



**Merri-bek**  
City Council

## COUNCIL AGENDA

### ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

Tuesday 29 November 2022

Commencing 7 pm

Council Chamber, Merri-bek Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg

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## **Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the City of Merri-bek**

Merri-bek City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways in the area now known as Merri-bek, and pays respect to their elders past, present, and emerging, as well as to all First Nations communities who significantly contribute to the life of the area.

## **Councillors**

Cr Adam Pulford

Cr Angelica Panopoulos

Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan

Cr Helen Davidson

Cr Helen Pavlidis

Cr James Conlan

Cr Lambros Tapinos

Cr Mark Riley

Cr Monica Harte

Cr Oscar Yildiz

Cr Sue Bolton

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## **1. Welcome**

## **2. Apologies**

## **3. Declaration of Interests and/or Conflict of Interests**

## **4. Term of Mayor**

To fulfil the statutory obligations of section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

Historically, Merri-bek has elected a Mayor for a 1 year term only. The recommendation is that Council continues this precedent and sets a 1 year term for the 2022/23 Mayoral year. However, it is open to the Council to determine a two year term instead.

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the Mayoral term determined by Council will also apply to a Deputy Mayor

In accordance with section 26(4) the Act, the next election of the Mayor and any Deputy Mayor will be held as close as possible to the end of the 1 year term as possible.

### **Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Elects a Mayor for a one year term.
2. Notes the term of any Deputy Mayor is identical to the term of the Mayor.

## **5. Election of Mayor**

The election of the Mayor is conducted by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Merri-bek's Governance Rules.

The CEO will invite nominations for the office of the Mayor and confirm acceptance of each nomination with the nominee.

The Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of Councillors. Merri-bek has 11 Councillors and an absolute majority of Councillors is 6.

If only 1 Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the CEO must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor. Where 2 or more candidates are nominated the CEO will conduct a series of votes until such time as a candidate receives an absolute majority of votes.

## **6. Newly Elected Mayor – Mayoral Chains and Assuming of the Chair**

The Chief Executive Officer invites the newly elected Mayor to receive the Mayoral Chains and to assume the Chair.

## **7. Ceremonial Mayoral Speech**

In accordance with sub-rule 3.5.4 of the Governance Rules, upon being elected, the Mayor may make a ceremonial speech, outlining the priorities of the year ahead based on the previously adopted Council Plan.

## **8. Presentation to Outgoing Mayor**

A presentation will be made to the outgoing Mayor, Cr Mark Riley. Cr Riley will have an opportunity to make a brief statement.

## **9. Election of Deputy Mayor**

The election of the Deputy Mayor is conducted by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules. The same provisions apply to the election of the Deputy Mayor as to the election of the Mayor with all necessary modifications and adaptations.

The CEO will invite nominations for the office of the Deputy Mayor and confirm acceptance of each nomination with the nominee.

## **10. Adoption of Council Meeting Dates for 2023**

Council's Governance Rules provide that Council fixes the date, time and place of all Council meetings for the following calendar year, including meetings designated for Planning and Related Matters.

Council by resolution, or the Chief Executive Officer, may change the date, time or place of, or cancel, any Ordinary meeting which has been fixed, or schedule an additional ordinary meeting and must provide notice of the change to the public.

The proposed Council Meeting Schedule (Schedule) for the period January to December 2023 has been drafted to enable Council to effectively carry out its decision-making functions for the year. The Schedule includes the times and dates for Council meetings and Council meetings designated for consideration of Planning and Related Matters.

Meetings are generally held on a Wednesday evening in the Council Chamber at the Merri-bek Civic Centre.

The election of the Mayor must be held on a day that is as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable. It is proposed that the next meeting to elect the Mayor be held Wednesday 15 November 2023.

| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Time</b> | <b>Meeting type</b>                            |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| 25 January 2023   | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 8 February 2023   | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 22 February 2023  | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 8 March 2023      | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 22 March 2023     | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 12 April 2023     | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 26 April 2023     | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 10 May 2023       | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 24 May 2023       | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 14 June 2023      | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 28 June 2023      | 6.45 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 12 July 2023      | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 26 July 2023      | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 9 August 2023     | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 23 August 2023    | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 13 September 2023 | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 27 September 2023 | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 11 October 2023   | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 25 October 2023   | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 8 November 2023   | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 15 November 2023  | 7 pm        | Council Meeting – Mayoral Election             |
| 22 November 2023  | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |
| 6 December 2023   | 7 pm        | Council Meeting                                |
| 13 December 2023  | 6.30 pm     | Council Meeting - Planning and Related Matters |

The adopted schedule of Council meeting dates will be published on Council's website and made available at Council's Customer Service Centres.

## **Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Sets the dates and times for Council meetings in 2023 as printed in the agenda and designates those meetings indicated for consideration of Planning and Related Matters in accordance with the Governance Rules.
2. Sets the date and time for the election of the Mayor for 2023/24 as Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7 pm.
3. Appends the schedule of Council meetings to the minutes, publishes it on the Council website and makes it available at Customer Service Centres.

## 11. Meeting Close