



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018

Commencing at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Matthew Kirwan (Leave of Absence)
Cr Heang Tak (Leave of Absence)

1.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Any interest that a Councillor or staff member has deemed to be significant and has disclosed as either a direct or an indirect interest is now considered to be a conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest legislation is detailed in sections 77A, 77B, 78, 78A-E & 79 of the Local Government Act 1989. This legislation can be obtained by contacting the Greater Dandenong Governance Unit on 8571 5216 or by accessing the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary Documents website at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

If a Councillor discloses any interest in an item discussed at any Council Meeting (whether they attend or not) they must:

- complete a disclosure of interest form prior to the meeting.
- advise the chairperson of the interest immediately before the particular item is considered (if attending the meeting).
- leave the chamber while the item is being discussed and during any vote taken (if attending the meeting).

The Councillor will be advised to return to the chamber or meeting room immediately after the item has been considered and the vote is complete.

1.3 TRADITIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE LAND

Aunty Pat Ockwell, spokesperson on behalf of the Wurundjeri People, custodians of Yalukit-Willam-Bunurong land in this City, will give a traditional welcome to all in attendance.

2 BUSINESS

2.1 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Report Summary

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No 1, 2013 requires that the Chief Executive Officer take the Chair and be the first temporary Chairperson of the annual meeting to elect the Mayor.

The Local Law then prescribes that the Chief Executive Officer must invite nominations for a second temporary Chairperson whose role is to note allowances for the Mayor and Councillors and invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

Once a second temporary Chairperson is elected by Council, the Chief Executive Officer leaves the Chair and the elected second temporary Chairperson steps in.

The temporary Chairperson will remain in the Chair to conduct business in regard to the noting of allowances and election of the Mayor.

Recommendation

That Councillor _____ be elected temporary Chairperson.

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Report Summary

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No 1, 2013 requires that Council notes allowances for the Mayor and Councillors for the coming term.

Allowances are indexed annually as required by legislation and as advised by the Minister for Local Government. The Minister for Local Government has recently reviewed the limits and ranges of Mayoral and Councillor allowances and determined an increase will be effective from 1 December 2018. (Note that this decision is made by the Minister for Local Government and is not a Council decision).

Background

Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (LGA) stipulates that Council must pay allowances to the Mayor and Councillors not exceeding the limit set by an Order in Council for the purposes of the Act. Each Councillor must receive the same allowance and all allowances are set pro rata per annum.

As required under section 74(1) of the LGA, Council undertook a review of councillor and mayoral allowances and on 22 May 2017 subsequently endorsed that allowances for the next four years remain at the highest amount of the Category 3 level.

This is currently as follows:

	Current Allowance As at 1 December 2017
Councillor Allowance	\$30,223
Mayoral Allowance	\$96,534

Under Council's Councillor Support, Reimbursement and Accountability Policy, Council also provides the Mayor with the use of a fully registered, insured, maintained and fuelled Council vehicle for use by the Mayor on official duties and for private use.

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

It should also be noted that Section 73B of the LGA provides for annual adjustments to mayoral and councillor allowances which are decided by the Minister for Local Government. A 2% adjustment will be made effective from 1 December 2018 to alter the set allowances to the amounts as indicated by the table below.

Greater Dandenong has been classified as a Category 3 Council since July 2005.

	Category 3 Councils
Councillors	\$12,866 - \$30,827.46 per annum
Mayor	up to \$98,464.68 per annum

Allowances are also subject to an additional 9.5% as required under the Commonwealth's Superannuation Guarantee.

Recommendation

That the Mayoral and Councillor allowances as indexed on 1 December 2017 and 1 December 2018 by the Minister for Local Government be noted.

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Report Summary

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 requires that a Mayor be elected. The term of office of the Mayor is for one (1) year unless Council resolves prior to the appointment of the Mayor to appoint the successful incumbent for a two-year period.

Background

The Mayor, or Councillor acting in the position, 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 6:00am on the day of the next Mayoral election. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor (sections 72 and 73 of the *Local Government Act* 1989).

Part 16 of Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No 1, 2013 details the procedure for election of the Mayor.

It is the responsibility of the temporary Chairperson 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 2018-2019 Mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. Section 71(1) of the *Local Government Act* 1989 provides that the election of the Mayor must be undertaken at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

After the election the new Mayor will take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Recommendation

That _____ be appointed Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2018-2019 term.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Council Meetings 2019

Report Summary

This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision making process for Council only for the 2019 calendar year.

Background

Council currently holds two (2) Ordinary Council meetings each month, usually on the second and fourth Monday evening, with the exception of January and December in 2019. Special Council meetings are also held as required.

Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council meetings are also conducted. All Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council meetings are scheduled with the agreement of Councillors and do not require formal resolution.

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.

Proposal

This report proposes a meeting cycle for the Council for the 2019 calendar year as follows:

- Council holds two Ordinary Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2019; and
- Special Council meetings shall continue to be held as required and are held by Council to deal with specific issues that arise outside the normal business of the Council, to deal with urgent issues or to give specific attention to one or a small number of issues.

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 and Pre-Council meetings be continued. These sessions provide Councillors with an opportunity to obtain detailed information on a range of issues affecting the City. Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council meetings also provide an opportunity for Council to hear submissions from community and business organisations.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019 (Cont.)

Financial Implications

Support for the meeting cycle and decision making structure outlined in this report will be primarily through the staff and budget resources of the Governance Unit.

Policy Implications

The meeting structure proposed in this report is consistent with Council's governance obligations as set out in the *Local Government Act* 1989 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 them to assist them to make decisions that are appropriate and responsive to the needs of the community.

Conclusion

The proposal presented is consistent with Council's commitment to open and accountable government and involving the community in decisions that affect them. It will continue to build upon the established partnership between Council and the community in fostering effective governance of the City.

Recommendation

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

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019 (Cont.)

BUSINESS

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

ATTACHMENT 1

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2019

PAGES 2 (including cover)

If the details of the attachment are unclear please contact Governance on 8571 5235.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019 (Cont.)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATES & LOCATIONS
2019

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Tuesday*	29 January 2019	Dandenong
Monday	11 February 2019	Dandenong
Monday	25 February 2019	Dandenong
Tuesday*	12 March 2019	Dandenong
Monday	25 March 2019	Dandenong
Monday	8 April 2019	Dandenong
Tuesday*	23 April 2019	Dandenong
Monday	13 May 2019	Dandenong
Monday	27 May 2019	Dandenong
Tuesday*	11 June 2019	Dandenong
Monday	24 June 2019	Dandenong
Monday	8 July 2019	Dandenong
Monday	22 July 2019	Dandenong
Monday	12 August 2019	Dandenong
Monday	26 August 2019	Dandenong
Monday	9 September 2019	Dandenong
Monday	23 September 2019	Dandenong
Monday	14 October 2019	Dandenong
Monday	28 October 2019	Dandenong
Monday	11 November 2019	Dandenong
Thursday^	14 November 2019	Dandenong
Monday	25 November 2019	Dandenong
Monday	9 December 2019	Dandenong

* Tuesday meeting due to Public Holiday on the Monday

^ Annual Statutory Meeting of Council for Election of the Mayor (commencing at 6pm)

- 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 Ordinary Meetings listed are web cast live at www.greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings
- Council may, by resolution at any Ordinary or Special Meeting, alter the day, time and location upon which any Ordinary Meeting shall be held

2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

2018-2019 Councillor Representation
Nominations

Report Summary

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.

Whilst the Mayor of the day is typically Council's key representative, the volume of associations where Council seeks an involvement is such that representation needs to be shared amongst all Councillors to ensure a manageable workload.

This report provides a schedule of the proposed appointment of Council liaisons and representatives to committees, peak industry bodies, regional and community associations for 2018/19.

Proposal

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. During the year, Council may receive additional requests and these will be presented for consideration at the following Statutory meeting of Council.

Recommendation A

That, for the 2018-2019 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.

Recommendation B

That, for the 2018-2019 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr _____ as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.

2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)

OTHER

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS

ATTACHMENT 1

2018-2019 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION NOMINATIONS

PAGES 5 (including cover)

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2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations - November 2018 – November 2019

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Past Councillor Liaison(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2018-2019 Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Dandenong Show Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Jim Memeti
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea
Noble Park Community Action Forum Inc (NPCAF)	Cr Roz Blades Cr Heang Tak	Cr Roz Blades
Noble Park Community Centre	Cr Sean O'Reilly (subject to confirmation by NPCC)	Cr Sean O'Reilly
South East Community Links	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly
Springvale and District Historical Society	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Loi Truong
Springvale Benevolent Society	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly 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.

2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations - November 2018 – November 2019

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018	New Councillor Representative(s) 2018-2019 Nov 2018– Nov 2019
Arts Advisory Board	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Asylum Seeker and Refugee Communities Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan
Audit Advisory Committee (AAC)	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey <i>(Note: The Mayor plus only one Councillor Representative has voting rights – who shall be determined by the AAC)</i>	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey <i>(Note: The Mayor plus only one Councillor Representative has voting rights – who shall be determined by the AAC)</i>
CEO Performance Review Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey
Children & Family Partnership	Cr Roz Blades Cr Heang Tak	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd	Cr Maria Sampey Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Maria Sampey Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Dandenong Stadium Advisory Board	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Zaynoun Melhem	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Family Violence Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Angela Long Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong

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Note * The DMPL Management Services Agreement does not specifically require an 'alternate' Council representative.

2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations - November 2018 – November 2019

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018	New Councillor Representative(s) 2018-2019 Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
Leisure Contract Advisory Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong
Multicultural Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Maria Sampey Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Loi Truong
Positive Aging Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Reconciliation Working Group	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long
Springvale Major Projects Advisory Group (SMPAG)	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Sustainability Reference Committee	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Young Leaders	Ambassador - Cr Roz Blades Ambassador – Cr Tim Dark Ambassador - Cr Matthew Kirwan Ambassador - Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Zaynoun Melhem Ambassador – Cr Heang Tak	Ambassador - Cr Roz Blades Ambassador – Cr Zaynoun Melhem Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador - Cr Sean O'Reilly

Councillor Representative

An essential or mandatory appointment that it is in Council's best interests to engage in, the organisation's constitution requires a Councillor Representative or a Councillor or Council representative is a requirement of Council funding.

Protocols

Council representatives participate as a member of these groups by representing Council's views and to inform Council of key issues related to these organisations/groups. They act as a reference point between the organisation/group and Council as a whole and provide advice to Council or the organisation/group when decisions or major policy matters are discussed.

NB: # denotes alternate councillor required when nominated councillor cannot attend a meeting.

2.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations - November 2018 – November 2019

PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018	New Councillor Representative(s) 2018-2019 Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #	Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate – Cr Youhorn Chea	Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Multicultural Committee	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate – Cr Heang Tak	Cr Matthew Kirwan

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018	New Councillor Representative(s) 2018-2019 Nov 2018 – Nov 2019
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Maria Sampey
Eastern Transport Coalition #	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea
Inter Council Aboriginal Consultative Committee (ICACC)	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Local Governments/Metropolitan Waste Management Forum #	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate 1 – Cr Heang Tak Alternate 2 – Cr Youhorn Chea	Cr Matthew Kirwan
RoadSafe South East Inc.	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Regional Councillor Forum (Quarterly)	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan
South East Region Gas Company (SERGASCo)	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Southern Metropolitan Partnership	Mayor CEO	Mayor CEO

Councillor Representative

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3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Report Summary

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 throughout the last twenty (20) years to offer prayers at the beginning of each Council meeting. The Interfaith Network is represented at the Annual Statutory Meeting along with many other faiths.

At Annual Statutory meetings it has been past practice for a member of the Interfaith Network to pledge its support to the new Mayor and the Greater Dandenong City Council.

3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS (Cont.)

Proceedings

The new Mayor will acknowledge the role of the all faiths within our diverse community and will welcome all faith leaders attending the Annual Statutory Meeting.

The Mayor will invite the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Helen Heath OAM 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.

The Mayor will shake Helen Heath's hand, accept the Common Statement on behalf of Council and make an 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.

Thankyou to all Faith Community Leaders here tonight.

The Mayor will provide Councillors with an opportunity to acknowledge the faith leaders attending the meeting.

4 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at . PM.

Confirmed: / /

CHAIRPERSON