

**Connected Libraries
Board Meeting
Wednesday 22 October 2025
Minutes**

Online Meeting via Teams

Meeting started at 4.01pm

1. Present

Board Members:

Penny Holloway (Chairperson), Helen Partridge, Keri New (City of Casey), Steve Coldham (City of Casey) and Cr Scott Dowling.

Officers:

Beth Luppino, Emily Ramaswamy, Janine Galvin, Koula Kalaitzoglou and Melinda Rogers (Secretariat – arrived at 4.15pm).

Guests:

*Eva Foster (City of Casey)
Lee Blashki (VAGO) – report CL32/2025*

2. Apologies

Board Members:

Nil

Officers:

Nil

3. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation, trading as Connected Libraries (CL) Board Meeting held on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday 27 August 2025 be approved and adopted.

Moved Scott Dowling
Seconded Keri New

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STRATEGIES/PLANS

CL32/2025 ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025 INCLUDING FINANCIALS - AUDIT REPORT

Report prepared by Beth Luppino and Emily Ramaswamy

Purpose

To present the audit report on Connected Libraries 2024-2025 year-end financial statements.

Library Plan 2025-2029 reference – 4.5

Discussion

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That the Board notes the draft audit report on the Connected Libraries year-end financial statements.*

MINUTE 47

It was resolved:

1. *That the Board notes the draft audit report on the Connected Libraries year-end financial statements.*

Moved Helen Partridge

Seconded Scott Dowling

Carried

MINUTE 48

That the meeting resolved 'in camera' at 4.15pm and the meeting be closed to members of the community.

Moved Helen Partridge

Seconded Scott Dowling

Carried

IN CAMERA

CL33/2025 TRANSITION UPDATE

Report prepared by Beth Luppino

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MINUTE 50

That the meeting resolved into 'open camera' at 4.25pm and the meeting be opened.

Moved Scott Dowling

Seconded Keri New

Carried

MINUTE 51

- 1. That the recommendations moved 'in camera' be resolved.*

Moved Scott Dowling

Seconded Keri New

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26 November 2025 – 4.00pm – Online Teams Meeting.

Meeting closed at 4.25pm