



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017

Commencing at 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Nil.

Councillors Present

Cr Roz Blades AM, Cr Youhorn Chea, Cr Tim Dark, Cr Matthew Kirwan, Cr Angela Long, Cr Zaynoun Melhem, Cr Jim Memeti, Sean O'Reilly, Cr Maria Sampey, Cr Heang Tak, Cr Loi Truong

Officers Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer; Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity; Martin Fidler, Director Community Services; Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services; Julie Reid, Director Engineering Services; Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Group Manager Greater Dandenong Business

1.2 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a Conflict of Interest (Direct 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 discussion and voting on this item.

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, gave a traditional welcome to all in attendance.

2 BUSINESS

2.1 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No 1, 2013 requires that the Chief Executive Officer takes the Chair and is 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.

MINUTE 455

Moved by: Cr Roz Blades AM

Seconded by: Cr Youhorn Chea

That Councillor Jim Memeti be elected temporary Chairperson.

CARRIED

WELCOME STATEMENT FROM CR JIM MEMETI, TEMPORARY CHAIR

"I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered tonight and pay my respect to their elders both past and present and welcome everyone here tonight for the Annual Meeting for the Election of the new Mayor. Thank you very much Aunty Pat Ockwell for that lovely welcome to the Country.

A special welcome to:

- The City's Living Treasures who are here with us tonight:

2.1 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON (Cont.)

- Ms Maria Erdeg;
 - Mrs Meryl Mitchell;
 - Mr Val Wilson;
 - Mr Peter Jabbour OAM; and
 - Ms Heather Duggin
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- Welcome also to members of the Springvale Asian Business Association, members of the Cambodian Association of Victoria, Be Ha from the Springvale Indo Chinese Mutual Association, Aunty Pat Ockwell and to the families and friends of my fellow councillors.

 - And a special welcome also to all the faith leaders here tonight:
 - Mrs Agnes Kean from the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais Greater Dandenong;
 - Mrs Pam Mamourney OAM from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints;
 - Venerable Sen Then from the Khmer Buddhist Centre;
 - Ms Ursula Aruma from the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation;
 - The Very Reverend Father George El'Khoury from St Pauls Antiochian Orthodox Church;
 - Venerable Jeffrey Parker from St James Anglican Church;
 - Venerable Ol Sam from the Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria Centre;
 - Mr Leng Chaiwatanatorn from the Chua Quan Thanh Temple;
 - Ms Mary-Ann Spencer from the Dandenong Regional Trinity Uniting Church;
 - Sister Jacqueline Russell from the Brahma Kumaris Centre for Spiritual Learning;
 - Sister Wijeyavani (Vani) Wijeyakumar from the Brahma Kumaris Centre for Spiritual Learning;
 - the Interfaith Network's Development Officer Helen Heath and her husband Colin.
 - Venerable Viv Pereira and Mr Chantol Nam from the Dharmaram Temple in Springvale;
 - Mr Rajadurai Varendran from the Hindu Community; and
 - Mr Sathanantha Kirupanantha from the Hindu Community.

On behalf of all the councillors and staff of the City of Greater Dandenong, I thank you all for coming tonight".

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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.

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.

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 2.5% adjustment was made effective from 1 December 2016 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. Allowance limits that are currently applicable to Category 3 Councils as a result of this are:

	Category 3 Councils
Councillors	\$12,367 - \$29,630 per annum
Mayor	up to \$94,641 per annum

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

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

Section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (LGA) states that a Council must review and determine the level of Councillor allowances and the Mayoral allowance by 30 June the year following a general election.

This review was undertaken earlier this year and completed in May 2017 with Council resolving to retain its current level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances on 22 May 2017.

	Allowance As at 1 December 2016 and after review of 22 May 2017
Councillor Allowance	\$29,630 plus additional 9.5% as required under Commonwealth's Superannuation Guarantee.
Mayoral Allowance	\$94,641 plus additional 9.5% as required under Commonwealth's Superannuation Guarantee.

Under Council's Councillor Support, Reimbursement 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.

Recommendation

That the Mayoral and Councillor allowances as indexed on 1 December 2016 by the Minister for Local Government be noted.

MINUTE 456

Moved by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That the Mayoral and Councillor allowances as indexed on 1 December 2016 by the Minister for Local Government be noted.

CARRIED

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

OUTGOING SPEECH BY CR JIM MEMETI

It has been a great privilege to serve as Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong over the past 12 months. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the confidence they showed in me to elect me as mayor.

This is the third time I have served as the Mayor of this great city, and it is a role that I have taken very seriously. To represent a community that is as diverse as ours, is a wonderful thing and I have enjoyed every minute of this term.

Like many of our residents I migrated to Australia as a child. I have lived in Greater Dandenong for most of my life, and I am very, very passionate about this city.

The City of Greater Dandenong has long been recognised as The City of Opportunity, and I will always be indebted to it for all the opportunities it has offered me and my family.

I would like to particularly thank the CEO John Bennie and the executive management team and the Council staff for their dedication, knowledge and commitment to serving this community.

A special thanks goes to Jo Thorn, executive assistant to the Mayor and Councillors. I would have been lost without Jo's assistance and organisational skills. She is such an asset to this city. Thank you very much Jo.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors who have supported me, and the community members I have met and worked with over the past year.

Together we have achieved a lot for our community. Over the past 12 months I have watched many major projects take shape, and I would like to make mention of some of my highlights.

Top of the list would have to be the transformation of Springvale. While this project will take time to complete, there has been such a transformation already.

Just last month we celebrated the refurbished Springvale City Hall, which took about nine months to complete. The new look space is light, bright and perfect for community events. The feedback we have had is that the community love it which is what we want to hear. In fact we celebrated the completion of the renovation with a Mayoral Family Fun Day, which I was very proud to host on a sunny October Sunday.

At that event we also had on display the designs for the Springvale Community Precinct. This precinct is set to become the heart of the community, and over the next two or three years it will really take shape.

Another highlight from the past year was the completion of the Tattersson Park Pavilion. This \$11.6 million project has been several years in the making, and was funded with the help of the Federal Government and the Victorian Government. I was very proud to officially open the pavilion just a few weeks ago, but the facility will truly become a world class sports ground early next year when the synthetic pitch is laid.

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

In May this year I was happy to oversee the opening of the Allan Street Bridge. This bridge is a key link between central Dandenong and neighbourhoods to the south and will relieve traffic congestion for local residents and businesses.

Just this week I launched the Mayoral Youth Employment Taskforce Action Plan. Formed in May, the taskforce met several times and was a real example of collaboration across all sectors, including all levels of government, business and industry, community services and education. I am particularly proud that the taskforce was able to establish an action plan with clear actions that will help improve youth education and employment opportunities.

In September I travelled to China with a delegation to look at waste to energy technology. Local businesses joined us in Shanghai, Nanjing and Xuzhou to explore something that could make a real difference right here in our own community.

In just a few weeks' time, the community will gather out in Harmony Square for the annual Carols by Candlelight event. This year the carols were under threat, but I am pleased that as a Council we were able to come together very quickly and make a decision that has saved this much loved community event.

The past 12 months have been a very busy time for this Council, and tonight I have highlighted just a few of the bigger projects and decisions I have been involved in.

I would also like to thank all of the residents and community leaders who I have worked with on this journey, I feel that together we have been able to achieve wonderful things.

It has been such an honour to serve as Mayor for the third time. The role of Mayor is to act as a representative of our city. It is a role that is first and foremost for the people of Greater Dandenong. I hope that I have made the residents proud and they feel I have served them well.

While I will no longer be the Mayor, I will continue to look after the best interests of the Greater Dandenong residents, and I look forward to working with the new Mayor.

Personally I would like to thank my family, in particular my wife Mary, who have supported me during my 13 years as a Councillor, and especially over the past 12 months in my role as Mayor. I could not do this without your love and support.

In closing, I would like to wish our new Mayor all the best for a successful year. I look forward to working with you to make Greater Dandenong even greater.

Thank you.

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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 2017-2018 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 Cr Youhorn Chea be appointed Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2017-2018 term.

MINUTE 457

Moved by: Cr Roz Blades AM

Seconded by: Cr Heang Tak

That Cr Youhorn Chea be appointed Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2017-2018 term.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

INCOMING SPEECH BY CR YOUHORN CHEA, MAYOR

"Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay my respects to their elders, both past and present.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

I would also like to acknowledge a number of other guests who have joined us to mark this significant occasion:

- My fellow Councillors
- CEO John Bennie
- Council Executive members and staff
- City of Greater Dandenong Living Treasures
- Members of the Interfaith Network
- Leaders of the Community
- My family and friends, and
- Representatives from the media.

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for bestowing me this honour and electing me to be Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the next year.

I have been a Councillor for 20 years and this will be my fourth term as Mayor.

I look forward to bringing my many years of experience to this role, and I will continue to work hard to achieve good outcomes for our wonderful community.

Greater Dandenong is one of Australia's most culturally diverse communities, and I believe it is one of the most vibrant in our country.

I am very proud to be representing this community, and I promise to always do my best for the people that call Greater Dandenong home.

I would also like to thank my wonderful children for being here tonight to celebrate this occasion.

They are all here, including one of my daughters who has travelled from Canberra to be here with me tonight.

There is always a lot happening in our city, but over the next 12 months I am particularly excited about the Springvale Community Precinct project, especially the development of the new Library.

I am also looking forward to the Springvale Boulevard project, which will really uplift the main thoroughfare.

I am keen to work with our whole community, but I am particularly interested in supporting migrants and refugees in our city.

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

In the City of Greater Dandenong our population comes from more than 150 different birthplaces, and like me most of them came to our country for a better life.

I will continue to make our city the welcoming place that it is, and will work hard to promote understanding, tolerance and acceptance.

Our city is known as a city that likes to celebrate and we have many community festivals and events that run throughout the year.

This summer is going to be quite busy in Greater Dandenong and I personally am looking forward to all the exciting events coming up.

These include:

- Carols by Candlelight, which Councillors voted very recently to save. This will be held right here, outside in Harmony Square on Friday 15 December.
- New Year's Eve. For the last few years up to 10,000 people have celebrated the new year in Harmony Square, and we are expecting a huge crowd again.
- The Australia Day Festival, which is held in Dandenong Park. The day is always a celebration of the vibrant tapestry of cultures that make our city great.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the great work of our most recent Mayor, Councillor Jim Memeti.

Jim, you have led this Council with enthusiasm and dedication, and have attended hundreds of events and functions representing the people of this city. Your work is very much appreciated and valued.

Once again I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to working with you all to help Greater Dandenong become a real City of Opportunity for all.

Thank you".

Councillors were provided with an opportunity to thank the outgoing Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti and to welcome the Incoming Mayor for the 2017-18 term, Cr Youhorn Chea.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision making process for Council only for the 2018 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 2018. Special Council meetings are also held as required.

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 2018 calendar year as follows:

- Council holds two Ordinary Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2018; 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 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.

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.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018 (Cont.)

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.

MINUTE 458

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

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

CARRIED

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018 (Cont.)

BUSINESS

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

ATTACHMENT 1

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018

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 2018 (Cont.)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATES & LOCATIONS
2018

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Monday	29 January 2018	Dandenong
Monday	12 February 2018	Dandenong
Monday	26 February 2018	Dandenong
Tuesday*	13 March 2018	Dandenong
Monday	26 March 2018	Dandenong
Monday	9 April 2018	Dandenong
Monday	23 April 2018	Dandenong
Monday	14 May 2018	Dandenong
Monday	28 May 2018	Dandenong
Tuesday*	12 June 2018	Dandenong
Monday	25 June 2018	Dandenong
Monday	9 July 2018	Dandenong
Monday	23 July 2018	Dandenong
Monday	13 August 2018	Dandenong
Monday	27 August 2018	Dandenong
Monday	10 September 2018	Dandenong
Monday	24 September 2018	Dandenong
Monday	8 October 2018	Dandenong
Monday	22 October 2018	Dandenong
Monday	12 November 2018	Dandenong
Thursday^	15 November 2018	Dandenong
Monday	26 November 2018	Dandenong
Monday	10 December 2018	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:

2017-2018 Councillor Representation
Nominations

Report Summary

In conducting the business of Council and representing Council's interests in the wider community, City of Greater Dandenong 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 2017/18.

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 x 2

- A) That, for the 2017-2018 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.**
- B) That, for the 2017-2018 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.)

MINUTE 459

Moved by: Cr Sean O' Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

- A) That, for the 2017-2018 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

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a Conflict of Interest (Direct Interest) in Part(B) of 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 6.59pm.

MINUTE 460

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

- B) That, for the 2017-2018 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr Maria Sampey as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.**

CARRIED

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 7.00pm.

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

2017-2018 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 2017 – November 2018

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Past Councillor Liaison(s) 2016-2017 10/11/2016 – 16/11/ 2017	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Dandenong Show Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem (Interim appointments from 22 August 2017)	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Jim Memeti
Noble Park Community Action Forum Inc (NPCAF)	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades Cr Heang Tak
Noble Park Community Centre	Cr Sean O'Reilly (interim appointment August 2017)	Cr Sean O'Reilly (subject to confirmation by NPCC)
South East Community Links	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong
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 Sean O'Reilly 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

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 2017 – November 2018

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2016-2017 10/11/2016 – 16/11/2017	New Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018
Arts Advisory Board	Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Audit Advisory Committee (AAC)	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan <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 Jim Memeti Cr Angela Long	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 Heang Tak
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Tim Dark Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Zaynoun Melhem 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 Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong
Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades 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 Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Zaynoun Melhem
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 Heang Tak 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 2017 – November 2018

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2016-2017 10/11/2016 – 16/11/2017	New Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018
Leisure Contract Advisory Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long
Multicultural Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Zaynoun Melhem Cr Maria Sampey Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong
Positive Aging Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Reconciliation Working Group	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Communities Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan
Springvale Major Projects Advisory Group (SMPAG)	Mayor of the Day Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	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
Sustainability Reference Committee	Cr Tim Dark 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
The Heart of Greater Dandenong Charitable Fund Advisory Panel	Mayor of the Day Cr Sean O'Reilly	Mayor of the Day Cr Sean O'Reilly
Young Leaders	Mayor of the Day Ambassador – Cr Roz Blades Ambassador – Cr Tim Dark Ambassador – Cr Matthew Kirwan Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Zaynoun Melhem Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly	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

Councillor Representative

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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 2017 – November 2018

PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2016-2017 10/11/2016 – 16/11/ 2017	New Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018
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 Youhorn Chea
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate – Cr Heang Tak	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate – Cr Heang Tak

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2016-2017 10/11/2016 – 16/11/2017	New Councillor Representative(s) 2017-2018 16/11/2017-Nov 2018
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak
Eastern Transport Coalition #	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades
Inter Council Aboriginal Consultative Committee (ICACC)	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Local Governments'/Metropolitan Waste Management Forum #	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate 1 – Cr Heang Tak Alternate 2 – Cr Youhorn Chea
RoadSafe South East Inc.	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Regional Councillor Forum (Quarterly)	-	Cr Matthew Kirwan
South East Region Gas Company (SERGASCo)	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan

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3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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 City of Greater Dandenong.

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.

3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS (Cont.)

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 7.08PM.

Confirmed: / /

CHAIRPERSON