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| **Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum****Minutes – Meeting No. 34 – Wednesday 15 May 2024**1pm-2.23pm via Microsoft Teams |
| **Chairperson:** Mayor Cr Lana Formoso (Greater Dandenong (CGD))**Attendees:**VIC: John Drennan (Ballarat), Mayor Cr Tom Melican (Banyule), Lisa King (Banyule), Amy Bennett (Bass Coast), Stephen Sibanda (Brimbank), Pradeep Peteti (Casey), Peter Johnstone (CGD), Ann Ly (CGD), Thiviya Nagenthiram (CGD), Mayor Cr Susanne Newton (Darebin), Cr Belinda Moloney (Geelong), Celia Chang (Hume), Punam Pun (Hume), Mayor Cr Jenna Davey-Burns (Kingston), Cr Hadi Saab (Kingston), Jess Smith (Kingston), Mayor Cr Adam Pulford (Merri-bek), Emma Sampson (Merri-bek), Nelum Buddhadasa (Merri-bek), Mayor Cr Nicky Luo (Monash), Amey Rountree (Monash), Cr Rose Iser (Moonee Valley), Dalal Sleiman (Whittlesea), Cr Anab Mohamud (Yarra), Cristina Del Frate (Yarra); NSW: Lisa Davis (Newcastle), Cr David Mallard (Orange); SA: Christopoulos (West Torrens), Jenna House (Wyndham);**Apologies:**Rebecca Langton (Refugee Council of Australia), Mayor Cr Jennie Barrera (Wyndham), Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik (Cardinia), Mayor Cr Bob Sanders (Ararat), Cr Jo Armstrong (Ararat), Josephine Frawley (Ararat), Mayor Cr Des Hudson (Ballarat), Suzannah Burton (Ballarat), Mayor Cr Andrea Metcalf (Bendigo), Nikki Williams (Bendigo), Pinar Maher (Bendigo), Mayor Cr Ranka Rasic (Brimbank), Lynley Dumble (Brimbank), Cr Gaetano Greco (Darebin), Shabaz Fattah (Darebin), Sally Beck (Geelong), Mayor Cr Matt Tyler (Hobsons Bay), Ben Pollard (Hobsons Bay), Mayor Cr Naim Kurt (Hume), Julie Andrews (Hume), Susan Quach (Kingston), Jennifer Anderson (Macedon Ranges), Mayor Cr Annette Death (Macedon Ranges), Mayor Cr Cuc Lam (Maribyrnong), Catherine Dwyer (Maribyrnong), Mayor Cr Kylie Spears (Maroondah), Chris Riseley (Maroondah), Paul MacDonald (Maroondah), Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Melbourne), Deputy Lord Mayor Nicolas Reece (Melbourne), Cr Elizabeth Mary Doidge (Melbourne), Cr Rohan Leppert (Melbourne), Cr Roshena Campbell (Melbourne), Cr Kevin Louey (Melbourne), Cr Philip Le Liu (Melbourne), Cr Jamal Hakim (Melbourne), Cr Dr Olivia Ball (Melbourne), Cr Jason Chang (Melbourne), Cr Davydd Griffiths (Melbourne), Kara Barnett (Melbourne), Petr Svoboda (Merri-bek), Mayor Cr Pierce Tyson (Moonee Valley), Sally Abbott (Moonee Valley), Mayor Cr Simon Brooks (Mornington Peninsula), Chris Munro (Mornington Peninsula), Mayor Cr Ben Ramcharan (Nillumbik), Deputy Mayor Cr Geoff Paine (Nillumbik), April Wilson (Nillumbik), Mayor Cr Heather Cunsolo (Port Phillip), Ewa Zysk (Port Phillip), Mayor Cr Isabelle Tolhurst (Queenscliffe), Mayor Cr Ian Bye (Wellington), Mayor Cr Denise Massoud (Whitehorse), Zoe Quinn (Whitehorse), Hannah McVean (Whittlesea), Cr Sahana Ramesh (Wyndham), Liana Thompson (Wyndham), Amani Nyikang (Yarra),NSW: Mayor Cr Kylie King (Albury), Michael Maxwell (Blacktown), Mayor Cr Bilal El-Hayek (Canterbury Bankstown), Graeme Beattie (Canterbury Bankstown), Garry Starr (Canterbury Bankstown), Mayor Cr Sarah McMahon (Hawkesbury), Danielle Wheeler (Hawkesbury), Mary Lyons-Buckett (Hawkesbury), Mayor Cr Darcy Byrne (Inner West), Cr Pauline Lockie (Inner West), Cr Justine Langford (Inner West), Cr Marghanita Da Cruz (Inner West), Cr Elizabeth Adamczyk (Newcastle), Melanie Hill (Newcastle), Petria Jukes (Newcastle), Mayor Cr Jason Hamling (Orange), Catherine Davis (Orange), Anni Gallagher (Orange), Mayor Cr Philipa Veitch (Randwick), Cr Kym Chapple (Randwick), Cr Rafaela Pandolfini (Randwick), Mayor Cr Dallas Tout (Wagga Wagga);SA: Mayor Cr Michael Coxon (West Torrens), TAS: Lord Mayor Cr Anna Reynolds (Hobart), Alison Hines (Hobart). |
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| **Agenda Item** | **Action** |
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| 1. **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**

 Chaired welcomed attendees and acknowledged country. | - |
| 1. **Endorsement of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Nelum Buddhadasa (Merri-bek) endorsed and Dalal Sleiman (Whittlesea) second previous meeting minutes. | - |
| 1. **Review of Outstanding Action Items**
* Community organisations are welcome to endorse our campaign – new Supporter, Community Information & Support Victoria (CISVic).
* Photo/video pledges for social media updates – new pledges from Mayor Cr Naim Kurt (Hume) and Surf Coast Shire Council.
	+ Yarra officer will follow up with their Councillor support
	+ Monash will be capturing photos as part of Refugee Week
	+ Banyule is planning for a video to be posted during Refugee Week
	+ Kingston Council are planning to take their pledge photo at Refugee Week
 | All members to promote the BYN petition during Refugee Week and disseminate with community networks.  |
| 1. **Taskforce Member Recruitment Strategy**
	* Letter writing to marginal seat MPs and Councils to join Taskforce.
		+ Updates from Mayor/Councillors re letter writing and replies.
 | Mayors/Officers to advise Secretariat when letters are sent and any replies re meetings. |
| 1. **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2024 National General Assembly (NGA), Canberra, 2-4 July.**
* Taskforce Delegation
	+ Nominations for lived experience persons presented and meeting attendees voted on two preferred candidates.
* Update on Morning Tea Event to be held on Wednesday 3 July 11.15am and Exhibition Booth (from 5pm 2 July to 3pm 5 July).
	+ Morning Tea promotion – Mayor Liz can assist with invitation dissemination on Tuesday 2 July. Mayor Cr Lana Formoso (CGD) and Cr Anab Mohamud (Yarra) will present at the morning tea.
	+ Exhibition Booth - photo booth ideas suggested included cultural jewelry/costume for photo booth; worked on roster.
 | Secretariat will notify successful candidates and invite to Delegates online meeting – see item 7 below. |
| 1. **Other Business**
* Membership fees for 2024-25 due EOFY – opportunity for members to consider upgrading their membership tier.
 | All members to confirm membership with Secretariat officer as soon as possible.  |
| 1. **Next Meeting**
* Next Meeting schedule:
	+ Wednesday 19 June 2024 1pm-3pm (Melbourne time) online; Chair: Mayor Cr Susanne Newton
	+ Taskforce Delegates online meeting: Wednesday 5 June 1pm - 2pm

  | Secretariat will send out meeting invitations.  |
| 1. **Meeting closed 2.23pm**
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