MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 24 November 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 T Sullivan
Cr A Aitken
Cr E Wilkinson
Cr E Sinclair
Cr A Katos
Cr E Kontelj (virtual)
Cr M Cadwell
Cr R Story
Cr C Burson

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

LOA: Cr R Nelson

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 A Katos moved, Cr R Story seconded -

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

Carried

1.4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

1.5. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLUTION - Item 1.5.1

Cr C Burson moved, Cr E Sinclair seconded -

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

Carried

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.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the Mayoral election.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Mayor for a two-year term. The following nominations were received:

1. **Cr S Kontelj**

   Cr A Katos nominated Cr S Kontelj

   Cr E Kontelj seconded the nomination

   Cr S Kontelj accepted the nomination

2. **Cr R Story**

   Cr A Aitken nominated Cr R Story

   Cr M Cadwell seconded the nomination

   Cr R Story accepted the nomination

Candidates in order of nomination were each allowed up to three minutes to address Council.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted the vote for the election of Mayor in order of nominations.

1. **Cr S Kontelj**

   Received seven votes

   Cr A Katos, Cr C Burson, Cr E Kontelj, Cr E Sinclair, Cr E Wilkinson, Cr S Kontelj, Cr T Sullivan (7)

2. **Cr R Story**

   Received three votes

   Cr A Aitken, Cr M Cadwell, Cr R Story (3)

As Cr S Kontelj received an absolute majority of votes cast, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr S Kontelj elected to the office of Mayor for a two-year term. Cr S Kontelj then assumed the Chair.

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.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for a two-year term. The following nominations were received: **1. Cr E Wilkinson** Cr E Sinclair nominated Cr E Wilkinson Cr E Kontelj seconded the nomination Cr E Wilkinson accepted the nomination
As there was only one nomination, the Mayor declared Cr E Wilkinson elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for a two-year term.
Following her election as Deputy Mayor, Cr E Wilkinson was provided with an opportunity to address Council and made a brief speech.

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

13. The election of the Deputy 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 Deputy Mayor is taking place on a date as close as practicable to the expiration of the incumbent Mayors 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 Deputy 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

RESOLUTION -

Cr E Sinclair moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:20pm

Carried

The meeting resumed at 6:36pm.

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 Annual increase of 10% in total economic impact over the next five years to $131 million by 2029	**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	**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.	**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 foodprint by 50% by 2029.	**On Track** 65.5% of attendees surveyed indicated satisfaction with the sustainability efforts at major events.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.3

Cr A Katos moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded -

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.**

Carried

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]

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.

RESOLUTION - Item 2.4

Cr A Aitken moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

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

Carried

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]

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

Cr E Kontelj moved, Cr A Katos seconded -

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

RESOLUTION – Item 2.5

Amendment

Cr A Aitken moved, Cr M Cadwell seconded –

That Council:

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

2. **Request the CEO to investigate holding a minimum of 3 Council meetings in the Greater Geelong area (Northern, Southern and Bellarine) and report back to Council with options.**

Carried

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]

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.**

RESOLUTION - Item 2.6

Cr C Burson moved, Cr E Wilkinson seconded -

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.**

Carried

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.

RESOLUTION - Item 3.1

Cr E Kontelj moved, Cr R Story seconded -

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

Carried

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

RESOLUTION - Item 4.1

Cr E Sinclair moved, Cr M Cadwell seconded -

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.

Carried

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

CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLUTION - Item 4.2

Cr E Wilkinson moved, Cr E Kontelj seconded -

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.

Carried

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

CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLUTION - Item 4.3

Cr R Story moved, Cr T Sullivan seconded -

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.

Carried

RESOLUTION -

Cr E Sinclair moved, Cr A Katos seconded –

That the meeting be opened to the public.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:08pm

Carried

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 7:08pm on Tuesday 24 November 2026

Signed: _____

Cr Stretch Kontelj (Mayor)

Date: _____