



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

ANNUAL STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2015

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 Peter Brown, Cr Youhorn Chea, Cr John Kelly, Cr Matthew Kirwan, Cr Angela Long, 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; Mark Doubleday, Director Community Services; Kylie Sprague, Acting Director Corporate Services; Paul Kearsley, Group Manager Greater Dandenong Business; Julie Reid, Director Engineering Services

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: A2008355
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

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

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

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

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

Recommendation

That Councillor _____ be elected temporary Chairperson.

MINUTE 1142

Moved by: Cr Roz Blades AM
Seconded by: Cr Youhorn Chea

That Councillor Sean O'Reilly be elected temporary Chairperson.

CARRIED

2.1 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON (Cont.)

WELCOME STATEMENT FROM CR SEAN O'REILLY, TEMPORARY CHAIR

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone here tonight for the Annual Meeting for the Election of the new Mayor.

A special welcome to:

- Members of the media.
- The City's Living Treasures who are here with us tonight:
 - Maria Erdeg;
 - Peter Jabbour OAM; and
 - Nag-a-muth-u Ram-a-ling-am.
- Families and friends of my fellow Councillors.
- And a special welcome to all the faith leaders here tonight:
 - President of the Interfaith Network, Reverend Father Robert Stickland from the Ukrainian Catholic Church;
 - Mr Leng Chaiwatanatorn from the Chua Quan Thanh Temple;
 - Venerable Ol Sam from the Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria;
 - Mary-Ann Spencer, Trinity Uniting Church;
 - Erika Watts, St Johns German Lutheran Church;
 - Mr Murray Loble, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;
 - Roz Blades representing the Jewish faith;
 - Ms Jan Becker, representing Falun Dafa;
 - Helen Heath OAM, President of the Interfaith Network;
 - Venerable Sen Then from the Khmer Buddhist Centre;
 - Mrs Agnes Kean from the Spritual Assembly of the Bahais Greater Dandenong;
 - Reverend Jeffrey Parker from St James Anglican Church;
 - Very Reverend Father George El'Khoury from St Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church; and
 - Ms Ursula Aruma representing the Sri Sathya Sai Organisation.

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: A2008355
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. The Minister for Local Government reviewed the limits and ranges of Mayoral and Councillor allowances and determined an increase effective from 1 December 2014. (Note that this decision was made by the Minister for Local Government and was not a Council decision).

Background

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

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 2014 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	\$11,771 - \$28,202 per annum
Mayor	up to \$90,081 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.)

As required under section 74(1) of the LGA, Council undertook a review of councillor and mayoral allowances and on 24 June 2013 subsequently endorsed that allowances for the next four years remain at the highest amount of the Category 3 level.

	Allowance As at 1 December 2014
Councillor Allowance	\$28,202
Mayoral Allowance	\$90,081

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 2014 by the Minister for Local Government be noted.

MINUTE 1143

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong

Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

That the Mayoral and Councillor allowances as indexed on 1 December 2014 by the Minister for Local Government be noted.

CARRIED

2.2 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES (Cont.)

OUTGOING SPEECH BY CR SEAN O'REILLY

"Good evening everyone.

I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay my respects to their elders, both past and present.

It's been an honour to serve as Mayor of the City of Opportunity and I would like to thank my fellow councillors for the confidence they showed in me to lead this great city by giving this privilege to a first time councillor. I hope I have shown to be worthy of this confidence.

I would like to particularly thank CEO John Bennie and the Executive Management Team and Council staff for their support, dedication, knowledge and commitment to serving the Greater Dandenong community.

A special thanks to Jo Thorn, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Councillors. Jo's organisational skills are so important to the successful running of the Mayor and Councillors' office. Jo is always accommodating, and goes over and above to help us out.

I thank my fellow councillors who have supported me, and the many community members I have met and partnered with.

Most importantly, I thank my family for their understanding of the times I have not been at home.

I have tried to be accessible to any resident that wished to contact me directly, answered phone calls and emails and made sure that I listened and a response was received to residents' queries.

Together, I believe we have achieved great things for our community and seen significant progress on a number of projects across our city.

Some highlights for me were:

- the opening of the Noble Park Skate Park;
- commencement of works on the Springvale Civic Space Master plan & plans for Revitalization of Springvale central;
- the continuation of the Revitalising Central Dandenong Project. The increased utilisation of Harmony Square and its embrace by the community;
- advocating for community infrastructure in Keysborough; and
- the installation and official opening of the Springvale Asian Gateway

In closing, I'd like to wish our new mayor all the best for a productive year. There are many challenges and opportunities in being a focal point of attention and decision-making. But the overall experience, particularly in this municipality, is unique and rewarding.

The new Mayor can call on me at any time for advice and has my full support. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together as a council and community in 2016.

Thank you."

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

File Id: A2008355
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 2015-2016 Mayoral term, then Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. Section 71(1) of the *Local Government Act* 1989 provides that the election of the Mayor must be undertaken at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

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

Recommendation

That _____ be appointed Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term.

Cr Roz Blades nominated Cr Heang Tak for the position of Mayor for the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term, seconded by Cr Youhorn Chea.

Cr Matthew Kirwan nominated Cr Peter Brown for the position of Mayor for the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term, seconded by Cr Maria Sampey.

Cr Loi Truong nominated himself for the position of Mayor for the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term, seconded by Cr Angela Long.

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

Cr John Kelly nominated himself for the position of Mayor for the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term, seconded by Cr Peter Brown.

No further nominations were received.

MINUTE 1144

Moved by: Cr Roz Blades AM
Seconded by: Cr Youhorn Chea

That Cr Heang Tak be appointed Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong for the 2015-2016 term.

CARRIED (BY SHOW OF HANDS)

For Cr Peter Brown: Cr Peter Brown, Cr Matthew Kirwan (called for the division), Cr Maria Sampey, Cr Loi Truong

For Cr Heang Tak: Cr Roz Blades AM, Cr Youhorn Chea, Cr John Kelly, Cr Angela Long, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Heang Tak

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

INCOMING SPEECH BY CR HEANG TAK, MAYOR

"Good evening everyone.

I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered tonight and pay my respects to their elders, both past and present.

I would also like to acknowledge:

- outgoing Mayor, Cr Sean O'Reilly;
- my fellow Councillors;
- Council CEO, Mr John Bennie PSM;
- Council Executive members and staff;
- my family, friends and supporters;
- representatives from the local media; and
- ladies and gentlemen.

I am very proud to be the newly elected Mayor of the City of Greater Dandenong.

I love this city. I've lived in Greater Dandenong for over 19 years and have loyally represented the residents of Paperbark Ward for the past 3 years.

It is a great honour to now be selected as Mayor for the year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Councillors for their continued hard work and for the faith they have now placed in me to direct Council, and our wonderful, diverse community, into the future.

The opportunity to represent Greater Dandenong as Mayor is a great privilege, but of course comes with much responsibility.

Over the years, as an active community member and Councillor, I have had the opportunity to listen to and connect with people from all walks of life who call our city home, to listen to their needs and to support them through their challenges.

Their stories and experiences are valuable and I will do my best as Mayor to represent each and every one of them.

The position of Mayor is a challenging one that calls upon a person to contribute not just skill, but also heart.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the achievements of Cr Sean O'Reilly, Greater Dandenong's outgoing Mayor, who has shown great measures of both during his term.

Thank you Sean, for your vast contribution to our community. Your passion and dedication for our city, and your care for those who call it home, has been clear to see.

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

The Greater Dandenong community is especially grateful for your role in:

- opening the Springvale Asian Gateway;
- bringing to life the Noble Park Skate Park;
- overseeing the initial stages of the Springvale Civic Space Master Plan; and
- the naming of Harmony Square.

I hope to build upon your hard work during my term as Mayor with the ongoing support and direction of Council's CEO John Bennie, and the Executive team.

In my time as Paperbark Ward Councillor I have been a strong advocate for new and improved open spaces in Greater Dandenong.

In 2016, I am especially looking forward to being involved in:

- the upgrade of facilities at Tattersson Park;
- continued progress towards new and improved community facilities as part of the Springvale Civic Space Master Plan; and
- investing in streetscape improvements in central Springvale.

Additional open spaces, more attractive streets, and better recreation areas will make our city even more of a preferred place to live, work and play.

Although there is a lot to look forward to, I know that the year ahead will not be without its challenges.

The State Government's rate capping measures, for example, pose some uncertainty for us and the unique programs and services we offer to our community. We are yet to see how this and other changes will affect our planning for the future.

Our community is relying on us to work together to address the challenges that Greater Dandenong faces.

While my official title has now changed, some things will always remain the same. I will be as approachable and accessible as ever in addressing and responding to resident concerns.

Please be assured my door is always open, and that I will continue to listen, be open and honest, and work hard for all the Greater Dandenong community.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to my family and friends who have offered their support to me during my time at Council and who I know will continue to do so over the busy year ahead.

My wife, Manette, deserves a very special mention.

Thank you for electing me as Mayor of Greater Dandenong and for being here for this important occasion.

Enjoy the rest of your evening."

2.3 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (Cont.)

Councillors were provided with an opportunity to thank the outgoing Mayor, Cr Sean O'Reilly and to welcome the incoming Mayor for the 2015-2016 term, Cr Heang Tak.

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

File Id:	A2129231
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Council Meetings 2016

Report Summary

This report proposes a meeting cycle and decision making process for Council only for the 2016 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 2015. 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 2016 calendar year as follows:

- Council holds two Ordinary Council meetings per month with the exception of January and December 2016; 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 2016 (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 1145

Moved by: Cr Roz Blades AM

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

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

CARRIED

2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016 (Cont.)

BUSINESS

PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

ATTACHMENT 1

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016

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2.4 PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016 (Cont.)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATES & LOCATIONS
2016

DAY	DATE	VENUE
Monday	25 January 2016	Dandenong
Monday	8 February 2016	Dandenong
Monday	22 February 2016	Dandenong
Tuesday*	15 March 2016	Dandenong
Tuesday*	29 March 2016	Dandenong
Monday	11 April 2016	Dandenong
Tuesday*	26 April 2016	Dandenong
Monday	9 May 2016	Dandenong
Monday	23 May 2016	Dandenong
Tuesday*	14 June 2016	Dandenong
Monday	27 June 2016	Dandenong
Monday	11 July 2016	Dandenong
Monday	25 July 2016	Dandenong
Monday	8 August 2016	Dandenong
Monday	22 August 2016	Dandenong
Monday	12 September 2016	Dandenong
Monday	26 September 2016	Dandenong
Monday	10 October 2016	Dandenong
Monday	24 October 2016	Dandenong
Thursday^	3 November 2016	Dandenong
Monday	14 November 2016	Dandenong
Monday	28 November 2016	Dandenong
Monday	12 December 2016	Dandenong

* Tuesday meeting due to Public Holiday on the Monday.

^ Annual Statutory Meeting of Council for Election of the Mayor (commencing at 6.00pm).

- All meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers (Level 2, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong) unless otherwise advised.
- Meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless otherwise advised.
- All Ordinary Meetings listed are web cast live at www.greaterdandenong.com.
- 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:	fA58698
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	2015-2016 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 2015/16.

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 1

That, for the 2015-2016 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.

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

MINUTE 1146

Moved by: Cr Matthew Kirwan

Seconded by: Cr Maria Sampey

That:

1. **for the 2015-2016 Mayoral term, Council appoints Councillors Liaisons and Councillor Representative 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.**
2. **Council also appoints Cr Matthew Kirwan as representative to the South East Community Links Committee and to the Community Safety Advisory Committee.**

CARRIED

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 at 6.54pm prior to discussion and voting on this item.

Recommendation 2

That, for the 2015-2016 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr _____ as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.

Cr Angela Long nominated Cr John Kelly to be appointed as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd, seconded by Cr Roz Blades AM.

Cr Matthew Kirwan nominated Cr Maria Sampey to be appointed as the Council Representative to the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd, seconded by Cr Peter Brown.

MINUTE 1147

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Roz Blades AM

That, for the 2015-2016 Mayoral term, Council appoints Cr John Kelly 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.)

CARRIED (BY SHOW OF HANDS)

For Cr John Kelly: Cr Roz Blades AM, Cr Youhorn Chea, Cr John Kelly, Cr Angela Long, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Heang Tak

For Cr Peter Brown: Cr Peter Brown, Cr Matthew Kirwan (called for the division), Cr Maria Sampey, Cr Loi Truong

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 6:58pm.

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

2015-2016 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 and Peak Industry Bodies

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Past Liaison(s) 2014-2015 06/11/2014-05/11/2015	Council Liaison(s) 2015-2016 05/11/2015-Nov 2016
Cyrene Centre #	Cr Roz Blades Alternate – Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Alternate – Cr Maria Sampey
Dandenong and District Historical Society	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Dandenong Benevolent Society	Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti
Country Fire Authority	Cr Jim Memeti Cr Loi Truong	Cr Jim Memeti Cr Loi Truong
Noble Park Community Action Forum Inc	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades
South East Community Links (<i>now incorporates SCAAB and DCAB</i>)	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Heang Tak 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 Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Heang Tak Cr Loi Truong
Springvale Benevolent Society	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong

Councillor Liaison

It is not essential for Council to be involved in these groups – Councillors are only involved when they have the interest, the time and the inclination

Protocols

Councillor Liaisons act as a liaison point between the organisation and Council as a whole and provide advice to Council or the organisation when decisions or relevant policy matters are discussed. Councillor Liaisons will generally keep informed about the work and functions of the organisation and support the role of the organisation in accordance with Council policy or direction. If a Councillor chooses to stand as an office bearer of the organisation this is undertaken separately to the role of Councillor Liaison.

NB:

denotes alternate councillor required when nominated councillor cannot attend a meeting.

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

Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations and Peak Industry Bodies

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Representative(s) 2014-2015 06/11/2014-05/11/2015	Council Representative(s) 2015-2016 05/11/2015-Nov 2016
Audit Advisory Committee (AAC)	Mayor of the Day - Cr Sean O'Reilly Past Mayor - Cr Jim Memeti	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>
CEO Performance Review Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Peter Brown Cr John Kelly Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Maria Sampey	Mayor of the Day Cr Peter Brown Cr John Kelly Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti
Children & Family Partnership	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades
Community Safety Advisory Committee	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey	Mayor of the Day Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd	Cr John Kelly Refer Note *	Cr John Kelly
Dandenong Stadium Advisory Board	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long
Disability Advisory Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey
Disability Community Reference Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Angela Long Cr Maria Sampey Cr Loi Truong
Drum Advisory Committee	Cr Peter Brown	Cr Peter Brown
Family Violence Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Heang Tak	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Cr Heang Tak
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea

(Cont....)

Note * The DMPL Management Services Agreement does not specifically require an 'alternate' Council representative. Council's Representative will seek a substitute or alternate if ever this is required.

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 and Peak Industry Bodies

Organisation	Past Representative(s) 2014-2015 06/11/2014-05/11/2015	Council Representative(s) 2015-2016 05/11/2015-Nov 2016
Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group <i>(may change to Health and Wellbeing Community Reference Group subject to Council Meeting of 23 November 2015)</i>	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr. Maria Sampey	Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr. Maria Sampey
Historical Societies and Civic Collection Future Directions Working Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan
Leisure Contract Advisory Group <i>(previously Aquatics Facilities Advisory group and Springers Leisure Centre Advisory Group)</i>	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Matthew Kirwan
Lyndale Community Reference Group	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Positive Aging Advisory Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey
Positive Aging Community Reference Group	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan Cr Maria Sampey
Public Art Advisory Group	Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Matthew Kirwan
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Communities Advisory Committee	Cr Roz Blades Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Roz Blades Cr Youhorn Chea Cr Matthew Kirwan
Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Angela Long Alternate - Cr Matthew Kirwan
Young Leaders	Mayor of the Day Ambassador – Cr Matthew Kirwan Ambassador – Cr Heang Tak Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly	Mayor of the Day Ambassador – Cr Matthew Kirwan Ambassador – Cr Heang Tak Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly

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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 and Peak Industry Bodies

PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

Organisation	Past Representative(s) 2014-2015 06/11/2014-05/11/2015	Council Representative(s) 2015-2016 05/11/2015-Nov 2016
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #	Cr Peter Brown Alternate – Cr Matthew Kirwan	Cr Peter Brown Alternate – Cr Roz Blades
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #	Cr Youhom Chea Alternate – Cr Heang Tak	Cr Matthew Kirwan Alternate – Cr Heang Tak

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Representative(s) 2014-2015 06/11/2014-05/11/2015	Council Representative(s) 2015-2016 05/11/2015-Nov 2016
Alliance for Gambling Reform	Cr Matthew Kirwan (<i>nominated by Council on 10/08/15 to 10/08/16</i>)	Cr Matthew Kirwan (<i>to 10/08/16</i>)
Eastern Region Group of Councils (Mayor and CEO)	Mayor of the Day Chief Executive Officer	Mayor of the Day Chief Executive Officer
Eastern Transport Coalition # (previously ERITG)	Cr Roz Blades	Cr Roz Blades
Inter Council Aboriginal Consultative Committee	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
Local Governments/Metropolitan Waste Management Forum #	Cr John Kelly	Cr John Kelly
Roadsafe Committee – Outer South East Inc	Cr Angela Long	Cr Angela Long
South East Melbourne Group of Councils (Mayor and CEO)	Mayor of the Day Chief Executive Officer	Mayor of the Day Chief Executive Officer
South East Region Gas Company (SERGASCO)	Cr John Kelly	Cr John Kelly

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3 RECOGNITION OF FAITH LEADERS

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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 eighteen (18) 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 acknowledged the role of the all faiths within our diverse community and welcomed all faith leaders attending the Annual Statutory Meeting.

The Mayor invited the President of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, Reverend Father Robert Stickland 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 shook the Reverend Father Robert Stickland's hand, 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 Faith Community Leaders here tonight.

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

The meeting closed at 7:04PM.

Confirmed: / /

CHAIRPERSON