

## Campaigning on Council land or in Council premises – Advice to Candidates

There is no general prohibition against campaigning on Council land or premises. It is important for democracy that candidates have an opportunity to campaign in spaces where local people gather and that voters have an opportunity to meet and learn about candidates for election.

However, there are some limits. Candidates should refer to the [Signage Statement](#).

Candidates may not:

- Erect campaign signs on Council land
- Erect A-frame signs without a permit
- Leave campaign tables set up and unattended by the candidate themselves
- Use PA's, speakers, megaphones, amplifiers or voice recordings to campaign

Candidates may campaign on, in or near Council facilities or Council land, including parks, Harmony Square, libraries and hubs, provided the following requirements are met.

Candidates must:

- seek permission from the relevant facility in advance, via their usual facility hire arrangements or by making contact with the team operating the facility
- agree with any requirements they set about time, duration or location in which you may campaign, and follow any reasonable directions. They may give permission to campaign but not permit the use of a trestle table, depending on their space and consideration for the amenity of other users
- remain respectful to local traders and pedestrians when handing out election material
- not causing an obstruction or nuisance
- not cause no risk to public safety
- adhere to local laws and other relevant legislation
- be responsible with flyers and pamphlets, avoiding litter and complying with the *Environmental Protection Act*.
- have a maximum of one small trestle table and you **personally** must remain with these at all time or pack them up in your absence.

Our Council facilities will set conditions on campaigning activities at their venue based on health, safety, public liability and amenity for their regular venue users. They will be even-handed among candidates seeking to campaign in these spaces.

To enquire about the use of popular Council spaces, please contact:

**Libraries:** [cgdlibraries@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgdlibraries@cgd.vic.gov.au)

**Harmony Square:** [council@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@cgd.vic.gov.au)

**Springvale Community Hub:** [council@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@cgd.vic.gov.au)

**South East Leisure facilities (Springers, Oasis, NPAC, Dandenong Stadium):**  
[info@southeastleisure.com.au](mailto:info@southeastleisure.com.au)

**Dandenong Market:** [info@dandenongmarket.com.au](mailto:info@dandenongmarket.com.au)

## Disputes or complaints from candidates

Complaints about candidates' campaign activities should be referred to the Victorian Electoral Commission:

Phone: 131 832

Email: [complaints@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:complaints@vec.vic.gov.au)

Website: <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/complain>