



# Geelong Regional Library Corporation

## BOARD MEETING SNAPSHOT

Items of Interest - Thursday 27 February

<b>Public Libraries Benchmarking Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ian Phillips, I &amp; J Management services provided a benchmarking update financial year 2023/24 for Geelong Regional Libraries Corporation.</li><li>• The report demonstrated that GRLC is performing well against key indicators when benchmarked with all Victorian public libraries.</li></ul>
<b>CEO Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ULibrary - new platform increasing access to eBooks. 100 members can read the same book at the same time.</li><li>• Customer Survey that will inform our Library Plan is about to go live.</li><li>• We are required to develop a library plan under the Local Government Act that will inform our strategic direction for the next 4 years.</li></ul>
<b>GRLC Preliminary Budget FY26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The GRLC Preliminary Budget FY26 Report was noted.</li><li>• The Draft Budget will now be prepared for the April Board meeting.</li></ul>
<b>Transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is a requirement that all regional Library Corporations transition to a new business model. In 2024, the Board approved GRLC transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee. An Executive Steering Committee with representation from each member Council is guiding the planning and key decisions so that Councils can make informed decisions for this transition to occur.</li></ul>



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## Activity Report

- Allowing for Biyal-a Armstrong Creek library opening in August, total collection loans are up as well.
- Torquay visitation and loans has gone up since the opening of Biyal-a Armstrong Creek, despite anecdotal visitation to the new library.
- eCollections - ULibrary is popular. Thermal cameras, as part of the Library of Things are very popular with customers on a waiting list to borrow these items used to check 'hot and cold spots' where they live.
- Geelong Library and Heritage Centre continues to be a popular destination, including for school groups of all ages.

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