



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

AGENDA

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING TO ELECT THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY
MAYOR**

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022
Commencing at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

1.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Conflict of Interest legislation is detailed in sections 128 and 129 the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). Exemptions apply under section 129 of the Act. Any interest that a Councillor or staff member has deemed to be significant must be disclosed in accordance with section 130 of the Act and Council's Governance Rules. The Local Government Act 2020 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 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

Jillian West, from the Bunurong Land Council will give a traditional welcome to all in attendance.

2 BUSINESS

2.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

File Id: A9237869
Responsible Officer: Manager Governance
Attachments:

Report Summary

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that a Mayor be elected and stipulates the methods by which that election must take place.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the 2022-2023 mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Mayor at the meeting.

2.1 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 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.

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.

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

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 2022-2023 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.

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.

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.

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

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor be elected for a one year term.

Recommendation 2

That Cr _____ be elected as Mayor for the 2022-2023 mayoral term

2.2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

File Id: A9237981
Responsible Officer: Manager Governance
Attachments:

Report Summary

Section 20A of the Local Government Act 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.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the 2022-2023 deputy mayoral term be for a period of one year. Councillors will elect the Deputy Mayor at the meeting.

2.2 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.

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.

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.

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 2022-2023 deputy mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands.

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.

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.

Recommendation

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

Recommendation

That Cr _____ be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2022-2023 mayoral term.

2.3 NOTING OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

File Id: A9246642
Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

Report Summary

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.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the current allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, along with the contents of this report, be noted.

2.3 NOTING OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS (Cont.)

Background

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.

The Tribunal made its first Determination 01/2022 on the allowance payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors in March 2022. That Determination was to take effect from 18 December 2021.

Prior to this first VIRT Determination, there was no increase to Mayor and Councillor allowances since 1 December 2019.

Under this first Determination, Greater Dandenong Councillor allowances are currently set as follows:

	Greater Dandenong City Council Base Allowances (since 18 December 2021 to 17 December 2022)
Mayor	\$119,316
Deputy Mayor	\$ 59,658
Councillors	\$ 35,972

Note 1: These allowances are inclusive of the 10% 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.

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

The above are base amounts payable within a Category 3 Council under the VIRT Determination 01/2022 until 17 December 2022.

The Tribunal is required to make annual adjustments to the values of the allowances set in its Determination 01/2022 under section 23B of the *Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal and Improving Parliamentary Standards Act 2019*. The Tribunal has published its intention to make a Determination adjusting the values of allowances payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors.

2.3 NOTING OF ALLOWANCES FOR MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS (Cont.)

While the VIRT Determination 01/2022 provides for annual increases to the base allowances from 18 December 2022, VIRT may still make an adjustment which will apply in addition to the phased annual increases as listed below.

	Greater Dandenong City Council Base Allowances (from 18 December 2022)
Mayor	\$122,630
Deputy Mayor	\$ 61,315
Councillors	\$ 37,010

Note 1: These allowances are inclusive of the 10% 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.

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

The above are base amounts payable within a Category 3 Council under the VIRT Determination 01/2022 from 18 December 2022 to 17 December 2023. They are also subject to any annual adjustment the Tribunal may make for 2022. (See [Allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors – annual adjustment | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#))

Recommendation

That Council notes:

1. the current base allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors; and
2. the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal's annual increases to these base allowances from 18 December 2022 (subject to any annual adjustment by the Tribunal).

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Manager Governance

Attachments:

Council Meetings 2023

Report Summary

This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision making process for Council for the 2023 calendar year.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 (Cont.)

Background

Council currently holds two (2) Council meetings each month, usually on the second and fourth Monday evening, with the exception of January and December.

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 for 2023.

Proposal

This report proposes a meeting cycle for Council for the 2023 calendar year as follows:

Council generally holds two Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2023.

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 is primarily provided 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 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.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 (Cont.)

Conclusion

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. 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 to this report.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 (Cont.)

BUSINESS

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023

ATTACHMENT 1

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

PAGES 2 (including cover)

If the details of the attachment are unclear please contact Governance on 8571 1000.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 (Cont.)



COUNCIL MEETINGS
DATES & LOCATIONS - 2023

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Monday	23 January 2023	Dandenong
Monday	13 February 2023	Dandenong
Monday	27 February 2023	Dandenong
Tuesday*	14 March 2023	Dandenong
Monday	27 March 2023	Dandenong
Tuesday*	11 April 2023	Dandenong
Monday	24 April 2023	Dandenong
Monday	8 May 2023	Dandenong
Monday	22 May 2023	Dandenong
Tuesday*	13 June 2023	Dandenong
Monday	26 June 2023	Dandenong
Monday	10 July 2023	Dandenong
Monday	24 July 2023	Dandenong
Monday	14 August 2023	Dandenong
Monday	28 August 2023	Dandenong
Monday	11 September 2023	Dandenong
Monday	25 September 2023	Dandenong
Monday	9 October 2023	Dandenong
Monday	23 October 2023	Dandenong
Monday	13 November 2023	Dandenong
Thursday^	16 November 2023	Dandenong
Monday	27 November 2023	Dandenong
Monday	11 December 2023	Dandenong

* Tuesday meeting due to Public Holiday on the Monday

^ Meeting to Elect Mayor/Deputy 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 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

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Manager Governance

Attachments:

2022-2023 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.

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.

This report provides a schedule of the proposed appointment of Council liaisons and representatives to committees, peak industry bodies, regional and community associations for 2022-2023.

2.5 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 for 2022-2023. 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.

Recommendation 1

That, for the 2022-2023 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 2

That, for the 2022-2023 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.)

BUSINESS

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

ATTACHMENT 1

2022-23 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION NOMINATIONS

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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 2022 – November 2023

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) 2021-2022 11 Nov 2021 – November 2022	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Show Committee	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Eden Foster Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Eden Foster Cr Sophie Tan
South East Community Links	Cr Loi Truong	Cr Eden Foster Cr Loi Truong
Springvale and District Historical Society	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong
Springvale Benevolent Society	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM 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 2022 – November 2023

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2021-2022 11 Nov 2021 – November 2022	New Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023
Arts Advisory Board	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad
Australia Day Community Assessment Panel	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Richard Lim OAM	Mayor of the Day Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan
Business COVID-19 Recovery Taskforce	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee (changed from CEO Performance Review Committee by Policy)	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Bob Milkovic Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Bob Milkovic Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan
Children & Family Partnership	Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong	Cr Loi Truong
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sophie Tan
Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Angela Long Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Loi Truong	Cr Angela Long Cr Loi Truong
Family Violence Advisory Committee	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Building Capacity Grants	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Sophie Tan

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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 2022 – November 2023

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2021-2022 11 Nov 2021 – November 2022	New Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Strategic Project Grants	Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Richard Lim OAM
Community Partnership Funding Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Sponsorships	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sean O'Reilly
Community Support Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Community Development	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso
Community Support Grants Advisory & Assessment Panel – Arts, Festivals & Events	Cr Eden Foster Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Eden Foster Cr Jim Memeti
Indian Cultural Precinct Taskforce	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group (MPAG)	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Eden Foster Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sophie Tan
Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee	Cr Eden Foster Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Eden Foster
Noble Park Revitalisation Board	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Loi Truong	Cr Loi Truong
South East Leisure Pty Ltd	Cr Lana Formoso (by resolution 09/08/2021)	Cr Lana Formoso
Springvale Community Hub Committee	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong
Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly
Young Leaders	Ambassador – Cr Tim Dark Ambassador – Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Eden Foster Ambassador – Cr Rhonda Garad Ambassador – Cr Richard Lim OAM Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Ambassador – Cr Lana Formoso Ambassador – Cr Eden Foster Ambassador – Cr Richard Lim OAM Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan

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.

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 2022 – November 2023

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.

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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 2022 – November 2023

PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2021-2022 11 Nov 2021 – November 2022	New Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023
Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Eden Foster
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Sophie Tan Alternate – Cr Eden Foster	Cr Eden Foster Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2021-2022 11 Nov 2021 – November 2022	New Councillor Representative(s) 2022-2023 10 Nov 2022 – November 2023
2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Sean O'Reilly
Eastern Transport Coalition # (Name and structure likely to change)	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad
Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM)	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day
Recycling Victoria Local Government Advisory Committee	-	Appointment by Minister only
RoadSafe South East Inc.	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Councillor Advisory Group	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Rhonda Garad

Councillor Representative

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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.

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3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Manager Governance

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 over many years to offer prayers at the beginning of each Council meeting.

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 Father Jean Mawal.

3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS (Cont.)

Proceedings

The new Mayor will acknowledge the role of all of the faiths within our diverse community and will welcome the President of the Interfaith Network, Father Jean Mawal.

The Mayor will invite the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Father Jean Mawal 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 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.

Thank you to all of the faiths within the Greater Dandenong community and to all faiths within the Interfaith Network.

4 CLOSE OF MEETING