



Geelong Regional Library Corporation

BOARD MEETING SNAPSHOT

Items of Interest - Thursday 1 May

GRLC Draft Audit Strategy Memorandum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Manager from VAGO shared key elements of the Draft Audit Strategy Memorandum to the Board.• This is a planned approach to the audit of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation financial report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.
CEO Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Out of Hours Access pilot has been successful with the hours of access from 8am – 10am then 6pm – 8pm. A couple of surveys have been conducted with this pilot group to understand from the customers perspective, and operationally.• The finance and HR/payroll systems migration from City of Greater Geelong to inhouse is progressing well.
GRLC Draft Budget FY26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board endorsed the GRLC Draft Budget FY26.• The GRLC Draft Budget 2025-26 will be advertised for public comment on 2 May via GRLC’s website and a notice to be placed in the local print media on Saturday 3 May for any public submissions. A special meeting on June 12 will be held to hear these submissions.
Activity Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This month’s Activity Report provides a high-level overview of the library network.• In August 2023 we changed the library management system with time offline impacting borrowing.• Snapshot of e-collection, e-books remain strong. The introduction of the Ulibrary platform a couple of months ago has seen good engagement alongside Borrow Box which remains popular.



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Activity Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library of Things is proving to be very popular, thermal cameras in particular.• Geelong Library and Heritage Centre is a destination library, includes lots of school visits, as does Ocean Grove.
Access and Inclusion Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2024 GRLC developed and launched an Access and Inclusion plan with a view to maturing the approach over a four year period.• The principles were selected from best practice approaches detailed in 'Inclusive Victoria: State disability plan 2022-26', our member council's access and inclusion plans, the State Library's Disability Action Plan and other public library accessibility plans. They have been chosen as they relate to the library plan, our values and vision. We worked with Latrobe Community Health to conduct a Public Space Assessment of our libraries, including our mobile libraries.