



Geelong Regional Library Corporation

BOARD MEETING SNAPSHOT

Items of Interest - Thursday 26 JUNE

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| Health, Safety and Wellbeing Framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GRLC is developing a Health, Safety and Wellbeing Framework; critical from a legislative standpoint but also offers significant cultural benefits by promoting a strong focus on health, safety, and wellbeing across the organisation. |
| Draft Library Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board endorsed the Draft Library Plan 2025-29.• The Board expressed gratitude for the depth of work undertaken to develop the Library Plan, including meaningful community engagement that resulted in nearly 3,500 responses to our surveys alongside key stakeholder feedback.• The CEO highlighted the high level of staff engagement in developing the Draft Plan, noting its alignment with ongoing strategic work to uplift Customer Experience and amplify Customer Voice.• The Draft Library Plan will be on exhibition for public comment for 30 days from 7 July to 5 August 2025.• Feedback will inform the final version to be presented at the August Board meeting for adoption. |
| GRLC Budget FY26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Draft budget had been presented at the April meeting and subsequently released for public display, with no feedback received from the community.• The Board endorsed the GRLC Budget FY26 |



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| Collections Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The simplified Collections Policy serves as a reference point when responding to customer questions about the collection.• The Board endorsed the updated Collection Policy. |
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| Activity Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued steady increase in library visits since 2022• Library loans have increased by 274,000 compared to the previous year, with 240,000 of these attributed to the Bial-a Armstrong Creek Library, which opened in early August.• Overall visits were up by 160,000 year-on-year, with 100,000 of those visits occurring at Bial-a Armstrong Creek, an increase of 60,000 visits across the broader network |
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| Community Development Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GRLC continues to prioritise ways of working and engaging with all sectors of our communities that will prioritise safe and welcoming public libraries and workplaces for all.• Recent community development research is informing our partnership approach to increasing access to services for everyone, identifying existing gaps and acknowledging areas for improvement. |
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| CEO Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Venue hire revenue is tracking above budget, a strong result attributed to the efforts of the team. Repeat bookings are increasing, indicating growing demand for meeting spaces.• The Turning the Page process will progress to a formal resolution by the Board and member Councils in the new year. |
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