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#### PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

##### L1.1 TITLE

This Local Law is the Geelong Regional Library Corporation Library Services Local Law No. 2, and referred to below as “this Local Law”.

##### L1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THIS LOCAL LAW

To regulate the management and control of library services provided by the Geelong Regional Library Corporation.

##### L1.3 POWER TO MAKE THIS LOCAL LAW

This Local Law is made under the provisions of Part 5 the *Local Government Act* 1989.

##### L1.4 OPERATIONAL DATE OF THIS LOCAL LAW

This Local Law operates from the day following the day on which it is made.

##### L1.5 DATE THIS LOCAL LAW CEASES OPERATION

Unless this Local Law is revoked sooner, its operation will cease on the tenth anniversary of its making.

#### WORDS USED IN THIS LOCAL LAW

| <b>Words</b>             | <b>Meaning</b>  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Authorised Officer:      | Means any person appointed as an Authorised Officer under section 224 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1989 |
| Chief Executive Officer: | Means the person appointed by the Corporation as Chief Executive Officer.                                     |

| <b>Words</b>     | <b>Meaning</b>  |
|------------------|---|
| Corporation:     | Means Geelong Regional Library Corporation.   |
| Item:            | Includes any and every book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, gramophone record, video recording, digital videorecording, music score, picture, print, map, chart, manuscript, toy, reading or listening equipment, electronic resources, compact disk, audio tape recording, software program or any other article forming part of the contents of the Library available for borrowing, reference or perusal whether or not the property of the Corporation. |
| Library:         | Means all the library facilities, resources and activities provided by or under the management or control of the Corporation.   |
| Library Service: | Means all or any Library outlet under the management and control of the Corporation, and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all buildings or portions thereof, mobile libraries and other areas, facilities and vehicles used in connection with the provision of the library service.   |

## PART 2 – LIBRARY SERVICES

### L2.1 ACCESS

- 1) The Corporation may:
  - a) establish conditions of membership for the Library Service; and
  - b) set fees or charges in connection with the use of the Library Service.
- 2) A person:
  - a) who is a member of the Library Service must comply with any conditions of membership which have been established under Clause L2.1 1)a)and which are applicable to him or her;
  - b) must pay any fee or charge set under Clause 2) 1)b) which is applicable to him or her.

### L2.2 CONDUCT

- 1) A person who is in a Library must:
  - a) open for inspection at the request of any member of the Corporation's staff any bag, briefcase, container or other receptacle in his or her possession; and
  - b) relinquish any Item ordinarily held in the Library at the request of any member of the Corporation's staff.
- 2) A person must not:
  - a) leave any pamphlet, poster or handbill in any Library without the consent of a member of the Corporation's staff;
  - b) leave any child under the age of 11 years unsupervised in any Library without the consent of a member of the Corporation's staff;
  - c) consume any intoxicating liquor, or supply or sell any intoxicating liquor to any person or persons, within the Library;
  - d) consume any drugs, or supply or sell any drugs to any person or persons, within the Library;
  - e) smoke in any area of the Library;

- f) organise, hold or attend any rally, procession, demonstration or other public gathering within the Library, unless he or she has the approval of a member of the Corporation's staff;
- g) sell, expose or offer for sale within the Library any food, drink or other article;
- h) make a collection of money within the Library;
- i) permit any animal owned by him or her or of which he or she is in charge to be within the Library unless, in case of the dog, such dog is a guide dog under the control of a blind person;
- j) ride any skateboard, bicycle or other recreational vehicle into or within the Library;
- k) enter any area of the Library which is designated or set aside for the exclusive use of the Chief Executive Officer, or other member of the Corporation's staff;
- l) enter or use any room within the Library which has been designated or set aside for persons of the opposite sex unless that person is a child under the age of six (6) years who is in the care of a responsible person;
- m) distribute any handbills, pamphlets, advertisements, notices within the Library or give a public address without the approval of a member of the Corporation's staff;
- n) behave in a disorderly manner while within the Library;
- o) create or take part in a fight or disturbance within the Library;
- p) use any offensive, indecent or abusive language while within the Library;
- q) offend against decency while within the Library, whether by reason of dress, conduct or use of information technology and Internet access;
- r) remain within the Library after having been lawfully directed to leave by the Chief Executive Officer, an Authorised Officer or a member of the Victoria Police;
- s) emit or cause to be emitted such a volume of noise as to interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Library by other persons;
- t) endanger any other person or persons within the Library;

- u) destroy, deface, defile or damage, remove or interfere with any notice, equipment, furniture, fixture, fitting, carpet, ceiling, wall or plant within the Library; or
- v) leave within the Library any litter, other than in a bin or receptacle provided for such purpose.

Penalty: Five (5) Penalty Units.

## PART 3 - ENFORCEMENT

### L3.1 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

- 1) Where an Authorised Officer has reason to believe that a person is guilty of an offence or offences for which an Infringement Notice may be issued under this Local Law, the Authorised Officer may, as an alternative to prosecution, serve on that person an Infringement Notice.
- 2) The penalty fixed for an Infringement Notice is two (2) Penalty Units.