

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.

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

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Protocols

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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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