



# Agenda

## Annual Council Meeting

Thursday 16 November 2023, 6:00 pm

Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street,  
Dandenong, Victoria 3175

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## Council Meeting Details

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## Your Councillors

[Mayor Eden Foster](#)

[Cr Sean O'Reilly](#)

[Deputy Mayor Lana Formoso](#)

[Cr Sophaneth \(Sophie\) Tan](#)

[Cr Tim Dark](#)

[Cr Loi Truong](#)

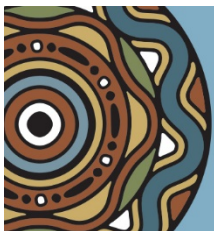
[Cr Rhonda Garad](#)

[Cr Richard Lim](#)

[Cr Angela Long](#)

[Cr Jim Memeti](#)

[Cr Bob Milkovic](#)



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.



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## **1 MEETING OPENING**

### **1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIR**

### **1.2 ATTENDANCE**

#### **Apologies**

Cr Eden Foster (Leave of Absence), Cr Rhonda Garad (Leave of Absence).



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## 1.3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Any interest that a Councillor or staff member has deemed to be significant and has disclosed as either a material or general interest is now considered to be a conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest legislation is detailed in Division 2 – Conflicts of Interest: sections 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This legislation can be obtained by contacting the Greater Dandenong Governance Unit on 8571 5216 or by accessing the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary Documents website at [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au).

If a Councillor discloses any interest in an item discussed at any Council Meeting (whether they attend or not) they must:

1. complete a disclosure of interest form prior to the meeting;
2. advise the chairperson of the interest immediately before the particular item is considered (if attending the meeting); and
3. leave the chamber while the item is being discussed and during any vote taken (if attending the meeting).

The Councillor will be advised to return to the chamber or meeting room immediately after the item has been considered and the vote is complete.

## 1.4 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Bunurong respected person Josh West to give traditional welcome to country.



## 2 BUSINESS

### 2.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance

**Attachments:** Nil

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#### Executive Summary

1. The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that a Mayor be elected and stipulates the methods by which that election must take place.
2. This report recommends that the 2023-2024 mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Mayor at the meeting.



## Background

3. Sections 18 and 19 of the *Local Government Act 2020* set out the roles and powers of the Mayor.
4. The Mayor takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipal district and must chair all meetings of the Council. In the normal course of events, the office of Mayor becomes vacant at the time and on the day of the next mayoral election. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.
5. Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that before the Election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one or a two year term.
6. Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* outlines the procedures for electing a Mayor.
7. Section 25(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Chief Executive Officer must chair the Election of the Mayor. It is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer to call for nominations for the position of Mayor. In the event that more than one Councillor is nominated for the position of Mayor for the 2023-2024 mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands.
8. Section 25(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority.
9. Section 25(7) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that absolute majority means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the number of the Councillors of a Council. At Greater Dandenong an absolute majority is therefore six.
10. In the event that an absolute majority is not obtained, a recount will be undertaken. If an absolute majority is still not obtained, Council may resolve to adjourn the meeting for a short time to discuss the matter further.
11. Section 4.16.10 of Council's Governance Rules provides that if an absolute majority cannot be obtained, the Mayor will be determined by lot.
12. After the election, the new Mayor will take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## Recommendation 1

**That the Mayor be elected for a one year term.**

## Recommendation 2

**That Cr \_\_\_\_\_ be elected as Mayor for the 2023-2024 mayoral term.**



## 2.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance

**Attachments:** Nil

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### Executive Summary

1. Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that an office of Deputy Mayor may be established and it is the practice of Greater Dandenong City Council to elect a Deputy Mayor.
2. This report recommends that the 2023-2024 deputy mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.





## Background

3. Section 21 of the *Local Government Act 2020* sets out the roles and powers of the Deputy Mayor.
4. The Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable, for any reason, to attend a Council Meeting or incapable of performing any duties of the office of Mayor. In the normal course of events, the office of Deputy Mayor becomes vacant at the time and on the day of the next election for the Deputy Mayor. Any Councillor (other than the Mayor) is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Deputy Mayor.
5. Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* outlines the procedures for electing a Deputy Mayor. A Council must determine by resolution whether the Deputy Mayor is to be elected for a one or a two year term.
6. It is the responsibility of the Mayor (as they have taken the Chair for the Meeting) to call for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. In the event that more than one Councillor is nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2023-2024 deputy mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands.
7. The Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority. Section 25(7) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that absolute majority means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the number of the Councillors of a Council. At Greater Dandenong an absolute majority is therefore six.
8. In the event that an absolute majority is not obtained, a recount will be undertaken. If an absolute majority is still not obtained, Council may resolve to adjourn the meeting for a short time to discuss the matter further.
9. Section 4.16.12 of Council's Governance Rules provides that if an absolute majority cannot be obtained, the Deputy Mayor will be determined by lot.

## Recommendation 1

**That the Deputy Mayor be elected for a one year term.**

## Recommendation 2

**That Cr \_\_\_\_\_ be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2023-2024 mayoral term.**



## 2.3 NOTING OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance

**Attachments:** Nil

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### Executive Summary

1. It has been common practice for this Council to note the current allowances provided to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors at this annual Council Meeting at which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected.
2. This report recommends that the current allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, along with the contents of this report, be noted.



## Background

3. Section 39 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides for the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the “Tribunal” or “VIRT”) to make a determination setting the value of the amount of the allowance payable for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors. This determination must provide for Council allowance categories.
4. The Tribunal made its first Determination 01/2022 on the allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors in March 2022. VIRT has made subsequent annual adjustments, with one commencing on 18 December 2022 and one commencing on 1 July 2023.
5. Under these determinations, Greater Dandenong Councillor allowances are currently set as follows:

	Greater Dandenong City Council Base Allowances (Since 1 July 2023)
Mayor	\$126,958
Deputy Mayor	\$63,480
Councillors	\$38,316

6. Note 1: These allowances are inclusive of the 10% Superannuation Guarantee. Under Council’s Council Expenses, Support and Accountability Policy, Council will also provide the Mayor with the use of a fully registered, insured, maintained and fuelled Council vehicle for their mayoral role and for private use.
7. Note 2: Greater Dandenong has been classified as a Category 3 Council since July 2005.
8. The above are base amounts payable within a Category 3 Council under the VIRT Determinations.
9. The Tribunal is required to make annual adjustments to the values of the allowances set in its Determinations under section 23B of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019*.

## Recommendation

**That Council notes the contents of this report and the current base allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.**



## 2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance

**Attachments:** 1. Council Meetings 2024 [2.4.1 - 1 page]

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### Executive Summary

1. This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision-making process for Council for the 2024 calendar year.



## Background

2. Council currently holds two (2) Council meetings each month, usually on the second and fourth Monday evening, with the exception of January and December.
3. Councillor Briefing Sessions are also conducted on a weekly basis. All Councillor Briefing Sessions are scheduled with the agreement of Councillors and do not require formal resolution.
4. It has been customary for Council to resolve its meeting cycles for at least a twelve month period and this report proposes a continuation of that practice for 2024.

## Proposal

5. This report proposes a meeting cycle for Council for the 2024 calendar year as follows:
  - Council generally holds two Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2024.
  - All Council meetings will be held in the Civic Centre at 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.
  - It is also proposed that the regular program of Councillor Briefing Sessions be continued. These sessions provide Councillors with an opportunity to obtain detailed information on a range of issues affecting the City. Councillor Briefing Sessions also provide an opportunity for Council to hear submissions from community and business organisations when appropriate.

## Financial Implications

6. Support for the meeting cycle and decision-making structure outlined in this report is primarily provided through the staff and budget resources of the Governance Unit.

## Policy Implications

7. The meeting structure proposed in this report is consistent with Council's governance obligations as set out in the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's current Governance Rules and other relevant legislation and guidelines. The proposed meeting cycle and decision-making process will contribute to the effective governance of the City by providing a regular, publicly accessible process for Council decision making and will ensure that Councillors are fully informed of the issues before making decisions that are appropriate and responsive to the needs of the community.

## Conclusion

8. The proposed Council Meeting schedule, as provided in Attachment 1 to this report, is consistent with Council's commitment to open and accountable government and involving the community in decisions that affect them. .

## Recommendation

**That Council adopts the meeting schedule as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report.**



# COUNCIL MEETINGS

## DATES & LOCATIONS - 2024

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Monday	22 January 2024	Dandenong
Monday	12 February 2024	Dandenong
Monday	26 February 2024	Dandenong
Tuesday*	12 March 2024	Dandenong
Monday	25 March 2024	Dandenong
Monday	8 April 2024	Dandenong
Monday	22 April 2024	Dandenong
Monday	13 May 2024	Dandenong
Monday	27 May 2024	Dandenong
Tuesday*	11 June 2024	Dandenong
Monday	24 June 2024	Dandenong
Monday	8 July 2024	Dandenong
Monday	22 July 2024	Dandenong
Monday	12 August 2024	Dandenong
Monday	26 August 2024	Dandenong
Monday	9 September 2024	Dandenong
Monday	23 September 2024	Dandenong
Monday	14 October 2024	Dandenong
Thursday <sup>^</sup>	14 November 2024 OR 21 November 2024	Dandenong
Monday	25 November 2024	Dandenong
Monday	9 December 2024	Dandenong

\* Tuesday meeting due to Public Holiday on the Monday.

Note: Council Elections will be held on Saturday 26 October 2024.

<sup>^</sup> Council Meeting for Swearing In of New Councillors and Election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor (commencing at 6pm). The date for this meeting will be dependent on the declaration of elections results by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

- All meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers (Level 2, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong) unless otherwise advised.
- Meetings will commence at 7pm unless otherwise advised.
- All Council Meetings listed are web cast live at [www.greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings](http://www.greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings)
- Council may, by resolution at any Council Meeting, alter the day, time and location when a Council Meeting is proposed to be held.



## 2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance

**Attachments:** 1. 2023-2024 Councillor Representation Nominations [2.5.1 - 5 pages]

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### Executive Summary

1. In conducting the business of Council and representing Council's interests in the wider community, Greater Dandenong City Council has formal representation and liaison with a wide number of committees, peak industry bodies and regional and community associations.
2. While the Mayor of the day is typically Council's key representative, the number of associations where Council seeks an involvement is such that representation needs to be shared among all Councillors to ensure a manageable workload.
3. This report provides a schedule of the proposed appointment of Council liaisons and representatives to committees, peak industry bodies, regional and community associations for 2023-2024.



## Background

4. Current appointments of Council Representatives on all representative bodies are provided in Attachment 1. The attachment also lists the proposed new appointments of Council Liaisons and Representatives on community organisations, committees, reference groups, peak industry bodies and regional organisations for 2023-2024.
5. During the year, Council may receive additional requests and these will be presented for consideration at other Council Meetings. Councillors are able to report on their attendance, observations or important matters arising from their liaison or representation with groups for which the Councillor has been formally appointed by Council at all Council Meetings.

## Recommendation 1

**That, for the 2023-2024 Mayoral term, Council appoints Councillor Liaisons and Councillor Representatives to all of the community organisations, committees, reference groups, peak industry bodies and regional organisations listed in Attachment 1 but excluding Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.**

## Recommendation 2

**That, for the 2023-2024 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr \_\_\_\_\_ as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.**



## Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 16 November 2023 – 26 October 2024

### NOTE:

The principal purpose of the item **Reports from Councillors/Delegated Members and Councillors' Questions** on any Council Meeting Agenda is for Councillors to report on their attendance, observations or important matters arising from their liaison or representation with groups for which the Councillor has been formally appointed by Council. In accordance with the documented 'protocol' that applies to either liaisons or representatives, Councillors should raise matters of importance at this item. Other matters may also be reported.

### COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Past Councillor Liaison(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2022 – 26 October 2024
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Show Committee	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Eden Foster Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan
South East Community Links	Cr Eden Foster Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong
Springvale and District Historical Society	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong
Springvale Benevolent Society	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong

### Councillor Liaison

It is not essential for Council to be involved in these groups – Councillors are only involved when they have the interest, the time and the inclination.

### Protocols

Councillor Liaisons act as a liaison point between the organisation and Council as a whole and provide advice to Council or the organisation when decisions or relevant policy matters are discussed. Councillor Liaisons will generally keep informed about the work and functions of the organisation and support the role of the organisation in accordance with Council policy or direction. If a Councillor chooses to stand as an office bearer of the organisation this is undertaken separately to the role of Councillor Liaison.

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 16 November 2023 – 26 October 2024

**COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Past Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – 16 November 2023</b>	<b>New Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2022 – 26 October 2024</b>
Arts Advisory Board	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad
Australia Day Community Assessment Panel	Mayor of the Day Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan
CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee (changed from CEO Performance Review Committee by Policy)	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Bob Milkovic Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan
Children & Family Partnership	Cr Loi Truong	Cr Lana Formoso
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan
Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong	Cr Angela Long
LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum	Mayor of the Day Note that Greater Dandenong City Council supports the Taskforce with Secretariat function)	Mayor of the Day
Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group (MPAG)	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan
Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee	Cr Eden Foster	Mayor of the Day
Noble Park Revitalisation Board	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong

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Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 16 November 2023 – 26 October 2024

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Past Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023</b>	<b>New Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2022 – 26 October 2024</b>
South East Leisure Pty Ltd	Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Angela Long
Springvale Community Hub Committee	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong
Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly
Young Leaders	Mayor of the Day Ambassador – Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Eden Foster Ambassador – Cr Richard Lim OAM Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Ambassador - Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Richard Lim OAM Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan

**Councillor Representative**

An essential or mandatory appointment that it is in Council's best interests to engage in, the organisation's constitution requires a Councillor Representative or a Councillor or Council representative is a requirement of Council funding.

## Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 16 November 2023 – 26 October 2024

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### **Protocols**

Council representatives participate as a member of these groups by representing Council's views and to inform Council of key issues related to these organisations/groups. They act as a reference point between the organisation/group and Council as a whole and provide advice to Council or the organisation/group when decisions or major policy matters are discussed.

**NB:** # denotes alternate councillor required when nominated councillor cannot attend a meeting.

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 16 November 2023 – 26 October 2024

**PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023	New Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2022 – 26 October 2024
Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	Cr Sophie Tan Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Eden Foster	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Eden Foster Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan

**REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023	New Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2022 – 26 October 2024
2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Sophie Tan
Eastern Transport Coalition #	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM)	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Recycling Victoria Local Government Advisory Committee	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only
RoadSafe South East Inc.	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Councillor Advisory Group	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad

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### 3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance  
**Attachments:** Nil

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#### Executive Summary

1. The City of Greater Dandenong is known for its diversity in cultures and faith. The Interfaith Network is a leading organisation which represents a diverse range of faiths from within the City and members have attended Council meetings over many years to offer prayers at the beginning of each Council meeting.
2. It has been past practice for the President of the Interfaith Network to pledge its support to the new Mayor and the Greater Dandenong City Council. Tonight, the Interfaith Network is represented at this meeting by its President Mrs Anita Davine.



## Proceedings

3. The new Mayor will acknowledge the role of all of the faiths within our diverse community and will welcome the President of the Interfaith Network, Mrs Anita Davine.
4. The Mayor will invite the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Mrs Anita Davine to read the Common Statement on behalf of all faith leaders:

### **COMMON STATEMENT OF THE FAITH COMMUNITIES**

***We bring greetings from the faith communities to the Mayor, Councillors and people of Greater Dandenong.***

***We offer to the City of Greater Dandenong our common commitment to seek to live together in peace and goodwill.***

***We affirm our desire to promote respect and tolerance for the integrity of each other's beliefs, cultures and traditions. This desire arises not only from our common humanity but also from our being people of faith and people of prayer.***

***We recognise that as neighbours, we have responsibilities to the community, the world and ourselves. We therefore urge all citizens, both religious and non-religious, to put aside intolerance, prejudice and divisiveness, to attain peaceful and fruitful co-existence in our City.***

5. The Mayor will accept the Common Statement on behalf of Council and make an acknowledgement as follows:

***I reaffirm Council's desire to promote respect and acceptance for the integrity of all faiths, cultures and traditions of communities in the City of Greater Dandenong, in partnership with the Interfaith Network.***

***Thank you to all of the faiths within the Greater Dandenong community and to all faiths within the Interfaith Network.***



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## 4 CLOSE OF BUSINESS