



Minutes

Annual Council Meeting

Monday 18 November 2024, 7:00 pm

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

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Council Meeting Details

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Your Councillors

Cr Phillip Danh

Cr Sean O'Reilly

Cr Isabella Do

Cr Sophaneth (Sophie) Tan

Cr Lana Formoso

Cr Loi Truong

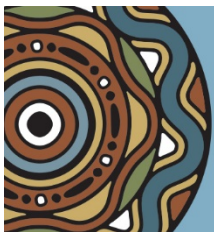
Cr Rhonda Garad

Cr Melinda Yim

Cr Alice Le

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

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

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Bob Milkovic.

Councillors Present

Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Alice Le, Cr Jim Memeti, 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.

1.4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a direct material conflict of interest in Recommendation 2 - Item No. 2.5 Appointment of Council Liaisons and Representatives to Committees, peak industry bodies, regional and community based organisations, as he is a Director of a company that owns a stall at the Dandenong Market. Cr Jim Memeti left the Meeting before discussion and voting on this item.



2 BUSINESS

2.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: Nil

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 2024-2025 mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Mayor at the meeting.

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor be elected for a one year term.

MINUTE No.1

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the Mayor be elected for a one year term.

CARRIED 10 / 0

Recommendation 2

That Cr _____ be elected as Mayor for the 2024-2025 mayoral term.

MINUTE No.2

Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh
Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That Cr Jim Memeti be elected as Mayor for the 2024-2025 mayoral term.

CARRIED 10 / 0

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 (1) or a two (2) 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 2024-2025 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 (6).
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.



Mayor Jim Memeti addressed the meeting as follows:

“Wominjeka! Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay my respect to their Elders, past and present. As a Council, we recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, culture, Country and waters.

I would also like to pay my respects and acknowledge the journey of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and their elders present here today.

Firstly, I would like to thank the outgoing Mayor, Cr Lana Formoso, for her dedicated service over the past year. Lana, you led this Council with tenacity and unstoppable energy, and I applaud your passionate community advocacy, especially in relation to road safety.

I'd also like to thank our outgoing Deputy Mayor Richard Lim OAM for working tirelessly to promote Greater Dandenong and the programs and objectives of Council.

I would also like to acknowledge our CEO Jacqui Weatherill and Council Executive members and staff.

I look forward to working with you all to achieve successful outcomes for our great city.

Thank you to my fellow Councillors for this great honour. I appreciate your continued faith in me.

What a privilege it is to be elected as Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the sixth time, having previously served in this important role in 2010, 2014, 2017, 2020 and 2022.

To my amazing family – my wife Mary, our 3 adult children and our six grandchildren (I'm excited to share that we have another grandchild due next month!) and my Mum and Dad – who are all in the Chamber this evening - thank you for always providing your unwavering support to me so I can confidently and effectively serve in this role.

Having migrated from Macedonia to Australia at a young age, Dandenong has been my home for more than 50 years. This city is, in fact, home to four generations of my family.

We were embraced by so many friendly people when my family first arrived, and since then we have continued to work hard, show resilience, and find ways to give back to our community.

And as a community, Greater Dandenong has so much to be thankful for, and so much more to celebrate.

Whatever faith you follow, wherever you were born and whatever language you speak at home – Greater Dandenong is a welcoming place for everyone.

We have wonderful people, active and connected multicultural communities, a food scene to rival any in the world, and a manufacturing hub of national significance.

And, as we all know, communities with a high multicultural population are good places to experience just about anything and everything ... from singing and dancing to food and a lifestyle that comes with living respectfully together in peace and harmony.

People from over 150 nations – that's three-quarters of the nation states on Earth - have come to Australia and made Greater Dandenong their home.

This diversity adds great strength and vibrancy to our city, and we are well aware of the many benefits, strengths and joys experienced within our multicultural community.

But, of course, there are barriers and challenges faced by people from multicultural communities and it is our role – as elected leaders - to foster the ideas of understanding, openness, inclusion and embracing differences in our families, neighbourhoods, social circles and workplaces.



We have a strong team of elected Councillors, and we have the talent, the resources and the passion to get things done!

I'm looking forward to working together to utilise our collective knowledge, our personal lived experiences and our combined energy to serve the people of Greater Dandenong.

I can honestly say that I am as proud now to represent our diverse, vibrant community as I was on the day I was first elected 19 years ago.

We have much to look forward to in the year ahead.

In this Council term, we look forward to

- *Finalising a new Council Plan in coming months, that will reflect the thoughts and ideas from our community.*
- *Seeing progress towards Revitalising Central Dandenong and securing funds for the Springvale Revitalisation Plan.*
- *Continuing with important major projects to deliver high quality facilities that our community needs and deserves, including:*
- *Keysborough South Community Hub due for practical completion in the second half of 2025; and*
- *The Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (where an evaluation of tenders for the construction of the facility is underway, and we expect a report to Council early in 2025).*

Once again, I thank my fellow Councillors for giving me this opportunity.

We will work together with our community to realise our vision and achieve the strategic objectives of our Council Plan.

Thank you."



2.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

Attachments: Nil

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 2024-2025 deputy mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.

Recommendation 1

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

MINUTE No.3

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

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

CARRIED 10 / 0

Recommendation 2

That Cr _____ be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2024-2025 mayoral term.

MINUTE No.4

Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That Cr Sophie Tan be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2024-2025 mayoral term.

CARRIED 10 / 0

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 2024-2025 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 (6).
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.



Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan addressed the meeting as follows:

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

Firstly, I would like to officially congratulate Cr. Jim Memeti, the newly elected Mayor. I am looking forward to working alongside you for the next 12 months.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Mayor, Cr. Lana Formoso and outgoing Deputy Mayor Richard Lim OAM. I want to acknowledge the great work they did in leading this Council with passion and dedication over the past year. Thank you to my fellow Councillors for this great honour, I appreciate your faith in me and will work hard to confirm you have made the right choice.

It is such a privilege to be elected as the Deputy Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong. Having lived here for over 29 years, I went to high school at Springvale Secondary College, and I’ve been involved in many local communities organisation for many years. I have a strong attachment to this community and am looking forward to making an even stronger connection as a Deputy Mayor.

I very much looking forward to working closely with our CEO Jacqui Weatherill, and our executive team and staff. As always, we have a lot to do.

As a Council we are committed to our community’s vision of our city being a home to all. Greater Dandenong is a place where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity.

Over the next 12 months I look forward to being a part of the many ways our community celebrates their cultural traditions and special occasions.

Also, over the coming years we will see many major projects continue to develop. This includes the completion & opening of the Keysborough South Community Hub, the progress of the new Dandenong Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre, and the progress of Dandenong Community Hub process.

We also expect to see the completion of the Dandenong New Art Gallery, which will be an exciting addition to the artistic and cultural fabric of our community.

I look forward to our ongoing works to enhance the Noble Park and Springvale activities centres, along with our regular upgrades of local roads, footpaths, lighting, playgrounds and reserves.

There is a need for Council to continue to improve our open spaces, increase our tree canopy coverage, increase and improve the sports facilities as well as upgrade many of our playgrounds. We will continue to focus on these things.

I am proud to be part of one of the most culturally diverse communities in Australia. Here in Greater Dandenong, we proudly share our cultural stories and traditions. From a place of safety and belonging, we speak about our lived experiences and migrant journeys. This helps our diverse communities to engage with the world around them. It helps to break down barriers, build bridges, and weave our many cultures and faith together.

Whilst our community may have its challenges, it's this diversity that gives us focus and strength.

This Council commits to re-telling the wonderful stories of our city to celebrate Greater Dandenong’s cultural diversity and showcase our thriving multicultural city and its achievements.

We are all part of a city that recognises and supports its most vulnerable residents. I am very proud to represent a Council that will continue to work to support the seniors, elderly group, the physical and mental health and wellbeing of all of our residents, which is so important for our community. I would like to thank my mum who’s here tonight with me, she’s one of my best supporters. Mr. Youhorn Chea, the former Mayor/Councillor, and the president of the Cambodian Association of Victoria, many community leaders and my volunteers who are here this evening as well to support me and most importantly, I would like to thank all my constituents.

Once again, I thank my fellow Councillors for giving me this opportunity. I commit to working hard as the Deputy Mayor of this fabulous city, alongside the Mayor, all the Councillors, Council’s executive team and staff, and our vibrant community to ensure Greater Dandenong is a better place to live, work, visit and play. Thank you.”



2.3 NOTING OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: Nil

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.

Recommendation

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

MINUTE No.5

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

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

CARRIED 10 / 0

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, one commencing on 1 July 2023 and one commencing 1 July 2024.



5. Under these determinations, Greater Dandenong Councillor allowances are currently set as follows:

	Greater Dandenong City Council Base Allowances (Since 1 July 2024)
Mayor	\$134,954
Deputy Mayor	\$67,477
Councillors	\$40,769

6. Note 1: These allowances are inclusive of the 11.5% 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*.



2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Council Meetings 2025 - Proposed Meeting Dates [2.4.1 - 1 page]

Executive Summary

1. This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision-making process for Council for the 2025 calendar year.

Officer Recommendation

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

MINUTE No.6

Moved by: Cr Melinda Yim

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

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

CARRIED 10 / 0

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 2025.

Proposal

5. This report proposes a meeting cycle for Council for the 2025 calendar year as follows:
 - 1) Council generally holds two Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2025.
 - 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.
 - 2) 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.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATES & LOCATIONS - 2025

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Tuesday*	28 January 2025	Dandenong
Monday	10 February 2025	Dandenong
Monday	24 February 2025	Dandenong
Tuesday*	11 March 2025	Dandenong
Monday	24 March 2025	Dandenong
Monday	14 April 2025	Dandenong
Monday	28 April 2025	Dandenong
Monday	12 May 2025	Dandenong
Monday	26 May 2025	Dandenong
Tuesday*	10 June 2025	Dandenong
Monday	23 June 2025	Dandenong
Monday	14 July 2025	Dandenong
Monday	28 July 2025	Dandenong
Monday	11 August 2025	Dandenong
Monday	25 August 2025	Dandenong
Monday	8 September 2025	Dandenong
Monday	22 September 2025	Dandenong
Monday	13 October 2025	Dandenong
Monday	27 October 2025	Dandenong
Monday	10 November 2025	Dandenong
Thursday [^]	13 November 2025	Dandenong
Monday	24 November 2025	Dandenong
Monday	8 December 2025	Dandenong

* Tuesday meeting due to Public Holiday on the Monday.

[^] Meeting to Elect Mayor/Deputy Mayor (commencing at 6pm)

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- 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
 - 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, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Councillor Representation Nominations [2.5.1 - 8 pages]

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 2024-2025.

Recommendation 1

That, for the 2024-2025 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.

MINUTE No.7

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That, for the 2024-2025 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.

CARRIED 10 / 0

Motion

That Cr Sophie Tan be elected Temporary Chair due to Cr Jim Memeti having a direct material Conflict of Interest in Recommendation 2 on Page 15 of the Agenda.

MINUTE No.8

Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That Cr Sophie Tan be elected Temporary Chair due to Cr Jim Memeti having a direct material Conflict of Interest in Recommendation 2 on Page 15 of the Agenda.

CARRIED 10 / 0



Cr Jim Memeti vacated the Chair and left the Chamber at 7.50 pm.

Cr Sophie Tan assumed the Chair at 7.50 pm.

Recommendation 2

That, for the 2024-2025 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr _____ as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.

MINUTE No.9

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That, for the 2024-2025 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr Rhonda Garad as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.

CARRIED 9 / 0

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair at 7.51 pm.

Cr Sophie Tan returned to her seat 7.51 pm.

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 2024-2025.
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.

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 13 November 2024 – 13 November 2025

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) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2023 – 26 Oct 2024	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2024-2025 13 Nov 2024 – 13 Nov 2025
Dandenong and District Historical Society This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area.	Cr Angela Long	Cr Rhonda Garad
Dandenong Show Committee This committee is for discussion around running and promoting the show, maintenance, legislative matters, changes to insurance, Council matters.	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network The Interfaith Network is a group of diverse religious faith leaders working in partnership to promote peace and harmony within the municipality. Meeting schedule is determined by the group.	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan
South East Community Links South East Community Links provides a range of programs and support services for refugees and migrants, children, young people and volunteers.	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Phillip Danh Cr Loi Truong Alternate - Cr Sean O'Reilly
Springvale and District Historical Society This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area.	Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sean O'Reilly
Springvale Benevolent Society The Springvale Benevolent Society provides assistance to families in crisis in the Springvale, Noble Park and Keysborough areas.	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sophie Tan 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 – 13 November 2024 – 13 November 2025

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2023 – 26 Oct 2024	New Councillor Representative(s) 2024-2025 13 Nov 2024 – 13 Nov 2025
<p>Arts Advisory Board</p> <p>This committee is intended to meet quarterly and provide high level advice to Council regarding the strategic direction for arts, including Drum Theatre, within the municipality. It incorporates the functions of the former Public Arts Advisory Committee and the Drum Theatre Advisory Committee.</p>	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Isabella Do
<p>Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)</p> <p>This committee is required under the Local Government Act 2020 and considers a wide range of internal control issues, external audit, internal audit, risk management and performance measures of Council. Membership comprises three externally appointed members and two Councillors. The committee currently meets on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and November)</p>	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad
<p>Australia Day Community Assessment Panel</p>	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sophie Tan
<p>CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee (changed from CEO Performance Review Committee by Policy)</p> <p>This Committee is responsible for conducting performance reviews of the CEO and reporting outcomes back to the wider Council for consideration.</p>	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	Mayor of the Day Cr Isabella Do Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan Cr Melinda Yim
<p>Children & Family Partnership</p> <p>The partnership group meets bi-monthly to implement the Greater Dandenong Children's Plan, Greater Dandenong Communities for Children and Greater Dandenong Best Start projects.</p>	Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Lana Formoso
<p>Community Safety Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group meets on a quarterly basis and advises Council on matters regarding perceptions of safety and actual levels of crime and safety in the municipality.</p>	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Phillip Danh Cr Isabella Do Cr Sophie Tan Cr Melinda Yim

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<p>Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group meets on a quarterly basis and provides high level advice regarding Council's civic collection, plaques, memorials and historical archives. Membership comprises representatives from both historical societies from the municipality, Councillors, Council staff and industry representatives.</p>	Cr Angela Long	Cr Rhonda Garad
<p>Dandenong Market Pty Ltd</p> <p>The Dandenong Market Pty Ltd is a company established by Council for the purposes of managing the Dandenong Market. Council is the sole shareholder of the company which reports regularly on its performance to Council under a Management Services Agreement between the two bodies. The Company is comprised of five Directors who oversee the work of staff employed directly by the Company. Company Board meetings are held monthly.</p>	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Bob Milkovic
<p>Disability Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group meets quarterly and assists in the development of strategies relating to Council's response to the community's access issues and advises Council on priorities when reviewing the Disability Action Plan.</p>	Cr Angela Long	Cr Melinda Yim
<p>LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee</p> <p>Establishment of the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee aligns with the Greater Dandenong Council Plan and the objectives of Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework and contributes to Council's strong commitment to engaging LGBTIQA+ communities in a genuine and meaningful way by bringing together local knowledge, expertise, and stakeholders to support Council's decision-making process.</p>		Cr Rhonda Garad
<p>LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum</p> <p>Since 2018, the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum has been advocating for the rights of people seeking asylum to the Federal and Victorian Government.</p>	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day

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<p>Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group (MPAG)</p> <p>The Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group has been established to guide the project team during the development and implementation of the Mills Reserve Precinct Plan and the Dandenong Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre design.</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan</p>	<p>Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan</p>
<p>Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group will meet quarterly to provide advice to Council on policies, plans and services that impact our multicultural communities. It will add value to other forms of community engagement used by Council to consult with and engage on issues relating to people seeking asylum, refugees and the broader multicultural communities.</p>	<p>Mayor of the Day</p>	<p>Mayor of the Day</p>
<p>Positive Ageing Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group meets monthly and assists in the development of strategies relating to Council's response to issues experienced by older people in the municipality and advises Council on the implementation of strategies identified in Council's <i>Ageing is About Living Strategy</i>.</p>	<p>Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong</p>	<p>Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong Cr Melinda Yim</p>
<p>South East Leisure Pty Ltd</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Angela Long</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Rhonda Garad</p>
<p>Springvale Community Hub Committee</p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong manages the Springvale Community Hub, which is located on the eastern side of Springvale Road. The hub has been developed to build on the strengths of the Springvale community and surrounds and aims to create a Community and civic heart in Springvale.</p>	<p>Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong</p>	<p>Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate - Cr Isabella Do Alternate - Cr Loi Truong</p>
<p>Sustainability Advisory Committee</p> <p>This group meets quarterly to support Council in engaging with the community on various sustainability and climate change matters, and to provide feedback on the development and implementation of sustainability projects, policies and strategies.</p>	<p>Cr Rhonda Garad</p>	<p>Cr Isabella Do</p>
<p>Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #</p> <p>This community group meets monthly with SUEZ, the landfill operator. Membership is constituted of SUEZ and local community representatives and is chaired by SUEZ. Council has observer status at this forum.</p>	<p>Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly</p>	<p>Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti</p>
<p>Young Leaders</p>	<p>Mayor of the Day</p>	<p>Mayor of the Day</p>

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<p>The Young Leaders program provides leadership and project management skills and serves as a representative group of young people for Council consultation and engagement.</p>	<p>Ambassador - Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Richard Lim OAM Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan</p>	<p>Ambassador - Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Phillip Danh Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan Ambassador - Cr Rhonda Garad Ambassador - Cr Melinda Yim Ambassador - Cr Alice Phuong Le</p>

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PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

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<p>Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) #</p> <p>The ALGWA aims to assist in furthering knowledge and understanding of the function of local government and to encourage the participation of women in local government at all levels. It also protects the interests and rights of women in local government and acts in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for local government elections.</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan</p>
<p>Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #</p> <p>The MAV is the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. Formed in 1879, it has a long tradition of supporting councils and councillors. Its role is to advocate local government interests, build the capacity of Victorian councils, facilitate effective networks, initiate policy development and advice, support councillors and promote the role of local government.</p>	<p>Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso</p>	<p>Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso</p>
<p>Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #</p> <p>The VLGA advocates for social change and empowers local governments by strengthening their capacity to engage with their communities. It is governed by an elected Board of councillor and individual members and is broad-based both geographically and politically. Its members are from rural and regional, interface and metropolitan areas and from a wide range of (or no) political affiliations.</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan</p>	<p>Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan</p>

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REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

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<p>2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel</p> <p>The Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel (LGMAP) is appointed and chaired by the Minister for Local Government. The panel advises the Minister on a range of legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy decisions which impact the local government sector. Meetings of the LGMAP are usually scheduled between March and October to account for mayoral terms and to enable the Minister to select and appoint new members each year.</p>	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only
<p>Alliance for Gambling Reform</p> <p>The Alliance for Gambling Reform is a collaboration of organisations with a shared concern about the harmful and unfair impacts of gambling and its normalisation in Australian culture.</p>	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan Alternate - Cr Rhonda Garad
<p>Eastern Transport Coalition</p> <p>The Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC) consists of Melbourne's seven eastern metropolitan councils. Combined, the ETC represents approximately one million residents and advocates for sustainable and integrated transport services that reduce car dependency. It aims to work with Federal and State governments to ensure the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Melbourne's outer east.</p>	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Isabella Do
<p>Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM)</p> <p>Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) advocates for jobs, infrastructure, investment, liveability, sustainability and wellbeing for the southeast and everyone who works and lives in the region.</p> <p>GSEM includes the shires of Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula, and the cities of Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Knox and Monash.</p>	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
<p>Recycling Victoria Local Government Advisory Committee</p>	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only

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The role of the Recycling Victoria Advisory Committee is to provide advice and insights to the Minister for Environment and Head, Recycling Victoria on Recycling Victoria's strategic priorities, to support Victoria's transition to a circular economy		
<p>South Eastern Councils Biodiversity Network (SECBN)</p> <p>This is planned as an annual roundtable event to be hosted by the South Eastern Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) with the first one scheduled for early 2025. This network has been formed in response to Notice of Motion No. 22 by Cr Garad and will comprise of Councillors and Council Officers from the cities of Bayside, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula Shire and Port Phillip.</p>	NA	Cr Rhonda Garad
<p>South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Councillor Advisory Group</p> <p>SECCCA is a regional body that supports member Council's in south-east Melbourne to address the challenges of climate change at both a regional and municipal level. The Councillor Advisory Group meets on average once a quarter to discuss SECCCA's progress against its strategic plan and other climate change and sustainability related matters.</p>	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Lana Formoso

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3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: Nil

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.
1. 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 Mehtap Williams.

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2. The new Mayor acknowledged the role of all of the faiths within our diverse community and welcomed the President of the Interfaith Network, Mehtap Williams.
3. The Mayor invited the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Mehtap Williams 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.

2. The Mayor accepted the Common Statement on behalf of Council and read the 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.



4 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. W. A.', written above a horizontal line.

Signature