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 Liaison(s) 2025-2026 13 Nov 2025 – 12 Nov 2026	New Liaison(s) 2026-2027 13 Nov 2026 – 11 Nov 2027	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
Dandenong and District Historical Society This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Melinda Yim	Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Once a year in October The Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled on Sunday 18 October, 2pm
Dandenong Show Committee This committee is for discussion around running and promoting the show, maintenance, legislative matters, changes to insurance, Council matters. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Melinda Yim Alternate – Cr Bob Milkovic	Cr Melinda Yim Alternate – Cr Bob Milkovic	Current	Biannually The Dandenong Show is scheduled for the weekend of 14-15 November.
Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network 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. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day	Current	Each financial year, the IFN holds a minimum of: - 1 x Annual General Meeting - 4 x Executive Committee Meetings - 2 x Members' Meetings. The IFN AGM is scheduled on Wednesday 9 December 2026.

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South East Community Links South East Community Links provides a range of programs and support services for refugees and migrants, children, young people and volunteers. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Isabella Do Alternate - Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Isabella Do Alternate - Cr Sean O'Reilly	Current	The SECL Board and Subcommittees meets 16-18 times per year. The Board meets 8-10 per year and the Subcommittees meet 6-8 times per year. Dates for 2027 have not yet been finalised, but meetings are still typically held once a month, usually on the second Tuesday.
Springvale and District Historical Society This organisation collects and displays historical information from the local area. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Alice Phoung Le	Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Alice Phoung Le	Current	Once a year in October The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was scheduled on Sunday 18 October 2026 at 2pm (combined with Dandenong and District Historical Society)
Springvale Benevolent Society The Springvale Benevolent Society provides assistance to families in crisis in the Springvale, Noble Park and Keysborough areas. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Melinda Yim Cr Isabella Do Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Loi Truong	Cr Melinda Yim Cr Isabella Do Cr Alice Phuong Le Cr Loi Truong Cr Sean O'Reilly	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.

COUNCIL GROUPS & COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2025-2026 13 Nov 2025 – 12 Nov 2026	New Councillor Representative(s) 2026-2027 13 Nov 2026 – 11 Nov 2027	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
Arts Advisory Board 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. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Isabella Do	Cr Isabella Do	Current	Quarterly Next meeting: Thursday 19 November 2026, 6pm–8pm 2027 Dates: February, May, August and November – Usually the third Thursday of the month.
Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) 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) *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan Cr Rhonda Garad *(stepped down from the Committee following 4 June 2026 meeting)* Alternate - Cr Melinda Yim	Mayor of the Day Cr Melinda Yim Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Quarterly March June September December
Australia Day Community Assessment Panel *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan Cr Lana Formoso Cr Alice Phuong Le	Mayor of the Day - Cr Lana Formoso Cr Alice Phuong Le	Current	Maximum of 3 Councillors (including Mayor/Deputy Mayor of the day) Panel application scoring occurs mid-late October every year. Panel Assessment meeting held in late October/early November every year.

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CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee (changed from CEO Performance Review Committee by Policy) This Committee is responsible for conducting performance reviews of the CEO and reporting outcomes back to the wider Council for consideration. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Mayor of the Day Cr Isabella Do Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Melinda Yim Cr Isabella Do Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day - Cr Lana Formoso Cr Rhonda Garad Cr Jim Memeti Cr Sean O'Reilly Cr Melinda Yim Cr Isabella Do Cr Sophie Tan	Current	Biannually
Children & Family Partnership 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. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Quarterly, online with two in person network meetings at Keysborough Community Hub Dates 2026: 19 November 2026 (online) Dates 2027: 18 February 2027 (Online), 14 April 2027 (Face to face – Room TBC), 20 May 2027 (Online), 15 July 2027 (Online), 15 September 2027 (Face to face – Room TBC), 18 November 2027 (Online)
Community Safety Advisory Committee 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. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan Cr Phillip Danh Cr Isabella Do Cr Melinda Yim	Mayor of the Day – Cr Phillip Danh Cr Isabella Do Cr Melinda Yim	On Hold	TBC

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Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee 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. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day –	Current	Quarterly 2026 Dates: Thursday 26 November 2027 Dates: February, May, August and November – Usually the fourth Thursday of the month.
Dandenong Market Pty Ltd 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. *Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam*	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Bob Milkovic	Mayor of the Day -	Current	Monthly
Disability Advisory Committee The Disability Advisory Committee has been established to provide advice to the City of Greater Dandenong Council in relation to access, inclusion and services in the community and on the development or implementation of the Disability Action Plan. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Melinda Yim	Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Bi-monthly on a Monday

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LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Cr Isabella Do	Cr Isabella Do Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Every three months.
LG Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day –	Current	Bimonthly
Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan	Mayor of the Day –	Current	Every 3 months

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Positive Ageing Advisory Committee The Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (PAAC) provides advice to the City of Greater Dandenong Council in relation to the needs, aspirations and wellbeing of older people in the community, and on the development or implementation of the Positive Ageing Strategy. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Loi Truong Cr Melinda Yim	Cr Loi Truong Cr Melinda Yim	Current	Bi-monthly Remaining 2026 Dates: December – Usually second Thursday of the month.
South East Leisure Pty Ltd *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	Cr Lana Formoso *(stepped down from the Committee in March 2026)* Cr Philip Danh *(appointed as Cr Representative at the Council Meeting on 16 March 2026)* Alternate - Cr Isabella Do	Cr Phillip Danh Alternate – Cr Isabella Do	Current	Quarterly Commencing at 5pm-8pm
Sustainability Advisory Committee 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. *Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam*	Cr Isabella Do Alternate - Cr Melinda Yim	Cr Isabella Do Alternate – Cr Melinda Yim	New	Biannually

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Young Leaders The Young Leaders program provides leadership and project management skills and serves as a representative group of young people for Council consultation and engagement. *Executive Director Community Strengthening – Peta Gillies*	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	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).

Councillor Representative
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Protocols
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PEAK INDUSTRY BODIES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2025-2026 13 Nov 2025 – 12 Nov 2026	New Councillor Representative(s) 2026-2027 13 Nov 2026 – 11 Nov 2027	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) # 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Cr Alice Phuong Le	Cr Alice Phuong Le	Current	ALGWA Victoria hosts monthly online forums, regular committee meetings, and an annual state conference
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) # 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Cr Sean O'Reilly	Cr Sean O'Reilly	Current	Biannually
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) # 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Isabella Do	Cr Lana Formoso Alternate – Cr Isabella Do	Current	Monthly

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2025-2026 13 Nov 2025 – 12 Nov 2026	New Councillor Representative(s) 2026-2027 13 Nov 2026 – 11 Nov 2027	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
Alliance for Gambling Reform 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Lana Formoso	Current	Meetings are organised as required.
Eastern Transport Coalition 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. *Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam*	Cr Isabella Do Alternate – Cr Phillip Danh	Cr Isabella Do Alternate – Cr Phillip Danh	Current	Monthly Typically, the third Thursday of the month.
Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) 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. *Chief Executive Officer – Jacqui Weatherill*	Mayor of the Day – Cr Sophie Tan Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Mayor of the Day - Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Current	Monthly CEO meetings.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTED MEMBERSHIP

Organisation	Past Councillor Representative(s) 2025-2026 13 Nov 2025 – 12 Nov 2026	New Councillor Representative(s) 2026-2027 13 Nov 2026 – 11 Nov 2027	Status Update	Meeting Date and Frequency
2020 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel 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. *Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services – Marjan Hajjari*	Appointment by Minister only	Appointment by Minister only	Current	In 2026, meetings were held on: 26 March 1 July Extraordinary meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Minister. Meeting dates for 2027 have not yet been published.
Recycling Victoria Local Government Advisory Committee 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	
Taylors Road Landfill Community Reference Group This group meets monthly with SUEZ, the landfill operator. Membership comprises SUEZ representatives and local community members and meetings are chaired by SUEZ. Council participates in an observer capacity. The Committee plays an important role in monitoring compliance with environmental standards, facilitating communication between stakeholders and providing feedback on operational issues and community concerns. *Executive Director City Futures – Sanjay Manivasagasivam*		Cr Rhonda Garad Alternate – Cr Jim Memeti	Current	Monthly

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