



Minutes

Swearing in Ceremony

Wednesday 13 November 2024, 7:00 pm

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

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In accordance with the Section 30 (2) (c) of the Local Government the Oath or Affirmation must be recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Council Meeting. This Notice Paper contains the Minutes of the Oaths or Affirmations of the Councillors-Elect at a Swearing in Ceremony administered by the Greater Dandenong City Council Chief Executive Officer, Jacqui Weatherill held at 7pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024 in the Council Chambers and the Dandenong Civic Centre.



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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIR

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7.00 pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Nil.

Councillors Present

Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Alice Le, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong, Cr Melinda Yim.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer (Chair); Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures; Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening; Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development; Yuri Guzman, Chief Information Officer; Dani Trimble, Coordinator Governance, Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy.



1.3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Bunurong respected elder Uncle Mark Brown gave a traditional Welcome to Country to all in attendance at the meeting.



2 SWEARING IN CEREMONY

2.1 Oaths or Affirmation of Office/Councillor Code of Conduct Declarations

In order for the Councillors-elect to assume the responsibilities of office, Section 30(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Part 2 of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* requires that an Oath or Affirmation of Office is taken before the Chief Executive Officer of Greater Dandenong City Council.

Oaths or Affirmations of Office are taken as follows:

OATH

"I swear under God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.
I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

Or

AFFIRMATION

"I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.
I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."



2.1 Oaths or Affirmation of Office/Councillor Code of Conduct Declarations (cont.)

The Councillors who took the Oath or Affirmation of Office for the City of Greater Dandenong in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018 on 13 November 2024 were as follows:

WARD	CR-ELECT	OATH/AFFIRMATION
Cleeland Ward	Rhonda Garad	Affirmation
Dandenong Ward	Jim Memeti	Affirmation
Dandenong North Ward	Bob Milkovic	Oath
Keysborough Ward	Melinda Yim	Affirmation
Keysborough South Ward	Isabella Do	Affirmation
Noble Park Ward	Sophie Tan	Affirmation
Noble Park North Ward	Lana Formoso	Oath
Springvale Central Ward	Alice Le	Oath
Springvale North Ward	Sean O'Reilly	Oath
Springvale South Ward	Loi Truong	Affirmation
Yarraman Ward	Phillip Danh	Affirmation

The Oaths and Affirmation of Office that were taken by the above-named Councillors are attached on the following pages.



Greater Dandenong City Council
Ward: Cleeland

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Rhonda Garad swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Rhonda Garad

Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on
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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Dandenong

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Jim Memeti swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Jim Memeti

Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Dandenong North

Oath of Office
Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020

"I, Bob Milkovic swear under God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Bob Milkovic

Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Keysborough

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Melinda Yim swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Melinda Yim

Jacquie Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Keysborough South

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Isabella Do swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Isabella Do

Jacquie Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Noble Park

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Sophie Tan swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*



Councillor Sophie Tan



Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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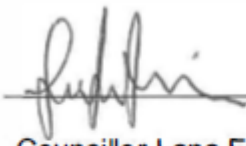


Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Noble Park North

Oath of Office
Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020

"I, Lana Formoso swear under God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*



Councillor Lana Formoso


Jacqui Weather
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Springvale Central

Oath of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Alice Phuong Le swear under God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Alice Phuong Le

Jacquie Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Springvale North

Oath of Office

Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
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"I, Sean O'Reilly swear under God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Sean O'Reilly

Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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Greater Dandenong City Council
Ward: Springvale South

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
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"I, Loi Truong swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Loi Truong

Jacquie Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on 13 November 2024.



Greater Dandenong City Council Ward: Yarraman

Affirmation of Office

*Declaration to Abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct
Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

"I, Phillip Danh swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the **Local Government Act 2020** and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."*

Councillor Phillip Danh

Jacqui Weatherill
Chief Executive Officer

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3 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm.