

# Councillor Representation on Committees, Community Organisations and Associations, Peak Industry Bodies and Regional Organisations – 13 November 2025 – 12 November 2026

## 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) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2023 – 26 Oct 2024	New Councillor Liaison(s) 2024-2025 13 Nov 2024 – 13 Nov 2025	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
<b>Dandenong and District Historical Society</b>  This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Angela Long	Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	The Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled on Sunday 19 October, 2pm  Once a year in October
<b>Dandenong Show Committee</b>  This committee is for discussion around running and promoting the show, maintenance, legislative matters, changes to insurance, Council matters.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Cr Bob Milkovic Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Current	Biannually  The Dandenong Show is scheduled for the weekend of 8–9 November.
<b>Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network</b>  The Interfaith Network is a group of diverse religious faith leaders working in partnership to promote peace and harmony within the municipality. Meeting schedule is determined by the group.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan	Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026</li> <li>Annual Gathering - 19<sup>th</sup> August 2026</li> <li>Members Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026</li> <li>AGM – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026</li> </ul>

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<b>South East Community Links</b>  South East Community Links provides a range of programs and support services for refugees and migrants, children, young people and volunteers.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Phillip Danh Cr Loi Truong  Alternate - Cr Sean O'Reilly	Current	The SECL Board meets 8 to 10 times per year, in addition to committee meetings. Dates for 2026 have not yet been finalised, but meetings are typically held once a month, usually on the second Tuesday.
<b>Springvale and District Historical Society</b>  This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sean O'Reilly	Current	The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled on Saturday 25 October  Once a year in October
<b>Springvale Benevolent Society</b>  The Springvale Benevolent Society provides assistance to families in crisis in the Springvale, Noble Park and Keysborough areas.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Loi Truong	Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong	Current	The Board of Directors meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month, and their AGM is usually held on the fourth Tuesday of September.

### 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.

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**COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

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<b>Arts Advisory Board</b>  This committee is intended to meet quarterly and provide high level advice to Council regarding the strategic direction for arts, including Drum Theatre, within the municipality. It incorporates the functions of the former Public Arts Advisory Committee and the Drum Theatre Advisory Committee.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Isabella Do	Current	Quarterly  Next meeting: Thursday 20 November, 6pm–8pm  2026 Dates: February, May, August and November – Usually the third Thursday of the month.
<b>Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)</b>  This committee is required under the Local Government Act 2020 and considers a wide range of internal control issues, external audit, internal audit, risk management and performance measures of Council. Membership comprises three externally appointed members and two Councillors. The committee currently meets on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and November)  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad	Mayor of the Day Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	Quarterly  March June September December
<b>CEO Employment &amp; Remuneration Committee (changed from CEO Performance Review Committee by Policy)</b>  This Committee is responsible for conducting performance reviews of the CEO and reporting outcomes back to the wider Council for consideration.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Isabella Do Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Biannually

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<b>Children &amp; Family Partnership</b>  The partnership group meets bi-monthly to implement the Greater Dandenong Children's Plan, Greater Dandenong Communities for Children and Greater Dandenong Best Start projects.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Quarterly  Next meeting: 17 November  2026 Dates: February May August November
<b>Community Safety Advisory Committee</b>  This group meets on a quarterly basis and advises Council on matters regarding perceptions of safety and actual levels of crime and safety in the municipality.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Mayor of the Day Cr Angela Long Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Phillip Danh Cr Isabella Do Cr Sophie Tan Cr Melinda Yim	On Hold	TBC
<b>Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee</b>  This group meets on a quarterly basis and provides high level advice regarding Council's civic collection, plaques, memorials and historical archives. Membership comprises representatives from both historical societies from the municipality, Councillors, Council staff and industry representatives.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Angela Long	Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	Quarterly  Next meeting: Thursday 30 October, 5.30pm-7pm  Future meeting dates: 2025: 18 December (date TBC)  2026 Dates: February, May, August and November – Usually the fourth Thursday of the month.

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<b>Dandenong Market Pty Ltd</b>  The Dandenong Market Pty Ltd is a company established by Council for the purposes of managing the Dandenong Market. Council is the sole shareholder of the company which reports regularly on its performance to Council under a Management Services Agreement between the two bodies. The Company is comprised of five Directors who oversee the work of staff employed directly by the Company. Company Board meetings are held monthly.  <i>Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam</i>	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Tim Dark	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Bob Milkovic	Current	Monthly
<b>Disability Advisory Committee</b>  This group meets quarterly and assists in the development of strategies relating to Council's response to the community's access issues and advises Council on priorities when reviewing the Disability Action Plan.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Angela Long	Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Bi-monthly 20 October 25 15 December 25  2026 Dates: February, April, June, August, October and December – Usually third week of the month to occur on CBS meeting date on Monday.
<b>LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee</b>  Establishment of the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee aligns with the Greater Dandenong Council Plan and the objectives of Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework and contributes to Council's strong commitment to engaging LGBTIQA+ communities in a genuine and meaningful way by bringing together local knowledge, expertise, and stakeholders to support Council's decision-making process.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>		Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	Every three months.

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<b>LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum</b>  Since 2018, the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum has been advocating for the rights of people seeking asylum to the Federal and Victorian Government.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day	Current	Bimonthly
<b>Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee</b>  This group will meet quarterly to provide advice to Council on policies, plans and services that impact our multicultural communities. It will add value to other forms of community engagement used by Council to consult with and engage on issues relating to people seeking asylum, refugees and the broader multicultural communities.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day	Current	Every 3 months
<b>Positive Ageing Advisory Committee</b>  This group meets bi-monthly and supports Council in addressing the needs and concerns of older people within the municipality. The committee contributes to the development of strategies that promote wellbeing, inclusion, and active ageing. It also provides guidance on the implementation of initiatives outlined in Council's Positive Ageing Strategy.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Sophie Tan Cr Loi Truong Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Bi-monthly 16 October 25 11 December 25  2026 Dates: February, April, June, August, October and December – Usually second Thursday of the month.
<b>South East Leisure Pty Ltd</b>  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Angela Long	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	Meetings held monthly commencing at 5pm-7pm

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<b>Springvale Community Hub Committee</b>  The City of Greater Dandenong manages the Springvale Community Hub, which is located on the eastern side of Springvale Road. The hub has been developed to build on the strengths of the Springvale community and surrounds and aims to create a Community and civic heart in Springvale.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Cr Richard Lim OAM Cr Loi Truong	Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Sean O'Reilly  Alternate - Cr Isabella Do Alternate - Cr Loi Truong	Disbanded and replaced by the new Community Hubs Reference Group  Refer Below	Not Applicable
<b>Community Hubs Advisory Committee</b>  The purpose of the Community Hubs Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Council on matters related to community development, engagement, and the promotion, evaluation, and development of all community hubs within the municipality.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>		2 x Councillor Representatives Required	New	Quarterly  Next meeting: Wednesday 19 November, 5.30pm – 7pm  2026 Dates (TBC): February, May, August and November – Aiming for the third Wednesday of the month.
<b>Sustainability Advisory Committee</b>  This group meets quarterly to support Council in engaging with the community on various sustainability and climate change matters, and to provide feedback on the development and implementation of sustainability projects, policies and strategies.  <i>Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam</i>	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Isabella Do	Revised Terms of Reference to be determined by Council at the 27 October Council meeting. If adopted, committee will recommence in 2026	Biannually

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<b>Young Leaders</b>  The Young Leaders program provides leadership and project management skills and serves as a representative group of young people for Council consultation and engagement.  <i>Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies</i>	Mayor of the Day Ambassador - Cr Lana Formoso 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 Phillip Danh Ambassador – Cr Jim Memeti Ambassador – Cr Sean O'Reilly Ambassador – Cr Sophie Tan Ambassador - Cr Rhonda Garad Ambassador - Cr Melinda Yim Ambassador - Cr Alice Phuong Le	Current	One Meet and Greet Session – (approx. June) One Young Leaders Presentation on their final projects at a Council Meeting (typically held September-October).
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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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**PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES**

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<b>Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) #</b>  The ALGWA aims to assist in furthering knowledge and understanding of the function of local government and to encourage the participation of women in local government at all levels. It also protects the interests and rights of women in local government and acts in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for local government elections.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Current	ALGWA Victoria hosts monthly online forums, regular committee meetings, and an annual state conference
<b>Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) #</b>  The MAV is the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. Formed in 1879, it has a long tradition of supporting councils and councillors. Its role is to advocate local government interests, build the capacity of Victorian councils, facilitate effective networks, initiate policy development and advice, support councillors and promote the role of local government.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Sean O'Reilly Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Biannually
<b>Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) #</b>  The VLGA advocates for social change and empowers local governments by strengthening their capacity to engage with their communities. It is governed by an elected Board of councillor and individual members and is broad-based both geographically and politically. Its members are from rural and regional, interface and metropolitan areas and from a wide range of (or no) political affiliations.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Sophie Tan	Current	Monthly

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**REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Past Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2023 – 26 Oct 2024</b>	<b>New Councillor Representative(s) 2024-2025 13 Nov 2024 – 13 Nov 2025</b>	<b>Status Update</b>	<b>Meeting Date and Frequency</b>
<b>Alliance for Gambling Reform</b>  The Alliance for Gambling Reform is a collaboration of organisations with a shared concern about the harmful and unfair impacts of gambling and its normalisation in Australian culture.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Cr Sophie Tan	Cr Sophie Tan Alternate - Cr Rhonda Garad	Current	Annually  Meetings are organised as required.
<b>Eastern Transport Coalition</b>  The Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC) consists of Melbourne's seven eastern metropolitan councils. Combined, the ETC represents approximately one million residents and advocates for sustainable and integrated transport services that reduce car dependency. It aims to work with Federal and State governments to ensure the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Melbourne's outer east.	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Isabella Do	Current	Monthly. Typically 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
<b>Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM)</b>  Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) advocates for jobs, infrastructure, investment, liveability, sustainability and wellbeing for the southeast and everyone who works and lives in the region.  GSEM includes the shires of Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula, and the cities of Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Knox and Monash.  <i>Chief Executive Officer – Jacqui Weatherill</i>	Mayor of the Day	Mayor of the Day	Current	Monthly CEO meetings.

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**MINISTERIAL APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP**

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2023-2024 16 Nov 2023 – 26 Oct 2024	New Councillor Representative(s) 2024-2025 13 Nov 2024 – 13 Nov 2025	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
<b>2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel</b>  The Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel (LGMAP) is appointed and chaired by the Minister for Local Government. The panel advises the Minister on a range of legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy decisions which impact the local government sector. Meetings of the LGMAP are usually scheduled between March and October to account for mayoral terms and to enable the Minister to select and appoint new members each year.  <i>Executive Director Strategy &amp; Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari</i>	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only	Current	In 2025, meetings were held on: 24 April 11 June 19 August 8 October  Extraordinary meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Minister.
<b>Recycling Victoria Local Government Advisory Committee</b>  The role of the Recycling Victoria Advisory Committee is to provide advice and insights to the Minister for Environment and Head, Recycling Victoria on Recycling Victoria's strategic priorities, to support Victoria's transition to a circular economy.	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only	No representation required - remove	

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**ORGANISATION CESSATION**

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<b>Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group (MPAG)</b>  The Mills Reserve Precinct Advisory Group has been established to guide the project team during the development and implementation of the Mills Reserve Precinct Plan and the Dandenong Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre design.  Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam	Cr Lana Formoso Cr Angela Long Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Sophie Tan	To be dissolved	
<b>Taylor's Road Landfill Community Reference Group #</b>  This community group meets monthly with SUEZ, the landfill operator. Membership is constituted of SUEZ and local community representatives and is chaired by SUEZ. Council has observer status at this forum.  Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam	Cr Angela Long Alternate – Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	No further representation required - remove. Is now operational focus.	Quarterly evening meetings.
<b>South Eastern Councils Biodiversity Network (SECBN)</b>  This is planned as an annual roundtable event to be hosted by the South Eastern Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) with the first one scheduled for early 2025. This network has been formed in response to Notice of Motion No. 22 by Cr Garad and will comprise of Councillors and Council Officers from the cities of Bayside, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula Shire and Port Phillip.	NA	Cr Rhonda Garad	No representation required – remove. SECBN does not currently exist. Council awaiting SECCCA to initiate inaugural meeting.	
<b>South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) Councillor Advisory Group</b>  SECCCA is a regional body that supports member Council's in south-east Melbourne to address the challenges of climate change at both a regional and municipal level. The Councillor Advisory Group meets on average once a quarter to discuss SECCCA's progress against its strategic plan and other climate change and sustainability related matters.	Cr Rhonda Garad	Cr Lana Formoso	Council resolved at the 14 April 2025 Council Meeting to cease its SECCCA membership from 1 July 2025. As such, this should be removed from the list	