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| **Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum**  **Minutes – Meeting No. 35 – Wednesday 19 June 2024**  1pm-2.14pm via Microsoft Teams |
| **Chairperson:** Mayor Cr Susanne Newton (Darebin)  **Attendees:** Mayor Cr Bob Sanders (Ararat), Cr Jo Armstrong (Ararat), Mayor Cr Tom Melican (Banyule), Lisa King (Banyule), John Drennan (Ballarat), Amy Bennett (Bass Coast), Lisa King (Banyule), Raewyn Afu (Brimbank), Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik (Cardinia), Pradeep Peteti (Casey), Peter Johnstone (CGD), Ann Ly (CGD), Thiviya Nagenthiram (CGD), Shabaz Fattah (Darebin), Ben Pollard (Hobsons Bay), Celia Chang (Hume), Mayor Cr Jenna Davey-Burns (Kingston), Jess Smith (Kingston), Mayor Cr Cuc Lam (Maribyrnong),Kate Wijeyesinghe (Monash), Mayor Cr Annette Death (Macedon Ranges), Kelsey Laffy (Maribyrnong), Kara Barnett (Melbourne), Mayor Cr Adam Pulford (Merri-bek), Nelum Buddhadasa (Merri-bek), Mayor Cr Ben Ramcharan (Nillumbik), Mayor Cr Liz Pattison (Surf Coast), Dalal Sleiman (Whittlesea), Jenna House (Wyndham), Cr Anab Mohamud (Yarra), Amani Nyikang (Yarra); Mayor Cr Brad Bunting (Blacktown), Cr David Mallard (Orange), Anni Gallagher (Orange), Cr Michael Olive (Randwick); Mayor Cr Claire Boan (PAE), Theresa Brown (PAE), Angelo Cadiz (PAE), Lisa Davis (Newcastle).  **Guests:** Rebecca Langton (Refugee Council of Australia), Bel Schenk (Welcoming Cities)  **Apologies:** VIC: Mayor Cr Lana Formoso (CGD), Mayor Cr Ross Ebbels (Queenscliffe), Emma Sampson (Merri-bek), Stephen Sibanda (Brimbank), Cr Belinda Moloney (Geelong), Punam Pun (Hume), Cr Hadi Saab (Kingston), Mayor Cr Nicky Luo (Monash), Amey Rountree (Monash), Cr Rose Iser (Moonee Valley), Dalal Sleiman (Whittlesea), Cristina Del Frate (Yarra); Mayor Cr Jennie Barrera (Wyndham), 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), Sally Beck (Geelong), Mayor Cr Matt Tyler (Hobsons Bay), Mayor Cr Naim Kurt (Hume), Julie Andrews (Hume), Susan Quach (Kingston), Jennifer Anderson (Macedon Ranges), 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), Petr Svoboda (Merri-bek), Mayor Cr Pierce Tyson (Moonee Valley), Sally Abbott (Moonee Valley), Mayor Cr Simon Brooks (Mornington Peninsula), Chris Munro (Mornington Peninsula), Deputy Mayor Cr Geoff Paine (Nillumbik), April Wilson (Nillumbik), Mayor Cr Heather Cunsolo (Port Phillip), Ewa Zysk (Port Phillip), Mayor Cr Ian Bye (Wellington), Mayor Cr Denise Massoud (Whitehorse), Zoe Quinn (Whitehorse), Cr Sahana Ramesh (Wyndham), Liana Thompson (Wyndham); 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), 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), Adriana Christopoulos (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**   Chair welcomed Mayor Cr Claire Boan (Port Adelaide Enfield) to Taskforce and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to Executive tier membership. | - |
| 1. **Endorsement of Minutes of Previous Meeting**   Previous minutes were endorsed. | - |
| 1. **Review of Outstanding Action Items**  * Community organisations are welcome to endorse our campaign – update on new Supporters now listed on the Back Your Neighbour website. * Member updates re photo/video pledges for social media. * Reminder to utilize Refugee Week event opportunities to raise awareness about Back Your Neighbour. | - |
| 1. **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2024 National General Assembly (NGA), Canberra, 2-4 July.**  * Update on Morning Tea Event and Exhibition Booth roster presented. * Overview of meetings with MPs and Ministers – Meeting Schedule and MP Profiles (tailored Asks for each meeting) | Interested members available to support delegation activities are to contact Secretariat (CGD). |
| 1. **Welcoming Cities – Bel Schenk**   Welcoming Cities is a growing and active network of 85 members nationally.  Operate on four pillars – knowledge sharing, celebrating success, partnership development, standard & accreditation.  Sharing resources e.g. inclusion guidelines for aquatic facilities and case studies through Stories of Welcome.  Darebin City Council undergoing process for accreditation and provided an overview of their submission.  Question about community data for local government areas – Welcoming Cities develops information packs about new settlement and migration. | For more information contact Bel Schenk, Welcoming Cities [bel@welcoming.org.au](mailto:bel@welcoming.org.au). |
| 1. **Other Business**  * Membership fees for 2024-25 due EOFY – opportunity for members to consider upgrading their membership tier. | Outstanding members to renew membership with Secretariat as soon as possible. |
| 1. **Next Meeting**  * Proposed meeting schedule:   + Wednesday 17 July online 1pm-3pm; Chair Mayor Cr Brad Bunting   + Wednesday 7 August online 1pm-3pm; Chair Mayor Cr Liz Pattison   + Wednesday 11 September online 1pm-3pm; Chair Mayor Cr Ross Ebbels (NSW Caretaker period)   + Wednesday 16 October 1pm-3pm; Officers only (VIC Caretaker period)   + Wednesday 4 December, 1pm-3pm, option for hybrid and in-person in VIC/NSW/SA. | Meeting invites to be sent by Secretariat (CGD). |
| 1. **Meeting closed 2.14pm** | - |