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# AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING TO ELECT MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

To be held on Thursday 30 November 2023 at 6.00pm

**This Council Meeting will be held at Preston City Hall,  
284 Gower Street, Preston.**

**This meeting is scheduled to be held 'wholly in person'  
and will be open to the public.**

**This meeting will also be livestreamed and may be  
accessed from Councils website [www.darebin.vic.gov.au](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au).**



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

هذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحاضر، يرجى الاتصال بالهاتف 8470 8888.

### Chinese

这些是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解任何纪要项目，请致电8470 8888。

### Greek

Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

### Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

### Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

### Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کا ایجنڈا ہے۔ ایجنڈے کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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# Agenda

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## **1. MEMBERSHIP**

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

## **3. APOLOGIES**

## **4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**5.1 ADDRESSES BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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The Chief Executive Officer will invite the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor to address the meeting and to each provide a two-minute reflection on their time as Mayor and Deputy mayor respectively.

**5.2 TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR 2023/2024****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The role of the Mayor is to act as leader of the Council, providing guidance and supporting good working relationships between the Councillors, and working with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure positive outcomes are delivered.

Section 18 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) describes the role and functions of the Mayor, including chairing Council Meetings, acting as principal spokesperson for the Council, providing guidance to Councillors about what is expected of a Councillor, supporting good working relations between Councillors and carrying out civic and ceremonial duties.

Section 25(1) of the Act provides that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Further, Section 26 of the Act provides that before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution, whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2-year term. Because there is only one year remaining in this current term of Council, the Mayor for the 2023/2024 year can only be appointed for a one-year term, with the Local Government elections to be held on 26 October 2024.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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That Council resolves pursuant to section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to elect the Mayor for a term of one year.

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**BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION**

Section 25 (1) of the Act provides that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Further, Section 26 of the Act provides that before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

**5.3 MAYORAL ELECTION 2023/2024****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Council's Governance Rules.

Section 25 of the Act prescribes that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor. The Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.

Further, Council's Governance Rules 2020 prescribe the procedure for the election of Mayor.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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That Council conducts an election for the position of Mayor for 2023/2024.

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**BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION**

The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the Act and Council's Governance Rules.

**Taking of Chair and ceremonial Mayoral Speech**

After the election of the Mayor, the Mayor will take the chair in accordance with Section 18 of the Act.

The newly elected Mayor may make a ceremonial speech.



**5.4 MAINTENANCE OF ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2023/2024****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.

Section 21 of the Act defines that the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if, the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting, or the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness or the office of Mayor is vacant.

As per Council's Governance Rules, at the Meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, Council may resolve to establish the position of Deputy Mayor and elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor. Further the term of a Deputy Mayor is to be identical to the term of the Mayor as resolved by Council.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council, in accordance with Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules 2020, maintains the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to coincide with the term of the Mayor for the 2023/24 council year.

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**5.5 DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION 2023/2024****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The election of Deputy Mayor will be conducted pursuant to Section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Council's Governance Rules.

The Mayor will conduct the election of Deputy Mayor. The term of a Deputy Mayor is to be identical to the term of the Mayor, as resolved by Council.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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That Council conduct an election for the position of Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

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**BACKGROUND / KEY INFORMATION**

The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council's Governance Rules.

**5.6 MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** General Manager, Customer and Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Chief Executive Officer will invite the newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to present a two-minute address.

Councillors will then be invited to make a two-minute response to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's address.


**6. CLOSE OF MEETING**

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