



**GREATER  
DANDENONG**  
*City of Opportunity*

# **MINUTES**

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2020**  
Commencing at 6:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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## 1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS

In order for the Councillors-elect to assume the responsibilities of office, Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and *Part 2 of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* requires that each Councillor-elect make an Oath or Affirmation of Office before John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Greater Dandenong.

Oaths or Affirmations of Office were taken as follows:

### OATH

"I ..... swear by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of Greater Dandenong and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

Or

### AFFIRMATION

"I ..... solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of Greater Dandenong and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

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**1 OATHS 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 19 November 2020* were as follows:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor-elect</b>	<b>Oath/Affirmation</b>
Cleeland	Angela Long	Affirmation
Dandenong North	Bob Milkovic	Oath
Dandenong	Jim Memeti	Affirmation
Keysborough South	Rhonda Garad	Affirmation
Keysborough	Tim Dark	Oath
Noble Park North	Lana Formoso	Oath
Noble Park	Sophie Tan	Affirmation
Springvale Central	Richard Lim	Affirmation
Springvale North	Sean O'Reilly	Oath
Springvale South	Loi Truong	Affirmation
Yarraman	Eden Foster	Oath

The Oaths and Affirmation of Office that were taken by the above-named Councillors are attached on the following pages. (Note that Councillors also signed a declaration to abide by the Councillors Code of Conduct as required under Section 30 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Part 2 of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*).

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**Greater Dandenong City Council**  
**Ward: Cleeland**

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

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*"I, Angela Long, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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."*

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Councillor Angela Long

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John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Dandenong North**

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

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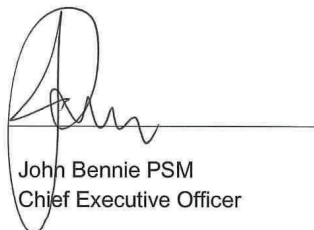
*"I, Bojan Milkovic, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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 Bojan (Bob) Milkovic



John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Sworn at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Dandenong**

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

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*"I, Jim Memeti, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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



John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Keysborough South**

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

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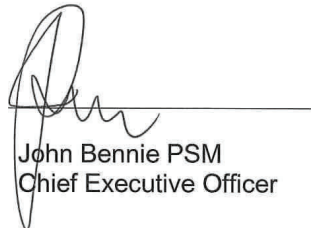
*"I, Rhonda Garad, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that  
I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best  
interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the  
standards of conduct set out in the 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



John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

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19 November 2020



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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Keysborough**

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

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*"I, Tim Dark, swear by Almighty 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 Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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 Tim Dark



John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Sworn at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Noble Park North**

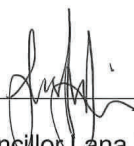
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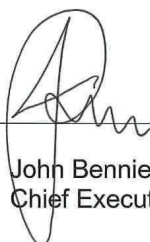
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*"I, Lana Formoso, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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."*

  
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Councillor Lana Formoso

  
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John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Sworn at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Noble Park**


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

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*"I, Sophie Tan, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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."*



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Councillor Sophie Tan



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John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Springvale Central**


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


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*"I, Richard Lim, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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 Richard Lim

  
John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Springvale North**


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*Made under section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020*

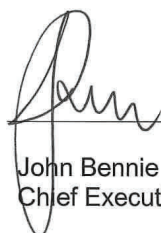
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*"I, Sean O'Reilly, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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

  
John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Sworn at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020

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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Springvale South**

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

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*"I, Loi Truong, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the 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."*

  
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Councillor Loi Truong

  
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John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Affirmed at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
19 November 2020



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**1 OATHS OF OFFICE/COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATIONS (Cont.)**

**City of Greater Dandenong**  
**Ward: Yarraman**

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

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*"I, Eden Foster, swear by Almighty God, that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

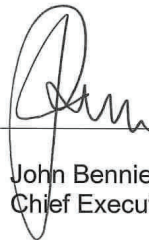
*I will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct.*

*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."*



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Councillor Eden Foster



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John Bennie PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

Sworn at Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on  
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## **2 MEETING OPENING**

Meeting opened at 6.18pm.

### **2.1 ATTENDANCE**

#### **Apologies**

Nil.

#### **Councillors Present**

Cr Tim Dark, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Eden Foster, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Richard Lim, Cr Angela Long, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong.

#### **Officers Present**

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services.



## **2.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a Conflict of Interest (Material interest) in 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 has a stall at the Dandenong Market. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber prior to voting on Recommendation 2 of this item.**

### **2.3 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Angela Long formally acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held to all in attendance.

### **3 BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR**

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

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#### **Report Summary**

Section 25(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires that a Mayor be elected.

Section 25(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Chief Executive Officer must chair the Election of the Mayor.

Section 25(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority. 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.

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 or a two year term.

#### **Recommendation**

This report recommends that the Mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Mayor at the meeting.

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### 3.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

#### Background

Sections 18 and 19 of the *Local Government Act 2020* set out the roles and powers of the Mayor.

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 6:00am on the day of the next Mayoral election. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* outlines the procedures for electing a Mayor.

It is the responsibility of the temporary Chairperson (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 2020-2021 Mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. Section 25(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority.

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

#### Recommendation 1

**That the Mayor is to be elected for a one year term.**

#### MINUTE 1

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad  
Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

**That the Mayor is to be elected for a one year term.**

**CARRIED**  
**(CR BOB MILKOVIC ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)**

#### Recommendation 2

**That Cr Angela Long be elected as Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.**

#### MINUTE 2

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad  
Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

**That Cr Angela Long be elected as Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.**

**CARRIED**  
**(CR BOB MILKOVIC ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)**

### **3.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

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#### **Report Summary**

Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that an office of Deputy Mayor may be established.

Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Mayor must chair the Election of the Deputy Mayor.

Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority. 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.

Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* also states that before the Election of the Deputy Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Deputy Mayor is to be elected for a one or a two year term.

#### **Recommendation**

This report recommends that the Deputy Mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.

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### **3.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR (Cont.)**

#### **Background**

Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2020 sets out the roles and powers of the Deputy Mayor.

Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* outlines the procedures for electing a Deputy Mayor.

It is the responsibility of the Mayor 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 2020-2021 term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that the Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority.

#### **Recommendation 1**

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

#### **MINUTE 3**

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong

Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim

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

**CARRIED**

#### **Recommendation 2**

**That Cr Sophie Tan be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.**

#### **MINUTE 4**

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

**That Cr Sophie Tan be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2020-2021 term.**

**CARRIED**

**(CR BOB MILKOVIC ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THIS ITEM)**

### 3.3 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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#### Report Summary

It has been past practice for an incoming Council to note Councillor allowances for the coming term.

Sections 39 and 384 of *Local Government Act 2020* now provide for the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (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.

The Tribunal must make the first determination under section 384 to take effect on the day after the expiry of the period of six months after receiving a request from the Minister administering the *Local Government Act 2020* to make the first determination.

On 27 October 2020, the Minister for Local Government determined that no adjustment to councillor allowances would be made in 2020. This means that the current councillor allowances remain in play until such time as the Minister for Local Government determines that the VIRT must make its first determination under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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### 3.3 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

#### Background

Councillor allowances have in the past been set in accordance with section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (LGA 1989). While this section has now been repealed, under the *Local Government Act 2020* Greater Dandenong Councillor allowances are still influenced by the old legislation and are currently set as follows:

	Greater Dandenong City Council
Councillors	\$31,444 per annum
Mayor	\$100,434 per annum

*Note 1: Allowances are also subject to an additional 9.5% as required under the Commonwealth's 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 use by the Mayor on official duties and for private use.*

*Note 2: Greater Dandenong has been classified as a Category 3 Council since July 2005.*

*The above are the highest amounts payable within a Category 3 Council. The last review of Greater Dandenong's Councillor and Mayoral allowances was undertaken in May 2017. While awaiting the first determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal of allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors (under the Local Government Act 2020), Council can review its current allowances if it decides to do so.*

#### Recommendation

**That the current Mayoral and Councillor allowances be noted.**

#### MINUTE 5

Moved by: Cr Eden Foster  
Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

**That the current Mayoral and Councillor allowances be noted.**

**CARRIED**



### **3.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

Council Meetings 2021

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#### **Report Summary**

This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision making process for Council only for the 2021 calendar year.

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### 3.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 (Cont.)

#### **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.

Councillor Briefing Sessions are also conducted on a weekly basis. All Councillor Briefings 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 2021 calendar year as follows:

Council generally holds two Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2019.

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. 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**

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 the *Local Government Act 2020* 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.

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**3.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 (Cont.)**

**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.**

**MINUTE 6**

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad  
Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

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

**CARRIED**

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**3.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 (Cont.)**

**BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS 2021**

**PAGES 2 (including cover)**

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

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### 3.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 (Cont.)



## COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATES & LOCATIONS  
2021

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Monday	25 January 2021	Dandenong
Monday	8 February 2021	Dandenong
Monday	22 February 2021	Dandenong
Tuesday*	9 March 2021	Dandenong
Monday	22 March 2021	Dandenong
Monday	12 April 2021	Dandenong
Monday	26 April 2021	Dandenong
Monday	10 May 2021	Dandenong
Monday	24 May 2021	Dandenong
Tuesday*	15 June 2021	Dandenong
Monday	28 June 2021	Dandenong
Monday	12 July 2021	Dandenong
Monday	26 July 2021	Dandenong
Monday	9 August 2021	Dandenong
Monday	23 August 2021	Dandenong
Monday	13 September 2021	Dandenong
Monday	27 September 2021	Dandenong
Monday	11 October 2021	Dandenong
Monday	25 October 2021	Dandenong
Thursday^	11 November 2021	Dandenong
Monday	15 November 2021	Dandenong
Monday	29 November 2021	Dandenong
Monday	13 December 2021	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 Meetings listed are web cast live at [www.greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings](http://www.greaterdandenong.com/councilmeetings)
  - Council may, by resolution at any Meeting, alter the day, time and location upon which any Meeting shall be held

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

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Attachments:

2020-2021 Councillor Representation  
Nominations

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#### **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 number 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 2020-2021

**3.5 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES, PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES, REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS (Cont.)****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 2021 Council Meeting for the Election of the Mayor.

**Recommendation 1**

**That, for the 2020-2021 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 7**

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

**That, for the 2020-2021 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**

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**Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a Conflict of Interest (Material interest) in this item as he is a Director of a company that has a stall at the Dandenong Market. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber at 7.00pm prior to discussion and voting on this item.**

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**Recommendation 2**

**That, for the 2020-2021 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr Tim Dark as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.**

**MINUTE 8**

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Eden Foster

**That, for the 2020-2021 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr Tim Dark as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.**

**CARRIED**

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

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**Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 7.01pm.**



**3.5 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**

**2020-2021 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION  
NOMINATIONS**

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

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**3.5 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 2020 – November 2021

**COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

Organisation	Past Councillor Liaison(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – 19 Nov 2020	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Rhonda Garad
Dandenong Show Committee	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Bob Milkovic
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Loi Truong	Cr Sophie Tan
South East Community Links	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Tim Dark Cr Loi Truong
Springvale and District Historical Society	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim Cr Loi Truong
Springvale Benevolent Society	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Tim Dark Cr Richard Lim 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.

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**3.5 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 2020 – November 2021

**COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – 19 Nov 2020	New Councillor Representative(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
Arts Advisory Board	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Rhonda Garad
Audit Advisory Committee (AAC)	Mayor of the Day 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 Rhonda Garad
Australia Day Community Assessment Panel	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Maria Sampey	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Bob Milkovic Cr Jim Memeti
Business COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
CEO Performance Review Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Richard Lim Cr Angela Long Cr Bob Milkovic Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan
Children & Family Partnership	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong
Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Tim Dark Alternate - Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd	Cr Tim Dark	Cr Tim Dark Alternate - Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Stadium Advisory Board	Cr Angela Long	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong
Family Violence Advisory Committee	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong

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

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Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – 19 Nov 2020	New Councillor Representative(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Building Capacity Grants	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem	Budget allocated for 2020-21 – no round expected to be held. No appointment required.
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Strategic Project Grants	Mayor of the Day Cr Peter Brown Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem	Budget allocated for 2020-21 – no round expected to be held. No appointment required.
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Sponsorships	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan	Budget allocated for 2020-21 – no round expected to be held. No appointment required.
Community Support Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Community Development	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong	Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Sophie Tan
Community Support Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Arts, Festivals & Events	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Tim Dark	Cr Eden Foster Cr Jim Memeti
Indian Cultural Precinct Taskforce	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Leisure Contract Advisory Group	Cr Tim Dark Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong	Cr Angela Long
LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum	Mayor of the Day Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Youhorn Chea <i>(Note: Only the Mayor or their delegate has voting rights)</i>	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad
Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Eden Foster
Noble Park Revitalisation Board	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Sophie Tan
Reconciliation Working Group	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Springvale Community Hub Committee	-	Cr Richard Lim Cr Loi Truong
Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Sophie Tan
Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly

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

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Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – 19 Nov 2020	New Councillor Representative(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
Young Leaders	Ambassador - Cr Tim Dark Ambassador - Cr Zaynoun Melhem Ambassador - Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador - Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador - Cr Sophie Tan	Ambassador – Cr Tim Dark Ambassador - Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Eden Foster Ambassador – Cr Rhonda Garad Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador - Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan

**Councillor Representative**

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**Protocols**

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

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**PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – 19 Nov 2020	New Councillor Representative(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #	Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate - Cr Lana Formoso
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate - Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Rhonda Garad

**REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2019-2020 15 Nov 2019 – Nov 2020	New Councillor Representative(s) 2020-2021 19 Nov 2020 – Nov 2021
2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel	Cr Jim Memeti	Appointment by Minister only
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Sean O'Reilly
Eastern Transport Coalition # (Name and structure likely to change)	Cr Youhorn Chea	To be advised
Inter Council Aboriginal Consultative Committee (ICACC)	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Lana Formoso
Local Governments'/Metropolitan Waste Management Forum #	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate - Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti
RoadSafe South East Inc.	Cr Angela Long	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Councillor Advisory Group	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Rhonda Garad
South East Melbourne (SEM)	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Welcoming Australia	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Eden Foster Cr Rhonda Garad

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## 4 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

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Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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### 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 (21) years to offer prayers at the beginning of each Council meeting.

At past annual statutory meetings it has been past practice for the President of the Interfaith Network to pledge its support to the new Mayor and the City of Greater Dandenong Council. Tonight the Interfaith Network is represented again this meeting by its President Pastor Peter Demuth.

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#### 4 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS (Cont.)

### Proceedings

The Mayor, Cr Angela Long acknowledged the role of all of the faiths within our diverse community and welcomed the President of the Interfaith Network, Pastor Peter Demuth.

The Mayor, Cr Angela Long invited the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Pastor Peter Demuth 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, Cr Angela Long accepted the Common Statement on behalf of Council and made 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 of the faiths within the Greater Dandenong community and to all faiths within the Interfaith Network.***



## 5 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.05 PM.

Confirmed: / /

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