and international visitors.
 - A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities.
 - An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.
 - Development and implementation of sustainable solutions.
 - People feel safe wherever they are.
 - Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment.

Conflict of Interest

30. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

31. The Framework will help manage the risks associated with growth, increasing infrastructure demand and public realm investment.
32. Endorsing the Framework for community consultation will provide a strategic, evidence based approach to planning and investment, improve coordination, and prioritise investment in areas of greatest need.
33. The Framework aligns with Council's Balanced Asset Appetite by supporting a strategic, whole of life approach to asset planning and improving long term asset performance.
34. It aligns with Council's Cautious Financial Appetite by promoting prioritised and staged investment, efficient use of funds, and long-term financial sustainability, without committing Council to immediate capital expenditure.
35. The Framework supports Council's Balanced Community Appetite by improving accessibility, safety, inclusion, wellbeing and place based outcomes for the community.

36. It aligns with Council's Balanced Environment Appetite through increased urban greening, climate resilience and sustainable public realm design.
37. The Framework supports Balanced Operations and Service Delivery Appetite by introducing a consistent approach to project delivery and improving coordination across Council.
38. It aligns with Council's Cautious Governance Appetite by strengthening transparency, consistency and defensible decision making, while supporting compliance with legislation and policy.
39. Overall, the recommendation is considered within Council's risk appetite and tolerance levels, with the Framework reducing strategic risks and providing a coordinated approach to managing growth, infrastructure demand and long term asset performance.

Environmental Sustainability

40. The Framework embeds environmental sustainability through:
 - 40.1. Increasing tree canopy and urban greening.
 - 40.2. Integrating Water Sensitive Urban Design.
 - 40.3. Climate responsive and resilient design.
 - 40.4. Support for active transport.
41. It contributes to climate outcomes by:
 - 41.1. Reducing urban heat island effects.
 - 41.2. Enhancing biodiversity.
 - 41.3. Improving long-term environmental performance of assets.
 - 41.4. These outcomes support Council's broader climate and environmental objectives.

Attachments

1. Draft Public Realm Framework [2.3.1 - 27 pages]

2.4. Draft Integrated Transport Strategy

Source: Growth & Place
Interim Executive Director: Jacqueline Randles

Purpose

1. To seek Council endorsement of the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (Attachment 1) for community consultation.

Background

2. The Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (Draft Strategy) establishes the City's long-term, municipal wide direction for transport and land-use planning across public transport, walking and riding, roads and streets, parking, freight, travel behaviour and emerging mobility.
3. Greater Geelong is expected to grow from around 300,000 to more than 500,000 residents over the next 30 years. Without a coordinated approach, growth may increase congestion, parking demand and car dependence.
4. The Draft Strategy responds through three goals:
 - 4.1. Secure the investment our growing region needs;
 - 4.2. Manage movement, access and place; and
 - 4.3. Enable practical sustainable transport choices.
5. Three phases of community engagement were undertaken during 2024 and 2025. Feedback from 1,701 participants highlighted public transport, walking connections, road congestion, bicycle-network gaps and equitable access as key priorities.

Key Matters

6. The Draft Strategy establishes a long-term direction and provides a framework for future transport investment, advocacy, planning and delivery.
7. Public transport is positioned as the backbone of future growth, supported by walking and riding for shorter trips and first-and-last-mile connections. Private vehicles will continue to play an important role where other options are not practical.
8. The Draft Strategy shifts from responding to forecast traffic growth primarily through additional road and parking capacity towards a Vision and Validate approach that tests investment against the future transport system Greater Geelong wants to create.
9. School travel is a major focus. The Draft Strategy prioritises safer walking, riding and public transport access to schools, supported by infrastructure improvements and travel-behaviour programs. It establishes targets for substantially increasing active and public transport travel to school.

10. Change will be incremental. The Draft Strategy identifies that practical alternatives will be improved first, with road space, parking and travel-demand measures progressively adjusted as Greater Geelong grows and sustainable transport becomes more viable.
11. The Draft Strategy strengthens the integration of land use and transport by aligning growth with transport infrastructure and services and protecting corridors required for future public transport, roads and active transport.
12. The Draft Strategy acknowledges the City's role is to Deliver, Partner or Advocate, recognising that major public transport, rail and State-road improvements depend heavily on Victorian and Australian Government investment.
13. The two-year Action Plan references all City of Greater Geelong Priority Projects (2026) related to transport.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.4

Cr M Cadwell moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (Attachment 1) for a four-week period of community consultation; and**
- 2. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council following community consultation.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

14. The Draft Strategy establishes priorities and a framework for future investment but does not commit the City to immediate delivery of all identified initiatives.
15. Implementation will be staged through Council Plan, annual budget, capital works and asset-renewal processes, supported by State and Federal funding, developer contributions, grants and partnerships where available.
16. Major public transport, rail and State-road improvements will primarily require external government investment. The Draft Strategy strengthens the City's evidence base and pipeline of investment-ready projects to support future advocacy and funding opportunities.

Community Engagement

17. Three phases of community engagement were undertaken during 2024 and 2025, involving 1,701 participants. Key themes included:
 - 17.1. More frequent, reliable and competitive public transport;
 - 17.2. Better footpath connections and safer crossings;
 - 17.3. Concern about increasing congestion;
 - 17.4. Closing gaps in the bicycle network; and
 - 17.5. Equitable and accessible transport choices.
18. The Draft Strategy will be released for community feedback before being refined and returned to Council for consideration for adoption.

Social Equity and Sustainability

19. The Draft Strategy supports social equity by improving access to employment, education, health care and everyday destinations for people who cannot or choose not to drive.
20. It seeks to address transport-accessibility gaps across established suburbs, growth areas, coastal communities and locations with limited public transport.
21. The Draft Strategy supports safer, healthier and more independent travel to school, while reducing school-related traffic and parking pressure.
22. Sustainable transport choices can also reduce household transport costs, improve health outcomes and reduce transport emissions.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

23. A Gender Impact Assessment has commenced and will be completed when community consultation is undertaken. This assessment may be further refined following community consultation and before the Draft Strategy is finalised.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

24. The Draft Strategy is informed by relevant national, State and local legislation, strategies and policies, including the *Transport Integration Act 2010*, *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Plan for Victoria and the Victorian Government's Movement and Place Framework.
25. The Draft Strategy also builds on the G21 Integrated Transport Strategy, Greater Geelong Planning Scheme, Settlement Strategy and growth-area transport planning, including the Geelong Growth Area Transport and Services (GGATIS) modelling and recommendations.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

26. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority:
Core and Critical Infrastructure
Healthy and Caring Community
27. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:
A fast, reliable and connected transport network.

Conflict of Interest

28. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

29. The Draft Strategy supports Council's balanced appetite for environmental risk by enabling measurable improvements in sustainability outcomes, including reduced transport emissions, through greater use of public transport, walking, riding, and lower-emission vehicles.
30. Better integration of transport and land use will support more compact development, reduce the need for unnecessary travel, and make more efficient use of existing infrastructure and resources.
31. The Draft Strategy also recognises the role of streets in improving environmental resilience, supporting urban greening, and creating attractive, functional public spaces. These outcomes seek to embed sustainable practice into the way the transport network and urban environment evolve over time.

Environmental Sustainability

32. The Draft Strategy supports emissions reduction by enabling more trips to be made by public transport, walking, riding and lower-emission vehicles.
33. Better integration of transport and land use will help reduce unnecessary travel, support more compact development and make more efficient use of existing infrastructure.
34. The Draft Strategy also recognises the role of streets in supporting urban greening, climate resilience and attractive public spaces.

Attachments

1. Draft Integrated Transport Strategy [2.4.1 - 58 pages]

2.5. Draft Public Tree Management Policy

Source: City Infrastructure
Executive Director: James Stirton

Purpose

1. To seek Council endorsement for the Draft Public Tree Management Policy (Attachment 1) to commence a period of four weeks community consultation.

Background

2. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy is an update of the Public Tree Management Policy adopted in 2022 to provide a framework for the management of trees within the City of Greater Geelong.
3. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy supports the objectives and vision of the Urban Forest Strategy 2026, the Environment Strategy 2020–2030 and the Council Plan 2025-2029.

Key Matters

4. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy has been developed to respond to the community's commitment to a cool green city that was identified in the development of the Urban Forest Strategy and the goal of achieving 30% canopy cover in our urban areas. To this end the policy is aimed at increasing canopy cover by protecting and preserving the existing tree population and ensuring successful planting opportunities for the future.
5. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy will provide consistent and clear guidance for Council and the community on the management of trees within the City of Greater Geelong.
6. This policy applies to all trees within the City of Greater Geelong located on Council owned and managed land.
7. The Policy framework applies to all Council departments, government entities, utility companies, landowners, developers and community members.
8. The Policy framework will guide decision making in the consideration of planning permits and project design and implementation across Council.
9. The changes made strengthen the policy by providing greater discretion for Council officers, stronger protections for tree health, and consideration of exceptional circumstances where tree removal is supported by appropriate medical evidence. The changes also provide clearer guidance for managing problematic tree species and processes for addressing tree root impacts on public and private infrastructure.

10. The Policy outlines when Council will plant, prune or remove a tree and what measures must be undertaken to protect and enhance the tree population. Key provisions of the policy address:
 - 10.1. Planning;
 - 10.2. Tree Planting;
 - 10.3. Tree Maintenance;
 - 10.4. Tree Protection;
 - 10.5. Tree Removal; and
 - 10.6. Tree root interactions with public and private infrastructure.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.5

Cr E Sinclair moved, Cr E Wilkinson seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Draft Public Tree Management Policy (Attachment 1) to be released for a four-week period of community consultation; and**
- 2. Notes a further report will be presented to Council following community consultation to formally adopt the final policy.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

11. The City currently has a budget of \$7.4 million allocated to Tree Management.
12. There are no additional financial implications arising from the adoption of this policy. The City provides tree management and planting through the Tree Management Unit.

Community Engagement

13. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy update has been developed through consultation with key internal teams, including Tree Management, Enterprise Risk, Health and Social Equity, Sustainability and Environmental Planning, together with Councillors.
14. A separate workshop was also held with Deputy Mayor Kontelj, Cr Aitkin, and Cr Wilkinson to gather further input.
15. Engagement with the community on the Plan for Nature has also informed the development of this policy.

Social Equity and Sustainability

16. This policy will ensure fair, transparent and consistent management decisions by the Tree Management Unit.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

17. A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) has not yet been completed and will be undertaken during the community engagement phase. Findings from the assessment will inform the ongoing development and refinement of the Policy prior to its final adoption.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

18. This policy is consistent with the Policies and Procedures Management Policy. The City has benchmarked the provisions of this policy with policies of other Victorian Councils.
19. The planning scheme includes regulatory protection overlays for trees on private property. These include 42.01 Environmental Significance Overlays, 42.02 Vegetation Protection Overlays, 42.03 Significant Landscape overlays, 43.01 Heritage Overlays, 52.17 Native Vegetation Provision and 52.37 Canopy Trees

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

20. This report aligns with the *Council Plan 2025-29* strategic priority: Environment and Circular Economy. Public Tree Management Policy will support the protection, management and enhancement of the City's urban forest and natural environment, contributing to increased tree canopy, biodiversity, climate resilience and the sustainable management of Council's natural assets.
21. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "*Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future*" community aspiration: Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment.

Conflict of Interest

22. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

23. The Draft Public Tree Management Policy aligns with the City's Strategic Risk Appetite Statement, reflecting a balanced approach to Community, Environment and Waste outcomes, a cautious approach to Financial and Governance risks, and a risk-averse approach to Health and Safety.
24. Without adoption of the policy, Council may face inconsistent management and decision-making practices, potentially leading to community dissatisfaction, reputational impacts, and a diminished ability to deliver on the Council Plan's commitment to providing sustainable infrastructure, services, and programs.

Environmental Sustainability

25. As the organisation and region face considerable environmental challenges, the Draft Public Tree Management Policy provides framework for best practice in managing our tree population and addressing climate change issues through greening the city.

Attachments

1. Draft Public Tree Management Policy [2.5.1 - 11 pages]

2.6. Council Plan Biannual Report – June 2026

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

1. To present the Council Plan Biannual Report – June 2026 for consideration and noting.

Background

2. The Council Plan 2025–29 is Council's key strategic document which identifies the outcomes and objectives Council will focus its efforts on over the four years, to ensure the social, economic, and environmental sustainability of our region.
3. The Council Plan 2025–29 is supported by an annual budget and major initiatives which detail work that is critical to deliver on the Council's objectives and outcomes.
4. This is the second biannual report for the Council Plan 2025–29. While covering the final six months to 30 June 2026 (H2), this report reflects on overall progress across the full 2025–26 financial year (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026).

Key Matters

5. There are 31 major initiatives reported upon in the Council Plan – Biannual Report June 2026.
6. At the end of June 2026, all 31 initiatives are 'on track', meaning they are progressing as planned and expected to meet delivery targets.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.6

Cr A Katos moved, Cr C Burson seconded -

That Council notes the Council Plan Biannual Report – June 2026 (Attachment 1).

Carried

Financial Sustainability

7. There are no financial implications arising from the subject of this report.

Community Engagement

8. The Council Plan 2025–29 biannual reports are prepared in consultation with Managers, Coordinators and Officers from across the organisation. The report will be made available to the community online through the City website after the Council Meeting, with the year end results appearing in the City's annual report.

Social Equity and Sustainability

9. Our Community Plan 2025–29 recognises the importance of social equity, access and inclusion as a key priority area contributing to the long-term sustainability of the community. The biannual reports document the work the City is undertaking to improve equity, access, and inclusion for all.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

10. No Gender+ Impact Assessment was undertaken as this report is administrative in nature, providing updates on existing initiatives. No further assessment is required for the adoption of this progress report.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

11. The City's activities are guided by the Council Plan 2025–29 which was adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and implementation monitored via the quarterly and annual reports.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

12. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority:
 - Core and Critical Infrastructure
 - Economic Development
 - Environment and Circular Economy
 - Governance and Integrity
 - Healthy and Caring Community
 - Heritage and Culture
13. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:
 - A destination that attracts local and international visitors.
 - A fast, reliable and connected transport network.
 - A leader in developing and adopting technology.
 - A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities.
 - An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.
 - Creative and diverse culture.
 - Development and implementation of sustainable solutions.
 - People feel safe wherever they are.
 - Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment.

Conflict of Interest

14. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

15. There are no identified risks arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

16. As the organisation and region face considerable environmental challenges, the Council Plan 2025–29 outlines the City's priorities in addressing the issues including climate change and waste, increasing population growth and threats to local biodiversity.

Attachments

1. Council Plan Biannual Report June 2026 [2.6.1 - 22 pages]

2.7. Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Year 1 2025-26 Annual Report

Source: City Life
Executive Director: Anthony Basford

Purpose

1. To note the report which provides an overview of the actions taken to implement the Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29 in its first year.

Background

2. Council endorsed the Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-29 in June 2025. This is Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan as required by the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (The Act).
3. The Act requires Councils to review their municipal public health and wellbeing plan annually, including a review of measures to prevent family violence and respond to the needs of victims.
4. The Strategy commits us to prepare an annual report for Councillors and the community which provides an update on the progress of actions and provides data collected against our measures for each health and wellbeing priority area.
5. The Act also requires the City to specify in the Strategy how it will work with other agencies undertaking public health initiatives, so the annual report also outlines our key partnerships to implement the Strategy.

Key Matters

6. The Strategy commits the City to action six health and wellbeing priority areas. The highlights for each priority area are outlined below:
 - 6.1. Priority 1: Mental Wellbeing and Social Inclusion. Key achievements in mental wellbeing and social inclusion included the establishment of the Greater Geelong Social Inclusion Action Group, delivery of the first Geelong Youth Survey, adoption of the Rainbow Action Plan 2025–29, continued support for community grants and advisory committees, and strengthened work with neighbourhood houses, community services and homelessness partners. These initiatives supported social connection, inclusion, community voice and participation, particularly for groups experiencing barriers to health and wellbeing.
 - 6.2. Priority 2: Equitable Access to Safe, Healthy and Sustainable Food. The City strengthened its leadership in equitable access to safe, healthy and sustainable food by securing VicHealth funding for a local food policy framework and action plan, progressing food system mapping with Sustain: The Australian Food Network, supporting food literacy initiatives, and embedding healthier food and drink options across Council-operated and Council-influenced settings through the Promoting CHANGE project.

- 6.3. Priority 3: Physical Activity and Active Living. In physical activity and active living, progress focused on creating safer, more inclusive and more accessible opportunities for everyday movement. Major achievements included completion of the Geelong Waterfront Masterplan, delivery of active travel initiatives through Walk, Ride, Scoot and Roll Geelong, progress on Commonwealth Games legacy sport infrastructure, and expansion of targeted inclusion programs such as the Pathways Program, Sport4All and gender-inclusive leisure programming.
- 6.4. Priority 4: Gender Equity and Prevention of Violence. Work on gender equity and prevention of violence focused on building foundations for a whole-of-City and whole-of-community approach. The City supported regional prevention partnerships, delivered family violence training for maternal and child health staff, contributed to the 16 Days of Activism campaign, developed the Gender Equality Action Plan 2026–30, supported LGBTQIA+ inclusion initiatives and delivered public art and activation projects that promote visibility, safety and gender equity.
- 6.5. Priority 5: Climate Change and Health Impacts. Climate change and health work applied stronger health and equity lens to adaptation, urban greening and community resilience. Key activity included tree planting, progress on urban forest and climate-related strategies, delivery of the Geelong Nature Festival, environment and sustainability grants, and the Nature Strip Gardens project, which demonstrated the combined health, environmental and social benefits of local greening initiatives.
- 6.6. Priority 6: Harm Minimisation. Harm minimisation activity combined prevention, enforcement, education and partnership-based responses. This included ongoing tobacco inspections and smoke-free education, support for sporting clubs considering divestment from electronic gaming machines, and regional vaping prevention work through the Barwon South West Vaping Prevention Coalition, which reached schools, community organisations and young people across six local government areas.
7. We worked with key staff to develop case studies for each health and wellbeing priority area, showcasing the impact of key initiatives such as:
 - 7.1. Priority 1: The Social Inclusion Action Group
 - 7.2. Priority 2: The Promoting CHANGE project
 - 7.3. Priority 3: The Pathways Program
 - 7.4. Priority 4: Women in Street Art (WiSA) program
 - 7.5. Priority 5: Nature Strip Gardens
 - 7.6. Priority 6: Barwon South West Vaping Prevention Coalition
8. The report also provides data against the indicators and measures which are part of the monitoring and evaluation framework. Baseline data against the community indicators has been provided, and these will be reviewed in 2028 to determine progress. Baseline and Year 1 data has been provided for annual measures which show the reach of our programs and services.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.7

Cr R Story moved, Cr M Cadwell seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy Year 1 2025-26 Annual Report**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

9. There are no direct financial impacts for Council arising from the recommendations.

Community Engagement

10. The annual report will be published on the City's website and made available for the community.

Social Equity and Sustainability

11. One of the key principles of the Strategy is to promote health equity and social justice. Equity considerations for each of the health and wellbeing priority areas have been outlined in the report and equity was a key consideration when identifying the case studies.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

12. A Gender+ Impact Assessment is not required because this report does not propose a new policy, service, program or infrastructure change that would directly and significantly affect people of different genders in different ways.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

13. *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (section 26)*

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

14. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority:
Healthy and Caring Community
15. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:
An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.

Conflict of Interest

16. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

17. This report demonstrates compliance with legal requirements under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act, thereby mitigating any associated risk.

Environmental Sustainability

18. The annual report will be published on the City's website to avoid printing.

Attachments

1. Community Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Year 1 Annual Report [2.7.1 - 58 pages]

2.8. Complaint Handling Policy

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

1. To present the Complaint Handling Policy (Attachment 1) to Council for adoption.

Background

2. Council is required to develop and maintain a Complaint Policy under section 107 of the *Local Government Act 2020 (Act)*.
3. Beyond legislative requirements, the Complaint Handling Policy formalises Council's commitment to being responsive to the diverse needs of the community, providing high-quality services, making fair and effective decisions and continuous improvement.
4. Following a review, in June 2026, Council endorsed the Draft Complaint Handling Policy for public exhibition and community engagement.
5. The draft policy was issued for community engagement for a four-week period commencing 3 July 2026 on Council's Have Your Say platform. More than 3500 subscribers to the platform were notified of the engagement activity.
6. The project also featured in the quarterly Have Your Say newsletter which is distributed to 4000 people. Information was also posted on the City of Greater Geelong's Facebook page and an article was published in a City News article on Friday 24 July.

Key Matters

7. During the consultation period 127 people visited the Complaint Handling Policy engagement page on the Have Your Say platform. Twelve respondents provided feedback.
8. As part of the consultation submitters were asked to rank the importance of a set of guiding principles to be included in the policy. Commitment and Transparency were ranked highest, followed by Accountability, Accessibility and Continuous Improvement. Objectivity and Fairness and Privacy were ranked lowest.
9. The engagement requested that the community rate the ease of use of the policy; eight of the 12 respondents found the policy 'easy' or 'very easy' to understand.
10. Insights from the feedback provided by respondents shaped changes to the policy:
 - 10.1. Guiding principles have been incorporated and ordered according to the community's ranking of importance;
 - 10.2. Stronger procedural governance regarding complaints about staff;
 - 10.3. Font size has been increased in-line with government accessibility standards;

- 10.4. Additional detail as to how the City manages complaints at each of the different levels of the complaint handling framework has been included. Timeframes for responses, the frequency of communication with complainants and the reasons why a complaint will or will not be investigated has been added;
- 10.5. A definition of 'resolution' and examples of different types has been added to the 'definitions' section;
- 10.6. The City's commitment to training staff in complaint handling now features in the policy and more detail on how the City reports complaints included; and,
11. Decision making to restrict or limit access to services when complainant behaviours necessitate.
12. The Policy has also been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards. Changes include the incorporation of a child safety focus in the policy summary and a definition of 'child'. The policy also makes it clear that the City welcomes complaints from children and young people and describes how the City will support them to make a report, including enlisting the support of a City staff member or a nominated support person.
13. Lastly, the Complaint Handling Policy does not apply to complaints about councillors which are dealt with in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.8

Cr C Burson moved, Cr R Nelson seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes the amendments to the Complaint Handling Policy outlined in this report;**
- 2. Adopts the Complaint Handling Policy as at attachment 1;**
- 3. Thanks the community for their input and feedback from the community engagement.**

Carried

Financial Sustainability

14. There are no material impacts to Council's Budget as a result of adopting this policy.

Community Engagement

15. The community engagement report is attached (Attachment 2).

Social Equity and Sustainability

16. The policy enables customers who may be unable to document their complaint in writing to contact Council to have their complaint lodged by an officer, either on the phone or in-person.
17. Council offers people with a hearing or speech impairment to use the National Relay Service to connect with an officer. Council also offers translation services to people from a non-English speaking background. An additional section has been included for Children and Young People requiring assistance to make a complaint, either with the help of Council staff or the assistance of a support person.
18. The City is committed to enabling complaints made by children and young people. It is also committed to upholding the Victorian Child Safe Standards and the City's Child Safe policies, ensuring that all complaints, concerns and allegations involving children and young people under the age of 18 are responded to promptly, respectfully and in a child-focused manner.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

19. A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) was undertaken for this report. The assessment identified that, while the policy applies broadly to all community members, there are potential gendered and intersectional impacts relating to access, safety, accessibility, and participation in the complaints process. The findings and recommendations of the GIA have been considered in the development of the policy.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

20. Section 107 of the Act requires all councils to develop, adopt and maintain a complaints policy and associated complaint handling procedures that incorporate the prescribed definition of a complaint and support accessible internal review processes.
21. Section 107 commenced on 31 July 2021, requiring councils to have compliant policies and procedures in place by 31 December 2021. Council fulfilled its obligation at the time.
22. The Complaint Handling Policy has been reviewed to ensure ongoing alignment with the legislative requirements of the Act and contemporary guidance issued by the Victorian Ombudsman.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

23. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority:
Governance and Integrity

Conflict of Interest

24. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

25. The Policy supports mitigation of governance, compliance and customer service risks by strengthening Council's complaint handling framework and ensuring alignment with the requirements of the Act and recent guidance issued by the Victorian Ombudsman.
26. The officer recommendation aligns with Council's cautious appetite for Regulatory, Legal and Governance risks, as it supports transparency, accountability and legislative compliance through clear and consistent complaint handling processes.
27. It also aligns with Council's balanced appetite for Community and Operations & Service Delivery risks by improving accessibility, consistency, oversight and continuous improvement in customer complaint management.
28. Failure to review and update the policy may increase the risk of non-alignment with current legislative requirements and complaint handling standards.

Environmental Sustainability

29. The Policy is administrative in nature and is not expected to have any direct environmental sustainability impacts.

Attachments

1. Complaint Handling Policy [2.8.1 - 15 pages]
2. Complint Handling Policy - Community Engagement Report [2.8.2 - 8 pages]

2.9. New Privacy & Health Records Policy

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Purpose

1. To present the revised Privacy & Health Records Policy for Council adoption.

Background

2. On 24 September 2019 Council adopted a Privacy and Health Records Policy.
3. That Policy is now due for review.

Key Matters

4. The City's management of personal information is governed by the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* which requires compliance with the Information Privacy Principles and the publication of clearly expressed policies.
5. The City must comply with the Information Privacy Principles.
6. Similar obligations apply under the *Health Records Act 2001* in relation to health information.
7. Together, these Acts require the City to maintain publicly available documents outlining how personal and health information is collected, used, disclosed, stored, accessed, corrected, and destroyed, and how privacy complaints are managed.
8. The existing Privacy & Health Records Policy was adopted by Council on 24 September 2019. The existing Policy has now been reviewed.
9. The revised Privacy & Health Records Policy is **attached**.
10. The revised Policy gives effect to the City's obligations under both the *Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Health Records Act 2001*, and is confined to setting out the City's approach in accordance with the applicable Information Privacy Principles and Health Privacy Principles. It does not introduce additional discretionary standards beyond legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.9

Cr R Story moved, Cr M Cadwell seconded -

That Council:

1. Revokes the Privacy & Health Records Policy adopted on 24 September 2019
2. Adopts the revised Privacy & Health Records Policy (Attachment 1).

Carried

Financial Sustainability

11. There are no budgetary impacts in relation to the revision Privacy & Health Records Policy.

Community Engagement

12. As a statutory requirement, no community consultation was conducted in relation to the revised Privacy & Health Records Policy.
13. Internal consultation was carried out with City officers in People & Culture, Family Services, Community Care, Digital & Information Technology, Customer Services and Community Safety & Regulation, who all provided input into the revised Policy.

Social Equity and Sustainability

14. The revised Privacy & Health Records Policy supports the City's commitment to social equity by promoting transparency, accountability and fair treatment in the handling of personal and information. By setting out clearly how information is collected, use, disclosed and protected, the Policy helps build trust within the community, including vulnerable and diverse cohorts who may be more sensitive to privacy risks.
15. The Policy reinforces good governance practice and responsible information management which are foundations to the City's broad social sustainability objectives.

Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment

16. A Gender Impact Assessment under the *Gender Equality Act 2020* was not undertaken for revised Privacy & Health Records Policy. The Policy sets out the City's compliance obligations under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Health Records Act 2001*, and governs how personal and health information is collected, stored, secured and disclosed. It applies uniformly to all individuals regardless of gender and does not involve discretionary decision making that could result in differential impacts. On this basis, the revised Policy was assessed as administrative and compliance focused in nature, rather than a policy that has a direct and significant impact on the public within the meaning of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications

17. The City is required to have policies in place that set out how it manages personal information under the *Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Health Records Act 2001*.
18. The revised Privacy & Health Records Policy has been drafted to meet the City's statutory obligations.

Alignment to Council Plan and Vision

19. This report aligns with the Council Plan 2025-29 strategic priority: Governance and Integrity
20. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration: Development and implementation of sustainable solutions.

Conflict of Interest

21. No officer involved in the preparation of this report declared a general or material conflict of interest.

Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement

22. Council has a cautious appetite for regulatory, legal and governance risks.
23. The revised Privacy & Health Records Policy aligns with the City's cautious risk appetite in relation to this risk.
24. The revised Policy reflects current obligations under the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Health Records Act 2001* and has been updated to ensure the City's practices for collecting, storing, and disclosing personal and health information remain compliant with these Acts.

Environmental Sustainability

25. There are no environmental or sustainability issues connected with the revised Policy.

Attachments

1. Privacy Health Records Policy [2.9.1 - 11 pages]

3. RECORD OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

Source: Corporate Services
Executive Director: Troy Edwards

Summary

1. The Governance Rules of the City of Greater Geelong require the tabling of records of informal meetings of Councillors at the next convenient Council meeting and that their record be included in the minutes of that Council meeting.
2. A summary of the informal meetings of Councillors is attached.

RESOLUTION - Item 3.1

Cr R Nelson moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

That Council receive the summary of the informal meetings of Councillors for the period to 22 September 2026.

Carried

4. CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7:41pm on Tuesday 22 September 2026

Signed: _____

Cr Stretch Kontelj (Mayor)

Date: _____