# AGENDA

## COUNCIL MEETING

## Tuesday 24 November 2026
## 6:00 pm

City Hall
57 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

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**www.geelongaustralia.com.au/meetings**

**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)

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

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# 1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## 1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

## 1.2. Apologies

## 1.3. Leaves of Absence

That Leave of Absence to Cr R Nelson from 3 November 2026 to 3 December 2026, inclusive.

## 1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

## 1.5. Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 October 2026 be confirmed.

## 2. REPORTS

# 2.1. Election of the Mayor

**Source:** **Corporate Services**
**Executive Director:** **Troy Edwards**

### Purpose

1. To elect a Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

### Background

2. Section 25(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) provides for Councillors to elect the Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.

3. The incumbent Mayor was elected by Council on 26 November 2024 for a 2-year term.

4. Section 26(5) of the Act requires Council to conduct the election of the next Mayor on a day as close to the end of the 2-year term as reasonably practicable.

### Key Matters

5. The election of the Mayor must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governance Rules. As such, the election of the Mayor will be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer.

6. In accordance with section 25 of the Act, the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

7. Section 26(2) of the Act provides that the Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council must be elected for a 2-year term.

***Financial Sustainability***

8. Funding for the allowances of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors is determined through the annual budget process.

9. Allowances are set in accordance with section 23A of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic)*, the Victorian Independent Remunerations Tribunal sets the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors.

***Community Engagement***

10. Community engagement is not required for the election of the Mayor, as it is a statutory governance process under section 25 the Act, which requires Councillors to elect a Mayor at a meeting open to the public. Therefore, a separate community engagement process is not appropriate.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

11. Section 25(2) of the Act provides that subject to section 167, Determinations by a Councillor Conduct Panel, any Councillor is eligible for election to the office of Mayor.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment***

12. A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) was not undertaken for this report as it does not meet the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The report does not involve new or reviewed policies, programs or services, and it does not have a direct or significant impact on the public.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

13. The election of the Mayor is conducted in accordance with section 25 of the Act and Council's Governance Rules.

***Alignment to Council Plan and Vision***

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

***Conflict of Interest***

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

***Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement***

16. Council has no appetite for risks that result in material legislative non-compliance or compromise the integrity of Council decisions. The election of the Mayor is taking place on a date as close as practicable to the expiration of the incumbent Mayors 2-year term, and at a meeting open to the public, ensuring compliance with the Act.

17. In accordance with section 25(5) of the Act, if an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting to elect a Mayor, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.

***Environmental Sustainability***

18. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

## Attachments

Nil

## 2.2. Election of the Deputy Mayor

**Source:** **Corporate Services**
**Executive Director:** **Troy Edwards**

### Purpose

1. To elect a Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

### Background

2. Council resolved to establish an office of Deputy Mayor on 12 November 2020 in accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

3. Having established an office of Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable or incapable of performing their role or if the office of the Mayor is vacant.

4. The incumbent Deputy Mayor was elected by Council on 3 March 2026 to serve the remainder of the previous Deputy Mayor's two-year term, in accordance with section 26(8) of the Act.

5. In accordance with sections 27 and 25 of the Act, Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor at a Council meeting open to the public.

### Key Matters

6. The election of the Deputy Mayor must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Governance Rules.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

***Financial Sustainability***

8. Funding for the allowances of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors is determined through the annual budget process.

9. Allowances are set in accordance with section 23A of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019 (Vic)*, the Victorian Independent Remunerations Tribunal sets the Allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors.

***Community Engagement***

10. Community engagement is not required for the election of the Deputy Mayor, as it is a statutory governance process under section 25 the Act, which requires Councillors to elect a Mayor at a meeting open to the public. Therefore, a separate community engagement process is not appropriate.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

11. Section 25(2) of the Act provides that subject to section 167, determinations by a Councillor Conduct Panel, any Councillor is eligible for election to the office of Deputy Mayor.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment***

12. A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) was not undertaken for this report as it does not meet the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The report does not involve new or reviewed policies, programs or services, and it does not have a direct or significant impact on the public.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

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***Environmental Sustainability***

18. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

## Attachments

Nil

## 2.3. Geelong Major Events Annual Report 2025-2026

**Source:** **Growth & Place**
**Executive Director:** **Jacquie Randles**

### Purpose

1. To provide an overview of the Geelong Major Events Committee (GME) activities and financial position for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

2. To note the Geelong Major Events 2025-2026 Annual Report (attachment 1).

### Background

3. GME was established as a Council Advisory Committee in 1998 and formalised under section 86 of *the Local Government Act 1989* (Act) in October 1999. That 1989 Act is now replaced by *the Local Government Act 2020*, section 63 Delegated Committees.

4. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, this report is presented to Council to fulfil the requirement that the Committee provide an annual report on its activities and financial position.

5. The continued success of GME in attracting and supporting major events depends on ongoing funding from the Council. GME is committed to securing and sponsoring events that align with the objectives outlined in the Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024-2029.

### Key Matters

6. The Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024–2029 outlines a clear vision to establish Geelong as Australia's leading regional destination for events, where major events drive outstanding outcomes and enhance the region's national profile.

7. Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, the Geelong region successfully hosted 12 major events supported by GME.

8. The 2025/26 Major Events portfolio generated an estimated $53.2 million economic impact for the region, which supported the equivalent of an estimated 308 full-time jobs and represented a return on investment of $49.00 for every dollar invested.

9. Of the 379,574 attendees, 53% were visitors from outside the area, highlighting the strong draw of major events in attracting tourism and contributing to the local economy.

10. The GME Strategy outlines four key targets it is seeking to achieve by 2029, with progress tracked against the targets annually:

| 2029 Target | 2025-2026 Progress |
|---|---|
| **Economic Impact**<br>Annual increase of 10% in total economic impact over the next five years to $131 million by 2029 | **On track**<br>The FY2025-2026 economic impact of $53.2 million exceeds the $51.1 million recorded in FY2023-2024, the most recent comparable year not influenced by the biennial Avalon Australian International Airshow. |
| **Brand Marketing Impact**<br>The Major Events portfolio has 20% Anchor Events | **On track**<br>The portfolio consists of 33% anchor events, representing 4 out of the 12 total events. |
| **Community Impact**<br>Increase in local participation and attendance at major events by 30% by 2029. | **On track**<br>Local attendance increased by 3.2% demonstrating continued growth towards the target 30% increase in local participation and attendance by 2029. |
| **Sustainability Impact**<br>Reduce the major events carbon foodprint by 50% by 2029. | **On Track**<br>65.5% of attendees surveyed indicated satisfaction with the sustainability efforts at major events. |

## Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the Geelong Major Events 2025-2026 Annual Report (Attachment 1); and**

2. **Acknowledges the contribution that members of the Geelong Major Events Committee have made over the period.**

***Financial Sustainability***

11. The total Council allocation of sponsorship funding of $1,243,507 paid during the period was within budget. With $1,124,507 coming from the $1.2 million Geelong Major Events allocation and $ 100,000 for the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, paid directly from the council budget.

***Community Engagement***

12. The 2025-2026 GME-sponsored events provided social benefits for the local community through participation and spectator opportunities, with 91% of funded events offering some form of free public access.

13. During the period, 139 community survey responses were received, with 88% of attendees reporting positive social, cultural, and economic impacts, and 79% agreeing the event enhanced Geelong's reputation as a leading event destination.

14. GME consists of:

    14.1. Up to six (6) external representatives of the business/media/arts or events community;

    14.2. Up to four Councillors (which includes the Chair);

    14.3. The Executive Director of Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine; and

    14.4. The Chief Executive Officer (or a CEO Proxy).

15. All members have full and equal voting rights.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

16. GME funding decisions are guided by the Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024-2029, the Committee's Terms of Reference, and an assessment framework that ensures decisions are strategic, well-informed, and aligned with Council's governance rules.

17. Major events in Geelong make a significant contribution to the community's social, environmental, and economic well-being. In line with the Geelong Major Events Strategy, funded events aim to minimise environmental impacts while maximising positive legacies, supporting the City's long-term sustainability goals.

18. The events staged within this reporting period provided social benefits for the local community through participation and spectator opportunities, with 11 of the major events offering some level of free public access.

19. It is estimated that 379574 spectators attended the 12 events staged during the period ending 30 June 2026.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment +***

20. 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 report.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

21. In August 1998, Council established GME as a section 86 Committee under the provisions of the Act to stimulate and encourage events within the municipality.

22. The objectives of the Committee are:

    22.1. GME will strive to stimulate and encourage events that offer the best opportunity to provide measurable economic benefits, potential to market Geelong outside the municipality and enhance local community life through participation of residents.

    22.2. GME will support the development and sustainability of events while focusing its activities on a clearly defined strategic program.

    22.3. GME will establish and maintain strong links with the private sector, government and our communities to achieve high levels of stakeholder investment and engagement required to realise the potential of the events sector in Geelong.

    22.4. Specific actions to the achievement of the objectives include:

        22.4.1. A Geelong Major Events Strategy and Annual Business Plan in accordance with the terms of reference;

        22.4.2. Maintenance of a funding submissions and evaluation process;

        22.4.3. The development and attraction of new events;

        22.4.4. The continuous improvement of current events;

        22.4.5. Facilitation of state and federal government and private sector funding wherever possible;

        22.4.6. Recommendations to Council regarding event infrastructure needs; and

        22.4.7. Allocation of funds from the budget or make recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer or Council for funding of proposals that have satisfied the criteria and are in accord with the strategy.

***Alignment to Council Plan and Vision***

23. This report aligns with Council Plan 2025-2029 strategic priority:

    Economic Development

24. 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.
    An inclusive, diverse, healthy and socially connected community.

***Conflict of Interest***

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

***Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement***

26. The funding process involves assessing the viability of an event and the level of risk it presents to Council and the GME Committee. Events are evaluated against several categories, including event owner risk, reputational risk, financial risk, operational risk, key drawcard risk, marketing risk, timing risk, and stakeholder risk. This process ensures that any event receiving funding aligns with Council's objectives and demonstrates sound risk management.

27. The management of risks associated with events is an important aspect to protect the community and Council's assets. Significant processes are in place to ensure all events staged in the region have adequate risk and emergency management procedures in place. In addition, risk profiling is completed on all events during the application and assessment phase.

28. All high-risk major events are required to present detailed event plans to Geelong's Events Multi Agency Working Group, coordinated by Council's Event Services Unit and chaired by Victoria Police. Through this process, event organisers receive feedback and advice from key agencies and stakeholders, including Victoria Police, WorkSafe, Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria, and the Municipal Building Surveyor, to ensure events are delivered safely and effectively.

***Environmental Sustainability***

29. Each application for funding to GME is assessed against a range of criteria, including environmental impact.

30. Environmental considerations include energy usage, use of renewable sources, water usage, waste and recycling generated, traffic congestion, use of non-powered transport options, pollution, damage to natural environments, and event legacies such as new or reinvigorated resources. The environmental impact of each event is assessed, and where appropriate, actions are identified to protect the environment.

31. Council plays a leading role in working with external agencies and event organisers to ensure that environmental implications are appropriately managed.

32. Events staged during this period implemented a range of programs to minimise environmental impacts and carbon footprint, while also proactively delivering positive legacies.

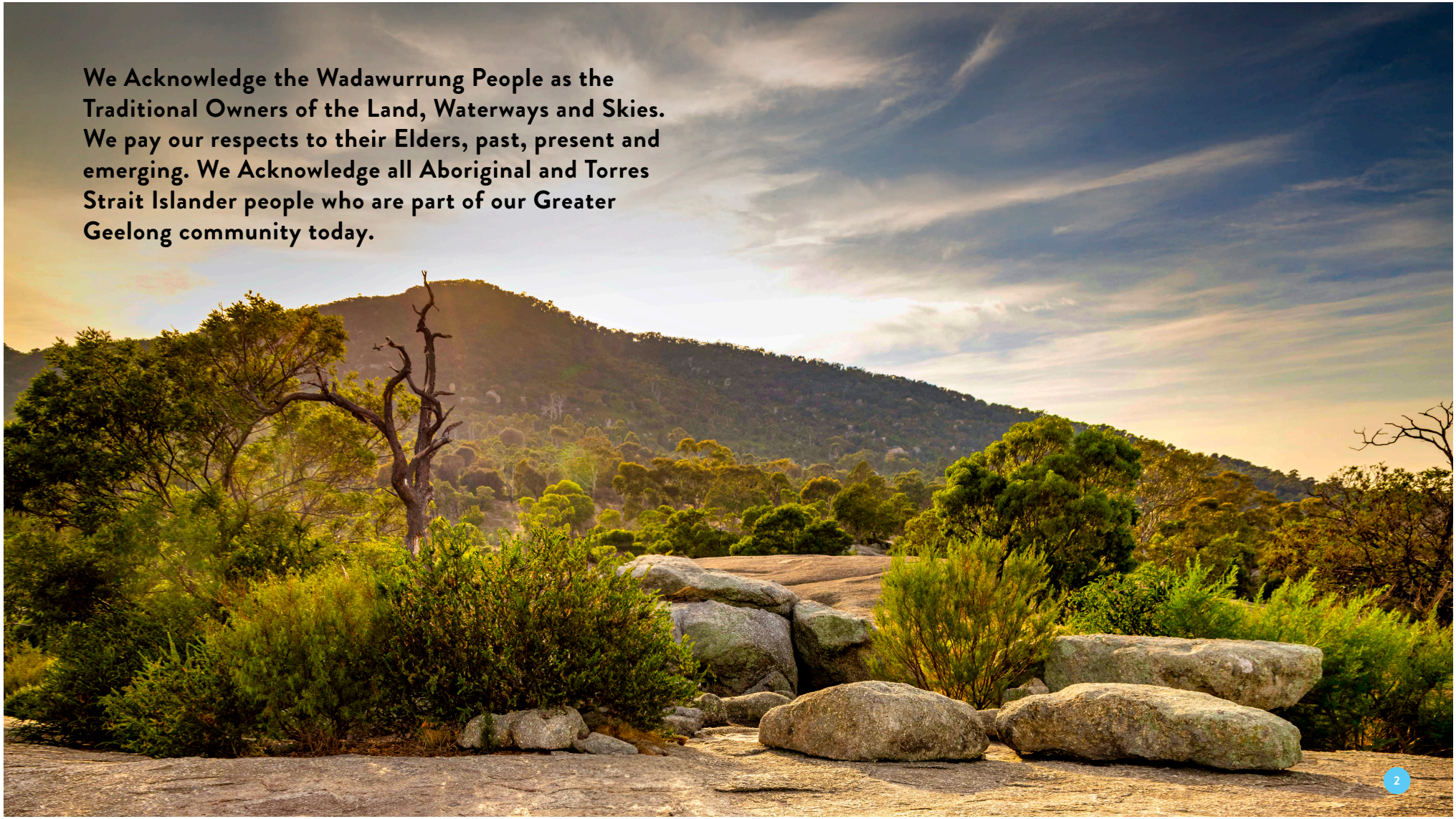
## Attachments

1. 2254454 - Geelong Major Events Annual Report 2025-26 FINAL [**2.3.1** - 13 pages]

# GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

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The 2025–26 financial year has been another strong year for Geelong Major Events, demonstrating the significant role major events play in driving visitation, supporting local businesses and strengthening Greater Geelong's reputation as a leading regional events destination. During the year, Geelong Major Events supported 12 major events that attracted **379,574** attendees, including more than **200,000 visitors from outside the region**, generating an estimated **$53.2 million in economic impact for our region**.

A highlight of the year was the presentation of the **Archibald Prize 2025** at Geelong Gallery. As one of Australia's most celebrated cultural exhibitions, the Archibald Prize attracted more than 60,000 visitors and demonstrated the growing importance of arts and culture within our major events portfolio. The exhibition showcased Geelong as a vibrant cultural destination while delivering substantial economic and community benefits.

The **Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race** again proved to be one of our premier anchor events, drawing strong visitation, international attention and extensive broadcast exposure. Together, these two events highlight the strength of a portfolio that successfully balances world-class sporting events with renowned cultural experiences.

This year also marked continued progress towards the objectives of the Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024–2029, with a strong mix of anchor, priority and developing events contributing to economic growth, community participation and destination appeal.

Together, we continue to build a diverse and high-performing major events portfolio that strengthens our region's economy, enriches community life and showcases Greater Geelong to audiences across Australia and beyond.

**Cr Andrew Katos**
Chair



# ABOUT GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS

**Operating as a Section 63 Delegated Committee of the City of Greater Geelong, GME is tasked with attracting, supporting and funding major events that enhance the region's profile, stimulate economic activity, and contribute to community vibrancy.**

## GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025-2026

| Structure July 2025 |
|---|
| Cr Anthony Aitken – Chair |
| Cr Trent Sullivan |
| Cr Eddy Kontelj |
| Cr Andrew Katos |
| Executive Director Placemaking (designated proxy of CEO Ali Wastie) |
| Tracy Carter – Executive Director Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine |
| Robyn Birrell – External Committee Member |
| Brenden Caligari – External Committee Member |
| Shannan Gove – External Committee Member † |
| Kent Boorman – External Committee Member |
| Julie Maxwell – External Committee Member ‡ |

| September 2025 – June 2026 |
|---|
| Cr Andrew Katos (Chair) |
| Cr Trent Sullivan |
| Cr Eddy Kontelj |
| Cr Elise Wilkinson |
| Executive Director Placemaking / Growth & Place (designated proxy of CEO Ali Wastie) |
| Tracy Carter - Executive Director Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine |
| Robyn Birrell – External Committee Member |
| Shannan Gove – External Committee Member † |
| Kent Boorman – External Committee Member † |
| Marcus Gale – External Committee Member |
| Peter Hertan – External Committee Member |
| Deirdre McGuane – External Committee Member |

## MEETINGS DURING THE PERIOD

| Ordinary Meetings | Extraordinary Meetings |
|---|---|
| Monday 21 July 2025 | Monday 29 June 2026 |
| Monday 8 September 2025 | |
| Monday 13 October 2025 | |
| Monday 10 November 2025 | |
| Monday 12 January 2026 | |
| Monday 2 March 2026 | |
| Monday 13 April 2026 | |
| Monday 11 May 2026 | |

Notes:

† Shannan Gove and Kent Boorman concluded their terms in May 2026.

‡ Julie Maxwell concluded her term in July 2025.

# DELIVERING ON THE STRATEGIC VISION AND OUTCOMES

The *Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024–2029* sets out a clear vision to position Geelong as Australia's premier regional destination for events, where major events deliver exceptional outcomes and elevate the region's reputation on the national stage.

Guided by this strategic framework, the Geelong Major Events (GME) Committee supported a diverse calendar of events that reflected the region's cultural vibrancy and international appeal. Highlights included iconic events such as the Festival of Sails and National Celtic Folk Festival, which continue to attract visitors while delivering significant community and economic benefits.

Geelong proudly played host to internationally recognised events, including the IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong, part of the global IRONMAN Pro Series, and the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, showcasing the City's unique natural assets and reinforcing the region's reputation for delivering world-class sporting experiences.



Supporting the Strategy's objective of broadening the major events portfolio, Geelong hosted the inaugural Melbourne Fashion Festival Regional Showcase, Geelong Fashion Fortnight and the Archibald Prize 2025 at Geelong Gallery. Together with family-focused experiences such as the Wonder Children's Festival, these events strengthened Geelong's position as a UNESCO City of Design while enhancing opportunities for cultural participation, visitation and community engagement.



# WORKING TOWARDS THE 2029 TARGETS



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

**Annual increase of 10% in total economic impact over the next five years to $131 million by 2029.**

2025-26 Results: **On Track**

The FY2025-2026 economic impact of $53.2 million exceeds the $51.1 million recorded in FY2023-2024, the most recent comparable year not influenced by the biennial Avalon Australian International Airshow.




## BRAND MARKETING IMPACT

**The Major Events portfolio has 20% Anchor Events.**

2025-26 Results: **On Track**

The portfolio consists of 33% anchor events, representing 4 out of the 12 total events.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Increase in local participation and attendance at major events by 30% by 2029.**

2025-26 Results: **On Track**

Local attendance increased by 3.2% demonstrating continued growth towards the target 30% increase in local participation and attendance by 2029.



## SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

**Reduce the major events carbon footprint by 50% by 2029.**

2025-26 Results: **On Track**

65.5% of attendees surveyed indicated satisfaction with the sustainability efforts at major events.

# GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS 2025-2026 IN THE NUMBERS



**16**

Number of sponsorship applications considered by the Committee



**12**

Events funded during the period



**$1,243,507**

Total spend



**49:1**

ROI



**$53,181,394**

Total economic impact for the region



**379,574**

Total overall attendance



**202,465**

Non-local attendance (people travelling from outside the region to attend events)



**177,100**

Local attendance




**91%**

Percentage of events with free access for the community



**139**

Total responses to Have Your Say surveys during the period



**88%**

Percentage of people that agree or strongly agree that the event they attended positively impacts the local community (economically, socially, culturally)



**79%**

Percentage of people that believed the event they attended strongly contributes to Geelong's reputation as a premier event destination

# MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD

| Major Events | | Total Attendance | Local | Non-local | Economic Impact |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 Geelong Gallery - Archibald Prize | Priority | 60,847 | 18,303 | 42,544 | $9,467,693.05 |
| 2025 Geelong Wonder Children's Festival | Priority | 16,430 | 10,244 | 6,186 | $1,535,548.64 |
| 2025 Gran Fondo UCI Road World Championships | Anchor | 676 | 600 | 76 | $91,064.00 |
| 2025 Geelong Revival Festival | Anchor | 25,142 | 11,663 | 13,479 | $4,213,158.00 |
| 2025 Melbourne Renegades @ GMHBA Stadium | Developing | 11,690 | 7,176 | 4,514 | $1,584,554.00 |
| 2026 Victorian Open Golf Tournament | Priority | 8,767 | 3,467 | 5,300 | $1,889,866.00 |
| 2026 Festival of Sails | Anchor | 64,297 | 46,279 | 18,018 | $6,450,044.00 |
| 2026 Melbourne Fashion Festival | Developing | 6,051 | 2,410 | 3,641 | $544,920.30 |
| 2026 Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta | Developing | 12,624 | 3,024 | 9,600 | $3,827,524.00 |
| 2026 IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong Pro Series | Anchor | 7,698 | 765 | 6,933 | $2,899,530.84 |
| 2026 National Celtic Festival | Priority | 26,749 | 13,787 | 12,962 | $5,960,503.00 |
| 2026 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race* | Anchor | 138,603 | 59,391 | 79,212 | $14,710,000.00 |
| TOTALS | | 379,574 | 177,109 | 202,465 | $53,181,394.00 |

*Event sponsorship provided from the Council Budget

# EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## GEELONG GALLERY - ARCHIBALD PRIZE

The **Archibald Prize 2025**, Australia's most prestigious portrait award, was presented at Geelong Gallery as the exclusive Victorian venue and first destination on the national tour. The exhibition occupied three major Gallery spaces over a 10-week season and was presented alongside permanent collection displays and a major touring exhibition.

The Archibald Prize shares a significant historical connection with Geelong. The award was established through a bequest to the Art Gallery of New South Wales by J.F. Archibald, who was born in Geelong West in 1856 and began his journalism career in regional Victoria.

A comprehensive public program accompanied the exhibition, extending its reach and community impact. Highlights included artist talks and panel discussions featuring Archibald Prize artists and sitters, presented in collaboration with Geelong Regional Libraries; the popular Friday After-Hours series, which encouraged evening visitation and contributed to central Geelong's nighttime economy, and visits by schools and community groups from across the region.

### SUMMARY OF KEY EVENT METRICS

| Event Classification | Priority |
|---|---|
| Total Visitor Nights | 15,858 |
| Estimated Job Creation | 75.7 |
| Total Economic Impact | $9,467,693 |
| Total Attendance | 60,847 |

The exhibition was further complemented by Geelong Gallery's annual Who's Who Children's Portrait Exhibition, presented across Geelong Regional Libraries and providing additional opportunities for young people and families to engage with portraiture and the arts.



# EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## CADEL EVANS GREAT OCEAN ROAD RACE

The **2026 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race** once again showcased the region's stunning coastline and reinforced Geelong's reputation as a premier destination for international sporting events. As Australia's only UCI WorldTour one-day cycling race, the event attracted elite men's and women's cyclists from around the world, while also delivering significant community participation opportunities through a program of mass participation rides and festival activities.

The race generated widespread media exposure for Geelong and the region, with images of the coastline, city waterfront and surrounding landscapes broadcast to audiences worldwide. Locally, the event created a vibrant atmosphere across the city, attracting spectators to the race route, supporting local businesses and encouraging active participation in cycling and healthy lifestyles.

### SUMMARY OF KEY EVENT METRICS

| Event Classification | Anchor |
|---|---|
| Total Visitor Nights | 45,593 |
| Total Economic Impact | **$14,710,000** |
| Total Attendance | **138,603** |

A longstanding fixture on the Geelong Major Events calendar, the event continues to provide important economic, tourism and community benefits while celebrating the legacy of Australian cycling champion Cadel Evans. Through its combination of elite competition, community engagement and destination promotion, the race remains one of the region's most recognisable and valued major events.



# EVENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## NATIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL

The **2026 National Celtic Festival** transformed Portarlington into a vibrant celebration of Celtic culture, attracting visitors from across Australia for a four-day program of music, dance, storytelling, workshops and cultural experiences. Recognised as one of Australia's premier Celtic festivals, the event showcased local, national and international performers while celebrating the enduring traditions and contemporary expressions of Celtic communities.

The festival delivered significant benefits to the Bellarine Peninsula, generating visitation during the winter period and supporting local accommodation providers, hospitality businesses and retailers. Beyond its economic impact, the event fostered community pride and connection through a diverse program that encouraged participation from all ages and backgrounds.

A highlight of the 2026 festival was its strong focus on accessibility and community engagement, with a range of free and low-cost activities complementing the ticketed program. From lively street performances and cultural demonstrations to world-class musical acts, the festival created a welcoming atmosphere that animated Portarlington's foreshore and township, reinforcing its reputation as one of Victoria's most distinctive regional events.

The National Celtic Festival continues to play an important role in strengthening Greater Geelong's cultural calendar while delivering tourism, economic and community outcomes for the region.

### SUMMARY OF KEY EVENT METRICS

| Event Classification | Priority Event |
|---|---|
| Total Visitor Nights | 4,800 |
| Estimated Job Creation | 47.6 |
| Total Economic Impact | $5,960,503 |
| Total Attendance | 26,749 |



# STRATEGY KEY ACTION AREAS

| Key Action Areas | Progress Status | Comments |
|---|---|---|
| Governance | On Track | A key focus during the year was the recruitment process for External Committee Members. Significant work was undertaken to identify and attract candidates with the skills and experience required to support the delivery of the Geelong Major Events Strategy 2024–2029. The process was managed to ensure continuity of governance and maintain the Committee's effectiveness throughout the transition period. |
| Funding and Budget | On Track | Budget constraints continue to present a challenge for the Committee. Event opportunities and opportunity costs are regularly assessed to ensure available funding delivers a balanced and sustainable major events portfolio. |
| Stakeholder and Advocacy | On Track | Strong stakeholder relationships developed over the past 12 months have enhanced the Committee's ability to attract, retain and support major events. Through ongoing collaboration with event organisers, government partners and destination partners, the Committee will continue to strengthen Geelong's position as a leading regional events destination. |
| Objectives and Measurements | On Track | Objectives and measurements outlined within the Geelong Major Events Strategy guide the acquisition and funding decisions of the Committee. |
| Processes and Documents | Complete | The implementation of the Geelong Major Events Strategy has included an updated suite of application, information, and evaluation documents, which continue to evolve to meet the needs of the Committee and the organisations it works with. |
| Event Selection | Complete | The four-step selection process has been operationalised through a weighted assessment framework that supports and guides the Committee's funding decisions. |
| Event Evaluation | On Track | Metrics are now provided to the Committee using geo-fencing technology to estimate event attendance, alongside accommodation occupancy data from across the region. Work is ongoing to establish best-practice methods for estimating economic impact, with a focus on using reliable and verifiable spend data. |
| Communication | On Track | City promotion of major events and the associated funding program remains a key priority. Ensuring that industry and the community have visibility of major events and can effectively leverage their benefits remains a focus area. |
| Infrastructure | On Track | Infrastructure advocacy remains a city-wide priority. |

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## 2.4. Financial Performance Report for the year to date ended 30 September 2026

**Source:** **Corporate Services**
**Executive Director:** **Troy Edwards**

### Purpose

1. To endorse the Financial Performance report Year to Date Ended 30 September 2026.

### Background

2. On 23 June 2026 the budget was adopted with an underlying operating deficit of ($14.237) million and a cash surplus for the year of $2.425 million.

3. Financial performance reports are presented to Council on a quarterly basis, with this report representing quarter 1 period 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026.

4. Further to the performance, the report provides the forward full year forecast for 2026-27.

### Key Matters

5. The year-to-date underlying operating result to 30 September 2026 is a surplus of $5.413 million dollars, being $11.974 million favourable to the year-to-date budget. The favourable variance is primarily driven by higher rates interest and supplementary rate revenue, additional operating grants received and the timing of expenditure across materials and services, community contributions and other operating expenses.

6. The forecast underlying operating result is a $0.7 million favourable variance to the full year budget. Material items contributing to the variance include additional operating grant funding, higher investment interest income, lower EPA levy costs, legal and lease costs partially offset by reduced user fee revenue from waste disposal fees and increased employee costs including WorkCover premiums and labour related expenses.

7. The forecast cash surplus for the year is $2.075 million favourable to the full-year budget. The favourable variance reflects the factors impacting the underlying operating result, together with the timing of capital program funding

8. Capital works expenditure to 30 September 2026 is ($6.755 million) below the year-to-date budget primarily driven by timing variances across the program of work. At this reporting period, these variances are not expected to impact the full year forecast. A summary of the year-to-date variances is provided in the attachment.

9. The forecast capital works expenditure position is $2.883 million above the full year budget. The variance is primarily driven by additional externally funded projects, including the Black Spot Program and Limeburners Boat Ramp Stage 2, together with new projects approved during the year and additional costs for the Geelong Ballroom Upgrade. These increases are partly offset by the rephasing of several major projects into future years, including the Organics Processing Facility Upgrade and Sovereign Drive Recreation Reserve.

## Recommendation

**That Council endorses the Financial Performance Report Year to Date ended 30 September 2026.**

***Financial Sustainability***

10. As detailed within the attached Financial Performance Report Year To Date Ended 30 September 2026.

11. It has been determined by the Chief Executive Officer a revised budget is not required for the 2026-27 financial year.

***Community Engagement***

12. Community engagement was undertaken during the development of the 2026-27 budget. Internal consultation has occurred with management and project managers during the development of the full year forecast. Project managers have been consulted and provided the latest project updates which have been factored into this report.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

13. Incomes and expenditures of the City's social equity programs are included in the attached Financial Performance Report Year to Date Ended 30 September 2026.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment***

14. A Gender+ Impact Assessment was not required for this report.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

15. The report is provided in accordance with the requirements under section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

***Alignment to Council Plan and Vision***

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

17. This report aligns with the Community led 30-year Vision, "Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future" community aspiration:
A prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities.

***Conflict of Interest***

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

***Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement***

19. There are no high or extreme risks arising from the subject of this report.

***Environmental Sustainability***

20. Incomes, expenditure, and investments focus on the preservation and enhancement of the City's commitment to environmental strategies and targets.

## Attachments

1. Q 1 Financial Performance Report - Sep-26 [**2.4.1** - 15 pages]

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# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

## Q1 – SEPTEMBER 2026

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

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# Executive summary

## PURPOSE

This report provides an overview of Council's financial performance for the quarter ended 30 September 2026, including operating, capital and cash results, material budget and forecast variances, reserve movements and key financial sustainability measures.

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Operating Statement** | | | | | | |
| Income | 130,805 | 127,238 | 3,567 | 529,988 | 528,718 | 1,270 |
| Expenditure | 125,392 | 133,799 | 8,407 | 543,485 | 542,955 | (530) |
| **Underlying Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | **5,413** | **(6,561)** | **11,974** | **(13,497)** | **(14,237)** | **740** |
| Non-Recurrent Revenue | 27,646 | 55,018 | (27,371) | 236,229 | 217,937 | 18,292 |
| **Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | **33,059** | **48,457** | **(15,398)** | **222,733** | **203,700** | **19,033** |
| **Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year** | **59,691** | **12,847** | **46,844** | **4,500** | **2,425** | **2,075** |
| Capital Expenditure | 25,130 | 31,885 | (6,755) | 174,433 | 171,550 | 2,883 |
| Cash & Investments Closing Balance | 235,638 | 232,190 | 3,448 | 277,083 | 261,912 | 15,171 |
| Loans Closing Balance | 154,651 | 154,650 | 1 | 128,971 | 128,971 | (0) |
| Reserves Closing Balance | 180,574 | 32,642 | 147,932 | 180,574 | 147,932 | 32,642 |

## UNDERLYING OPERATING RESULT

### YEAR TO DATE

The **$12.0m** favourable variance to budget is driven primarily by:

- **Rates and Charges $0.6m**: Higher interest income on overdue rates and increased supplementary rate revenue.
- **Grants - Operating $1.9m:** Additional Maternal and Child Health funding received to date, the release of previously deferred funding following year-end accounting adjustments and several unbudgeted grants received in the first quarter, resulting in additional forecast expenditure.
- **Materials and Services $7.1m**: Primarily reflects delays in the commencement of works and programs or the timing of expenditure. Key variances include software costs ($2.5m) City Works ($1.4m), Civil Infrastructure ($0.6m) and Waste Services ($0.5m).
- **Other Expenses $1.3m:** Predominantly reflects timing delays in event and community support contributions, together with lower year-to-date expenditure on memberships, subscriptions and advertising.

**FULL YEAR**

The **$0.7m** forecast favourable variance to budget is driven primarily by:

- **Operating Grants $3.6m:** Additional Maternal and Child Health funding ($1.2m), the release of previously deferred funding following year-end accounting adjustments ($1.4m), and new or increased grant funding, including the Burdoo Reserve Netball Court Upgrade project ($0.4m) and the Building Blocks Planning Program ($0.15m)
- **User Fees ($3.3m):** Lower industrial waste disposal income ($2.8m reduction in income and net $1.0m impact after offsetting with EPA levy reduction) following the commencement of a new private waste facility, together with lower Development Infrastructure Planning fees ($0.7m), resulting from reduced planning activity. These impacts are partially offset by higher Road Occupation fee revenue ($0.3m).
- **Other Income $1.3m:** Higher investment interest revenue driven by stronger cash balances and favourable interest rates.
- **Employee Costs ($2.4m):** Higher WorkCover insurance premium ($1.9m), supplementary labour costs within Legal ($0.5m) and MCH qualification allowances that were not included in the budget ($0.3m). These increases are partly offset by vacancy and structure savings across several services, including Building Services ($0.3m).
- **Materials and Services $1.1m:** Lower EPA levy costs associated with reduced industrial waste volumes ($1.8m) and lower external legal costs ($0.5m). These savings are partly offset by additional expenditure for the Pound Service Review ($0.4m, funded from the General Reserve) and the Burdoo Reserve Netball Court Upgrade ($0.4m, funded from a new grant).
- **Other Expenses $1.0m:** Lower lease costs for Stacey's Road and Point Henry ($1.0m).

## CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

**FULL YEAR**

The **$2.1m** forecast favourable variance to budget is driven primarily by:

- **Maternal and Child Health funding $1.2m**: Additional funding of expected to reduce Council's net contribution to the service, with no material increase in associated costs.
- **Operating grant revenue $1.4m:** Recognition of in grant revenue previously held as deferred income on the balance sheet following the application of accounting standards.
- **Investment interest $1.3m:** Higher than budgeted Interest income on investments
- **Capital Program $0.5:** Improved net cash impacts driven by the timing of capital expenditure and additional capital grant funding not included in the original budget.
- **DCP Reserve Transfers $0.7m:** Higher than budgeted transfers from Development Contributions Plan (DCP) reserves to fund projects.

These favourable movements are partially offset by:

- Higher than budgeted WorkCover insurance premium **($1.9m)**, lower development infrastructure fees **($0.7m)** and an updated forecast on the planned proceeds from road discontinuance for the year **($0.6m).**

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

### YEAR TO DATE

Year-to-date capital expenditure is **$6.8m** below budget due delivery timing. At this stage, these variances are not expected to impact the full year forecast.

Key contributors include;

- Landy Field Upgrade **$1.5m**
- Yirrama Community Hub **$1.5m**
- Drysdale Sporting Precinct Master Plan Stage 2 **$1.0m**
- Aldershot Reserve – Active Recreation **$0.7m**
- Armstrong Creek Land Acquisition Program **$0.6m**

### FULL YEAR

The **$2.9m** forecast delivery above budget is driven primarily by:

- Additional external funded projects; including the Black Spot Program ($4.8m) and Limeburners Boat Ramp Stage 2 project ($4.6m).
- New recently approved projects ($0.5m total) including Kardinia Park Swimming Pool Remediation, Splashdown Roof and HVAC Renewal, Township Signage Renewal Program and Streetscape Renewal.
- Additional costs for the Geelong Ballroom Upgrade ($0.3m).
- Partly offset by the rephasing of FY27 expenditure into future years, primarily for the delayed Organics Processing Facility Upgrade ($6.0m) and Sovereign Drive Recreation Reserve ($2.3m).

As a result, the capital program is currently forecast to deliver 102% of budget, while the forecast Renewal and Upgrade ratio has improved to 85%, representing an increase of five percentage points above budget.

# Treasury

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Cash and Investments** | | | | | | |
| Cash and Other Financial Assets | 235,638 | 232,190 | 3,448 | 277,083 | 261,912 | 15,171 |
| Interest income | 2,875 | 1,846 | 1,029 | 10,143 | 8,850 | 1,293 |
| **Loans** | | | | | | |
| Current Loan Liabilities | 57,589 | 57,588 | (0) | 7,690 | 7,690 | (0) |
| Non-Current Loan Liabilities | 97,062 | 97,062 | (0) | 121,281 | 121,281 | (0) |
| **Total Loan Balances** | **154,651** | **154,650** | **(1)** | **128,971** | **128,971** | **(0)** |
| Interest paid on Loans | 1,499 | 1,502 | 3 | 5,151 | 5,151 | (0) |
| **Total Interest Paid on Loans** | **1,499** | **1,502** | **3** | **5,151** | **5,151** | **(0)** |

## CASH AND INVESTMENTS

- The full-year cash and investment forecast has improved due to changes in the timing of capital expenditure and the improved operating result.
- Forecast investment income has also increased, reflecting higher cash balances and interest rates above budget assumptions.

## LOANS

- Borrowings remain in line with budget. The full-year forecast includes repayment of a $20.0m loan maturing during 2026–27 and refinancing of a separate $30.0m loan.

# Trade and other receivables

| | YTD | Closing | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Sep-26 $000 | 2025/26 $000 | Movement $000 |
| **Current** | | | |
| **Statutory receivables** | | | |
| Rates* | 353,766 | 10,655 | (343,111) |
| Infringements | 14,365 | 13,942 | (422) |
| Net GST receivables | 2,423 | 3,078 | 655 |
| **Non-statutory** | | | |
| Other debtors | 35,440 | 39,169 | 3,729 |
| **Total current trade and other receivables** | **405,993** | **66,844** | **(339,149)** |
| Less impairment loss allowance | (15,360) | (15,360) | - |
| **Net total current trade and other receivables** | **390,633** | **51,484** | **(339,149)** |
| **Non-current** | | | |
| **Statutory receivables** | | | |
| Special rate scheme | 1,935 | 1,935 | 0 |
| **Total non-current trade and other receivables** | **1,935** | **1,935** | **0** |
| **Total trade and other receivables** | **392,568** | **53,419** | **(339,149)** |

* Including Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

- Rates collections total $54.7m, 0.8% below the level recorded at 30 September 2025.
- Rates arrears have increased to $22.4m from $18.7m at 30 September 2025. Collections of prior-year arrears total $7.2m year to date, with continued focus on reducing the outstanding balance.

# Reserves

| Reserve | FULL YEAR FORECAST Opening Balance $'000 | Transfer To/(From) $'000 | Closing Balance $'000 | FULL YEAR BUDGET Opening Balance $'000 | Transfer To/(From) $'000 | Closing Balance $'000 | VARIANCE Closing Balance $'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Waste Reserve | 20,027 | 6,163 | 26,190 | 21,283 | 515 | 21,798 | 4,392 |
| DCP Contributions | 76,485 | 30,804 | 107,289 | 81,864 | 27,670 | 109,534 | (2,245) |
| Project Carry Fwd | 24,814 | (16,402) | 8,412 | 21,370 | (15,908) | 5,462 | 2,950 |
| Deferred Income | 25,444 | - | 25,444 | - | - | - | 25,444 |
| General Reserve | 6,000 | (780) | 5,220 | - | - | - | 5,220 |
| Property Sales | 8,120 | (100) | 8,020 | 21,138 | (10,000) | 11,138 | (3,118) |
| **Total Reserves** | **160,890** | **19,684** | **180,574** | **145,655** | **2,277** | **147,932** | **32,642** |

### WASTE RESERVE

- The reserve is forecast to end the year $4.4m above budget, primarily due to delays in the Organics Processing Facility Upgrade project which is funded from the reserve.

### DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RESERVE

- The reserve is forecast to end the year $2.2m below budget, primarily due to a lower opening balance following lower-than-expected developer contributions in 2025-26.
- The variance is largely timing-related and does not materially change the funding available for projects. A review of reserve balances and future commitments is underway to improve visibility of longer-term funding requirements.

### PROJECT CARRY FORWARD RESERVE

- The reserve is forecast to end the year $2.9m above budget due to a higher-than-planned opening balance.
- The reserve holds Council funding for projects that remained in progress at year end, ensuring funding remains available for their completion.

### DEFERRED INCOME RESERVE

- The forecast balance assumes early receipt of the 2027-28 Financial Assistance Grant.

### GENERAL RESERVE

- This new reserve has been established to support future financial risks, fund asset renewal requirements and provide flexibility to respond to emerging Council priorities.

### PROPERTY SALES RESERVE

- The reserve is forecast to end the year below budget due to lower-than-expected asset sale proceeds in 2025-26.
- Cash held in this reserve is quarantined for the future repayment of borrowings, supporting Council's debt reduction strategy and long-term financial sustainability.

# Financial Sustainability Measures

| Measure | Target | 2026-27 Budget | 2026-27 Forecast |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Underlying Operating Result** | | | |
| **Adjusted Underlying Result Ratio*** (Underlying result / Underlying revenue) | >0% | (2.7%) | (2.5%) |
| **Capital Investment** | | | |
| **Capital Projects Delivery** (Capital Expenditure / Budgeted Capital Expenditure) | >80% | 100.0% | 101.7% |
| **Asset Sustainability Ratio** (Renewal & Upgrade Expenditure / Depreciation) | >85% | 79.6% | 85.2% |
| **Cash & Borrowings** | | | |
| **Working Capital Ratio** (Current Assets / Current Liabilities) | >1.0 | 1.98 | 2.30 |
| **Unrestricted Cash Ratio** (Unrestricted Cash / Current Liabilities) | No formal target | 0.87 | 0.94 |
| **Indebtedness Ratio** (Borrowings / Rates Revenue) | <60% | 36.2% | 36.2% |

- **Adjusted Underlying Result Ratio:** Forecast to improve from negative 2.7% to negative 2.5%, reflecting a $0.7m improvement in the underlying result. The ratio nevertheless remains below Council's target of greater than zero.
- **Capital Projects Delivery**: Forecast at 101.7% of budget, above the target of 80%, following the inclusion of additional externally funded and recently approved projects.
- **Asset Sustainability Ratio:** Forecast to improve from 79.6% to 85.2%, marginally above the 85% target, primarily due to additional renewal and upgrade expenditure.
- **Liquidity:** The Working Capital Ratio is forecast to increase from 1.98 to 2.30. The Unrestricted Cash Ratio is forecast to increase from 0.87 to 0.94, reflecting higher forecast cash and receivables.
- **Indebtedness Ratio**: Forecast to remain at 36.2%, below the maximum target of 60%, with borrowings remaining in line with budget.

# Appendix

## INCOME STATEMENT

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Income** | | | | | | |
| Rates and Charges | 91,182 | 90,596 | 585 | 356,684 | 356,684 | 0 |
| Grants - Operating | 14,794 | 12,924 | 1,871 | 78,894 | 75,248 | 3,646 |
| User Fees | 17,838 | 18,237 | (399) | 66,030 | 69,369 | (3,339) |
| Statutory Fees & Fines | 3,781 | 3,491 | 290 | 17,610 | 17,971 | (361) |
| Other Income | 3,023 | 1,930 | 1,093 | 10,527 | 9,204 | 1,323 |
| Net Gain/(Loss) on disposal of assets | 188 | 60 | 127 | 242 | 242 | (0) |
| **Total Income** | **130,805** | **127,238** | **3,567** | **529,988** | **528,718** | **1,270** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Expenses** | | | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 55,542 | 55,518 | (24) | 224,283 | 221,892 | (2,391) |
| Materials and Services | 31,985 | 39,128 | 7,143 | 169,173 | 170,230 | 1,057 |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 28,543 | 28,549 | 7 | 114,383 | 114,205 | (178) |
| Other Expenses | 7,795 | 9,073 | 1,279 | 30,319 | 31,369 | 1,050 |
| Interest Expense | 1,499 | 1,502 | 3 | 5,151 | 5,151 | 0 |
| Finance costs - leases | 29 | 28 | (1) | 177 | 108 | (69) |
| **Total Expenses** | **125,392** | **133,799** | **8,407** | **543,485** | **542,955** | **(530)** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Underlying Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** | **5,413** | **(6,561)** | **11,974** | **(13,497)** | **(14,237)** | **740** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Non-Recurrent Income** | | | | | | |
| Grants - Capital | 9,750 | 13,005 | (3,255) | 58,441 | 45,944 | 12,497 |
| Contributions - monetary | 7,207 | 11,636 | (4,429) | 46,544 | 46,544 | (0) |
| Net Gain/(Loss) on disposal of assets | 9,857 | - | 9,857 | 9,246 | 3,100 | 6,146 |
| Contributions - non-monetary | - | 30,163 | (30,163) | 120,652 | 120,652 | - |
| Rates and charges | 573 | 208 | 365 | 1,319 | 1,578 | (259) |
| Other Income - Capital | 260 | 6 | 254 | 28 | 119 | (91) |
| **Total Non-Recurrent Income** | **27,646** | **55,018** | **(27,371)** | **236,229** | **217,937** | **18,292** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Total Surplus/(Deficit)** | **33,059** | **48,457** | **(15,398)** | **222,733** | **203,700** | **19,033** |

## INCOME STATEMENT CONVERTED TO CASH

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Surplus/(deficit) for the year** | 33,059 | 48,457 | (15,398) | 222,733 | 203,700 | 19,033 |
| **Adjustment for Non-Cash Items** | | | | | | |
| Contributions - non-monetary | - | (30,163) | 30,163 | (120,652) | (120,652) | - |
| Depreciation & amortisation | 28,543 | 28,549 | (7) | 114,383 | 114,205 | 178 |
| Written-Down Value of Asset Disposals | - | 121 | (121) | 11,139 | 7,985 | 3,154 |
| **Total Non-Cash Items** | **28,543** | **(1,492)** | **30,035** | **4,870** | **1,538** | **3,332** |
| **Adjustment for Capital Expenditure** | | | | | | |
| Capital Expenditure | (25,130) | (31,885) | 6,755 | (174,433) | (171,550) | (2,883) |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** | **(25,130)** | **(31,885)** | **6,755** | **(174,433)** | **(171,550)** | **146,420** |
| **Adjustment for Financing Items** | | | | | | |
| New Borrowings/Refinancing | - | - | - | 30,000 | 30,000 | - |
| Loan Repayments | (1,876) | (1,876) | 0 | (57,555) | (57,555) | (0) |
| Lease Repayments | (348) | (357) | 9 | (1,430) | (1,430) | - |
| **Total Financing Items** | **(2,224)** | **(2,233)** | **9** | **(28,985)** | **(28,985)** | **26,761** |
| **Net Cash Position for the Year** | **34,248** | **12,847** | **21,401** | **24,185** | **4,703** | **29,545** |
| **Adjustment for Reserve Movements** | | | | | | |
| Net Reserve Drawdown/(Replenishment) | 25,444 | - | 25,444 | (19,684) | (2,278) | (17,406) |
| **Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year** | **59,691** | **12,847** | **46,844** | **4,500** | **2,425** | **57,266** |
| Opening Cash Surplus Balance | 547 | 547 | - | 547 | 2,550 | (2,003) |
| **Accumulated Cash Surplus** | **60,238** | **13,394** | **46,844** | **5,047** | **4,975** | **72** |

## STATEMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Property** | | | | | | |
| Land | 100 | 648 | 548 | 10,886 | 10,805 | 81 |
| Buildings | 11,936 | 15,633 | 3,697 | 57,091 | 54,780 | 2,311 |
| Heritage Buildings | 13 | - | (13) | - | - | - |
| **Total Property** | **12,049** | **16,281** | **4,232** | **67,977** | **65,585** | **2,392** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Plant & Equipment** | | | | | | |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 425 | 550 | 125 | 9,828 | 11,517 | (1,689) |
| Fixtures, fittings and furniture | 8 | 55 | 47 | 366 | 366 | - |
| Computers and telecommunications | 615 | 545 | (70) | 2,108 | 2,108 | 1 |
| **Total Plant & Equipment** | **1,048** | **1,150** | **102** | **12,302** | **13,990** | **(1,688)** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Infrastructure** | | | | | | |
| Roads | 3,581 | 3,337 | (244) | 29,262 | 25,007 | 4,256 |
| Bridges | - | 72 | 72 | 434 | 434 | - |
| Footpaths and cycleways | 2,063 | 1,251 | (812) | 7,945 | 7,124 | 821 |
| Drainage | 191 | 659 | 468 | 5,833 | 4,833 | 1,000 |
| Recreational, leisure and community facilities | 3,511 | 5,672 | 2,161 | 22,739 | 25,414 | (2,675) |
| Waste Management | 236 | 828 | 592 | 7,724 | 13,609 | (5,885) |
| Parks, open space and streetscapes | 1,131 | 783 | (348) | 7,440 | 7,782 | (342) |
| Other Infrastructure | 1,320 | 1,850 | 530 | 12,777 | 7,773 | 5,004 |
| **Total Infrastructure** | **12,033** | **14,453** | **2,420** | **94,154** | **91,975** | **2,179** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** | **25,130** | **31,885** | **6,755** | **174,433** | **171,550** | **2,883** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Represented by:** | | | | | | |
| New Asset Expenditure | 14,048 | 18,566 | 4,518 | 80,371 | 83,615 | (3,244) |
| Asset Renewal Expenditure | 7,225 | 6,897 | (328) | 58,683 | 54,517 | 4,166 |
| Asset Upgrade Expenditure | 3,857 | 6,422 | 2,565 | 35,379 | 33,418 | 1,961 |
| **Total Capital Expenditure** | **25,130** | **31,885** | **6,755** | **174,433** | **171,550** | **2,883** |

## BALANCE SHEET

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 65,638 | 130,902 | (65,264) | 83,606 | 157,147 | (73,541) |
| Trade & Other Receivables | 362,090 | 356,603 | 5,487 | 48,441 | 11,730 | 36,711 |
| Other Financial Assets | 170,000 | 101,288 | 68,712 | 193,477 | 104,765 | 88,712 |
| Inventories | 879 | 1,270 | (391) | 1,291 | 1,404 | (113) |
| Non-Current Assets Classified As Held For Sale | 9,181 | 369 | 8,812 | 369 | 369 | - |
| Other Assets | 16,657 | 7,751 | 8,906 | 4,573 | 9,153 | (4,580) |
| **Total Current Assets** | **624,445** | **598,184** | **26,261** | **331,757** | **284,569** | **47,188** |
| **Non-Current Assets** | | | | | | |
| Trade & Other Receivables | 1,935 | 17,069 | (15,134) | 2,783 | 17,776 | (14,993) |
| Investments in Associates, Joint Arrangement & Subsi | 12,798 | 12,256 | 542 | 12,798 | 12,256 | 542 |
| Property, Infrastructure, Plant & Equipment | 5,274,876 | 5,724,556 | (449,680) | 5,623,015 | 6,084,243 | (461,227) |
| Intangible Assets | 11,983 | 11,309 | 673 | 9,929 | 9,518 | 411 |
| Right-Of-Use Assets | 3,144 | 3,068 | 76 | 1,925 | 2,036 | (111) |
| **Total Non-Current Assets** | **5,304,736** | **5,768,259** | **(463,523)** | **5,650,450** | **6,125,829** | **(475,378)** |
| **Total Assets** | **5,929,181** | **6,366,442** | **(437,262)** | **5,982,207** | **6,410,397** | **(428,190)** |
| **Current Liabilities** | | | | | | |
| Trade & Other Payables | 49,089 | 40,609 | (8,480) | 39,315 | 49,965 | (10,650) |
| Trust Funds & Deposits | 81,107 | 65,645 | (15,462) | 22,746 | 21,566 | 1,180 |
| Contract and other liabilities | 292,003 | 290,027 | (1,976) | 28,678 | 18,537 | 10,141 |
| Provisions | 44,920 | 44,277 | (643) | 44,815 | 45,605 | (790) |
| Interest-Bearing Liabilities | 57,589 | 57,588 | (0) | 7,690 | 7,690 | (0) |
| Lease Liabilities | 1,067 | 1,073 | 6 | 705 | 720 | (15) |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **525,775** | **499,220** | **(26,555)** | **143,950** | **144,083** | **(133)** |
| **Non-Current Liabilities** | | | | | | |
| Provisions | 31,435 | 33,034 | 1,599 | 32,887 | 33,159 | (272) |
| Interest-Bearing Liabilities | 97,062 | 97,062 | (0) | 121,282 | 121,281 | 1 |
| Lease Liabilities | 2,488 | 2,514 | 26 | 1,768 | 1,794 | (26) |
| **Total Non-Current Liabilities** | **130,985** | **132,610** | **1,625** | **155,937** | **156,234** | **(297)** |
| **Total Liabilities** | **656,760** | **631,830** | **(24,930)** | **299,887** | **300,317** | **(430)** |
| **Net Assets** | **5,272,421** | **5,734,612** | **(462,192)** | **5,682,321** | **6,110,080** | **(427,760)** |
| **Equity** | | | | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | 2,539,968 | 2,638,360 | (98,392) | 2,684,516 | 2,791,325 | (106,809) |
| Revaluation Reserves | 2,597,006 | 2,950,598 | (353,592) | 2,817,230 | 3,170,823 | (353,593) |
| Other Reserves | 135,447 | 145,654 | (10,207) | 180,574 | 147,932 | 32,642 |
| **Total Equity** | **5,272,421** | **5,734,612** | **(462,192)** | **5,682,320** | **6,110,080** | **(427,760)** |

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| | YEAR TO DATE | | | FULL YEAR | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actuals | Budget | Variance | Forecast | Budget | Variance |
| | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 | $'000 |
| **Cashflow from Operating Activities** | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | 59,757 | 62,904 | (3,147) | 358,056 | 357,131 | 925 |
| Statutory fees and fines | 4,771 | 3,491 | 1,280 | 19,095 | 17,971 | 1,124 |
| User fees | 18,234 | 18,242 | (8) | 66,624 | 69,389 | (2,765) |
| Grants - operating | 13,864 | 13,187 | 678 | 78,726 | 76,780 | 1,946 |
| Grants - capital | 3,895 | 6,647 | (2,752) | 52,896 | 36,310 | 16,586 |
| Contributions - monetary | 7,702 | 11,636 | (3,934) | 47,286 | 46,544 | 742 |
| Interest received | 1,268 | 1,856 | (588) | 9,525 | 8,850 | 675 |
| Trust funds and deposits taken | 11,589 | 106 | 11,483 | 839 | 423 | 416 |
| Other receipts | 804 | 622 | 182 | 1,006 | 2,377 | (1,371) |
| Employee costs | (56,900) | (55,033) | (1,866) | (222,125) | (219,955) | (2,170) |
| Materials and services | (46,062) | (42,944) | (3,118) | (166,564) | (165,078) | (1,486) |
| Other payments | (9,093) | (9,073) | (20) | (29,660) | (31,369) | 1,709 |
| **Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities** | **9,830** | **11,640** | **(1,811)** | **215,705** | **199,373** | **16,332** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Cashflow from investing activities** | | | | | | |
| Payments for property, infrastructure, plant & equip | (28,376) | (31,659) | 3,283 | (172,785) | (170,334) | (2,451) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant & | 10,088 | 182 | 9,906 | 20,627 | 11,327 | 9,300 |
| Payments for investments | | - | - | (3,477) | (3,477) | 0 |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 20,000 | - | 20,000 | | - | - |
| **Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities** | **1,712** | **(31,477)** | **33,189** | **(155,635)** | **(162,484)** | **6,849** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Cashflow from financing activities** | | | | | | |
| Finance costs | (1,499) | (1,502) | 3 | (5,151) | (5,151) | 0 |
| Proceeds of borrowings | - | - | - | 30,000 | 30,000 | - |
| Repayment of borrowings | (1,876) | (1,876) | 0 | (57,555) | (57,555) | (0) |
| Interest paid - lease liability | (29) | (28) | (1) | (177) | (108) | (69) |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | (348) | (357) | 9 | (1,430) | (1,430) | - |
| **Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities** | **(3,753)** | **(3,763)** | **11** | **(34,312)** | **(34,244)** | **(68)** |
| | | | | | | |
| **Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents** | **7,789** | **(23,600)** | **31,389** | **25,757** | **2,645** | **23,112** |
| **Cash and cash equivalents opening balance** | **57,849** | **154,502** | (96,653) | **57,849** | **154,502** | (96,653) |
| **Cash and cash equivalents closing balance** | **65,638** | **130,902** | **(65,264)** | **83,606** | **157,147** | **(91,509)** |

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## 2.5. Council Meeting Schedule of Dates 2027

**Source:** **Corporate Services**
**Executive Director:** **Troy Edwards**

### Purpose

1. To seek Council endorsement for the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2027.

### Background

2. Council must fix an appropriate schedule of meetings to ensure the business of Council is completed effectively.

3. Council fixes the schedule of meeting dates so the community is aware of the dates and times of these decision-making forums, and to allow sufficient time for the administrative arrangements required to comply with governance requirements, including giving public notice and publishing meeting agendas.

### Key Matters

4. The proposed schedule for the 2027 Council meetings, to be held monthly, is attached **(Attachment 1)**.

5. The schedule shows that Council Meetings in 2027 are generally planned for the fourth Tuesday of each month. Exceptions to this are:

    5.1. The January meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of that month, due to the 26 January public holiday.

    5.2. The December meeting which is scheduled for the first Tuesday of that month.

6. Council Meetings are set to commence at 6:00pm at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 Gheringhap Street Geelong.

7. Council Meetings will be live streamed and recorded in accordance with Council's Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Council Meetings Policy, to improve public accessibility and community participation in Council meetings.

### Recommendation

**That Council endorses the schedule of Council meeting dates for 2027 as outlined in attachment 1.**

***Financial Sustainability***

8. Costs associated with conducting meetings, such as live streaming, venue bookings or equipment hire are included in the City's annual budget.

***Community Engagement***

9. Information in relation to Council meetings is available on the Geelong City website and will be advertised in local media.

10. Council will continue to have the opportunity to meet with members of the community in their wards in different ways throughout 2027. This can include where practicable community engagement activities on the development of strategic initiatives or where residents will be invited to ask questions and hear from Councillors and City officers on issues that relate to their local community. These events will be advertised and communicated as they arise throughout the councillor term.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

11. The proposal provides access for community participation in the decision-making processes of Council.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment***

12. A Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) was not undertaken for this report as it does not meet the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The report does not involve new or reviewed policies, programs or services, and it does not have a direct or significant impact on the public.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

13. Establishing the schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings for 2027 supports compliance with Council's Governance Rules regarding the fixing of meeting dates and the provision of reasonable public notice.

14. The proposed meeting schedule supports the principles of transparency, accountability and public participation outlined in Council's Public Transparency Policy.

***Alignment to Council Plan and Vision***

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

***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. Council has no appetite for risks that result in material legislative non-compliance or compromise the integrity of Council decisions. Fixing meeting dates in advance supports good governance, compliance with applicable meeting requirements and transparent decision-making.

18. Relevant Council officers undertake risk assessments prior to each Council meeting to identify and assess meeting-specific risks.

***Environmental Sustainability***

19. There are no environmental implications identified for the subject of this report.

## Attachments

1. Schedule of Dates Council Meetings 2027 [**2.5.1** - 1 page]

# Schedule – City of Greater Geelong 2027 Council Meetings

| MEETING DATES | START TIME | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| **Wednesday 27 January 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 23 February 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 23 March 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 27 April 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 25 May 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 22 June 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 27 July 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 24 August 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 28 September 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 26 October 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| **Tuesday 23 November 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |
| ***Tuesday 7 December 2027** | 6PM | City Hall, Chamber |

**Meeting location, date and time may be changed in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer. Any changes to the meeting schedule will be reasonably communicated to Councillors and the Community.*

## 2.6. T2600062 - Pavement Marking Refreshment Works

**Source:** **Corporate Services**
**Executive Director:** **Troy Edwards**

### Purpose

1. To award a contract for the Pavement Marking Refreshment Works project, to the preferred tenderers, as detailed in Clause 3 of the Confidential Procurement Evaluation Report provided at **Attachment 1.**

### Background

2. The City of Greater Geelong **(City)** invited respondents to submit a tender for the Pavement Marking Refreshment Works project.

3. The City is responsible for maintaining a safe, efficient, and accessible road network that supports the movement of vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians across the municipality.

4. Pavement marking assets are subject to ongoing wear from traffic volumes, weather exposure, and general ageing.

5. To uphold safety standards and meet community expectations, the organisation undertakes refreshment of pavement marking across priority roads and intersections, school zones, pedestrian facilities, and other high-use areas.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

6. Confidential information is contained in **Attachment 1** as circulated in the confidential section of the report attachments. The information in the Attachment is confidential information for the purposes of 66(2)A) and the definition of “confidential information” in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it is council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)).

### Key Matters

7. The Procurement and Contracts team administered an open tender process on behalf of the City Works team.

**8.** Details of the procurement process, including the evaluation methodology and the preferred tenderers, are outlined in the Confidential Procurement Evaluation Report at **Attachment 1.**

## Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Awards the contracts for T2600062 – Pavement Marking Refreshment Works to the preferred tenderers as detailed in Clause 3 of the Confidential Procurement Evaluation Report, based on the tendered schedule of rates and otherwise in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions of the contract;**

2. **Approves the contract term of three years, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional terms of one year;**

3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract T2600062 and any other documents required by or to give effective to the terms of the Contract on behalf of Council;**

4. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to release the names of the preferred tenderers following the execution of the Contract by the relevant parties;**

5. **Resolves that the information contained in Attachment 1 of the report from management is to remain confidential pursuant to section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable because of the private commercial information which, if released, would unreasonably expose the business to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to its competitors.**

***Financial Sustainability***

9. The estimated cost of delivering these services over the full contract term, including extension options, will be managed within current and future approved budgets.

***Community Engagement***

10. There was no community engagement on this tender as it is part of the City's regular operations to fulfil its legislative and management obligations to residents, ratepayers, and visitors to the area.

***Collaboration Opportunities***

11. No tender collaboration opportunities were identified at this time however opportunities may present themselves in the future to be considered for new contracts.

***Social Equity and Sustainability***

12. All preferred tenderers operate businesses within the Geelong Region providing significant local employment and economic benefits to the Geelong community.

***Gender Equality – Gender+ Impact Assessment***

13. A Gender Impact Assessment was not required for this report.

***Relevant Law/Policy/Legal Implications***

14. This tender was advertised and managed in accordance with the requirements of sections 108 and 109 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with the City's Procurement Policy.

***Alignment to Community Plan and Vision***

15. This report aligns with Our Community Plan 2021-2025 strategic priority: Core and Critical Infrastructure.

16. 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***

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

***Risk Assessment and Risk Appetite Statement***

18. Council has a balanced appetite for asset-related risk, supporting decisions that provide safe and compliant infrastructure, that unlocks community value and delivers demonstrable long-term value. Council has a cautious appetite for regulatory, legal and governance risks.

19. The Pavement Marking Refreshment Works project aligns with these appetites as the decision ensures assets are safe, compliant and supports the safe movement of vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians across the municipality. The process leading to this recommendation upholds strong integrity and good governance. The recommendation complies with the delegated authorities, and it is based on transparent criteria.

***Environmental Sustainability***

20. Any environmental implications associated with this contract will arise from the execution of the works. It is considered these are the responsibility of the contractor and will be managed through the contract documentation.

## Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - T 2600062 - Pavement Marking Refreshment Works - Tender Evaluation Report [**2.6.1** - 39 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.

### Recommendation

**That Council receive the summary of the informal meetings of Councillors for the period to 24 November 2026.**

**INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS**
**(Council Meeting 24 November 2026 )**

| Informal Meeting Details | Councillor Attendance/Apology | Officer Attendance | Agenda Items | Conflict of Interest Disclosures |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strategic Session<br><br>3 November 2026 | Cr M Cadwell<br>Cr E Kontelj<br>Cr A Aitken<br>Cr E Wilkinson<br>Cr C Burson<br>Cr R Story<br>Cr A Katos<br>Cr S Kontelj<br><br>Leave of Absence<br>Cr R Nelson<br><br>Apology<br>Cr T Sullivan<br>Cr E Sinclair | A Wastie (CEO)<br>A Basford (EXEC DIR)<br>J Randles (EXEC DIR)<br>A Martin (CHIEF)<br>S Beck (MGR) | • Councillor Mandatory Training. | • Nil |
| Additional Briefing<br><br>3 November 2026 | Cr C Burson<br>Cr R Story | A Basford (EXEC DIR)<br>F Ballard (MGR)<br>S Priestley (MGR) | • National Commemorative Garden Proposal Meeting with TPI Geelong Representatives | • Nil |

| Informal Meeting Details | Councillor Attendance/Apology | Officer Attendance | Agenda Items | Conflict of Interest Disclosures |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sport and Recreation Portfolio Meeting<br><br>4 November 2026 | Cr A Aitken<br>Cr E Kontelj | A Basford (EXEC DIR)<br>A Higgs (MGR)<br>R Clark (COORD)<br>E Chapman (OFFICER) | Community Participation Updates<br>Swim Sport and Leisure updates | • Nil |
| Councillor Briefing<br><br>10 November 2026 | Cr T Sullivan<br>Cr M Cadwell<br>Cr E Kontelj<br>Cr A Aitken<br>Cr E Wilkinson<br>Cr E Sinclair<br>Cr C Burson<br>Cr R Story<br>Cr A Katos<br>Cr S Kontelj<br><br>Leave of Absence<br>Cr R Nelson | A Wastie (CEO)<br>T Edwards (EXEC DIR)<br>A Basford (EXEC DIR)<br>J Randles (EXEC DIR)<br>J Stirton (EXEC DIR)<br>A Martin (CHIEF)<br>S Beck (MGR)<br>D Pangrazio<br>(OFFICER) | • Equity for our Greater Geelong Community<br>• Hard Waste, Environment and Community Pride & Waste Strategic Infrastructure presentation<br>• Dumped Rubbish presentation<br>• Mayoral Election<br>• Deputy Mayor Election<br>• Geelong Major Events Annual Report 2025-2026<br>• Financial Performance Report to the Year to Date Ended 30 September 2026.<br>• Council Meeting Schedule of Dates 2027<br>• T2600062 - Pavement Marking Refreshment Work<br>• Community Equipment Grant 2026-27 Recommendations (Confidential)<br>• T2600078 - Supply of Natural Gas for Large Sites (Confidential)<br>• Audit and Risk Committee - October 2026 Meeting Minutes (Confidential) | • Nil |

| Informal Meeting Details | Councillor Attendance/Apology | Officer Attendance | Agenda Items | Conflict of Interest Disclosures |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Additional briefing<br><br>17 November 2026 | Cr T Sullivan<br>Cr M Cadwell<br>Cr E Kontelj<br>Cr A Aitken<br>Cr E Wilkinson<br>Cr C Burson<br>Cr R Story<br>Cr A Katos<br>Cr S Kontelj<br><br>Leave of Absence<br>Cr R Nelson<br><br>Apology<br>Cr E Sinclair | A Wastie (CEO)<br>T Edwards (EXEC DIR)<br>A Basford (EXEC DIR)<br>J Thomas (MGR)<br>J Blunt (CHEIF)<br>J Winterton (COORD)<br>L Stirrup (OFFICER)<br><br>External representation from AMDA Foundation. | • Pound services<br>• 2027 Avalon Airshow<br>• FY28 Budget process | • Nil |

## 4. CONFIDENTIAL

Council will close the meeting to the public in accordance with the provision of section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following list of items.

### 4.1. 2026-27 Community Grants Funding Recommendations (Confidential)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Recommendation**

**That Council consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable because the agenda item contains a level of detail which if released would diminish the organisation's capacity to compete in a commercial environment.**

### 4.2. T2600078 - Supply of Natural Gas for Large Sites (Confidential)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Recommendation**

**That Council consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations. This section is applicable because it seeks to award a contract.**

### 4.3. Audit and Risk Committee - October 2026 Meeting Minutes (Confidential)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Recommendation**

**That Council consider this report at the conclusion of the meeting as it is designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations.**

## 5. CLOSE OF MEETING