

Our council

On 22 October 2016, our community elected 11 councillors to represent them. These councillors are elected from 3 wards across our municipality: North-West Ward, North-East Ward and South Ward.

Councillors

Every 4 years, Moreland residents and ratepayers elect our councillors. Together our councillors make decisions in the interests of the whole municipality. The next election is in October 2020.

Council elects the Mayor and a Deputy Mayor each year. In October 2019, Council elected Cr Tapinos as Mayor and Cr Yildiz as Deputy Mayor. They hold these offices until October 2020.

An essential representative role councillors play is participating in a range of committees or groups. These include:

- committees established by Council (advisory committees)
- peak bodies or sector associations
- local and regional forums.

Some councillors are appointed by Council to take the lead in areas of interest, as the 'councillor responsible for'. They make sure key information is available to Council when decisions are made in these areas.

Our councillors for the 2019-20 year were:

South Ward

Councillor Jess Dorney
Councillor Mark Riley
Councillor Lambros Tapinos

North-East Ward

Councillor Natalie Abboud
Councillor Sue Bolton
Councillor Annalivia Carli Hannan
Councillor Ali Irfanli

North-West Ward

Councillor Helen Davidson
Councillor John Kavanagh
Councillor Dale Martin
Councillor Oscar Yildiz JP

Councillors, committees and responsibilities

All councillors are members of the Bell to Moreland Level Crossing Removal Community Advocacy Reference Group and the Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Advisory Committee.

Mayor Lambros Tapinos

Elected to Council in 2008, 2012 and 2016 and elected Mayor in 2008, 2013 and 2019

Advisory committees: Audit and Risk Management Committee, Brunswick Advisory Group, Coburg Square Oversight Committee (Chair), Saxon Street Oversight Committee, Moreland Community Recognition Committee, Moreland Libraries Advisory Committee

External committees: Northern Councils Alliance, Metropolitan Transport Forum

Councillor responsible for: Place making, economic development and major partnership projects

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Deputy Mayor Oscar Yildiz JP

Elected to Council in 2008, 2012 and 2016 and elected Mayor in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Elected Deputy Mayor in 2019

Advisory committees: Audit and Risk Management Committee, Glenroy Advisory Group, Moreland Community Recognition Committee

External committees: Municipal Association of Victoria

Councillor responsible for: Place making, economic development and major partnership projects, infrastructure and waste transition

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Cr Natalie Abboud

Elected to Council in 2016, elected Deputy Mayor in 2017 and elected Mayor in 2018

Advisory committees: Coburg Advisory Group, Coburg Square Oversight Committee, Disability Working Group, Moreland Community Recognition Committee, Moreland Transport Advisory Committee

External committees: Merri Creek Management Committee, Metropolitan Transport Forum, Municipal Association of Victoria (substitute)

Councillor responsible for: Status of women, sustainability, climate change and water, transport

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Cr Sue Bolton

Elected to Council in 2012 and 2016

Advisory committees: Coburg Advisory Group, Moreland Housing Advisory Committee, Disability Working Group, Reconciliation Working Group

Councillor responsible for: Accessible and affordable housing

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Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan

Elected to Council in 2016

Advisory committees: Coburg Advisory Group, Family and Children's Services Advisory Committee, Friends of Aileu Community Committee (Chair), Moreland Community Recognition Committee, Youth Facility and Services Steering Committee (Oxygen)

Councillor responsible for: Aged services, early years and youth, recreation and leisure

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Cr Helen Davidson

Elected to Council in 2012, 2016 and elected Mayor in 2016

Advisory committees: Glenroy Advisory Group, Family and Children's Services Advisory Committee

Councillor responsible for: Aged services, status of women

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Cr Jess Dorney

Elected to Council in 2017

Advisory committees: Brunswick Advisory Group, Saxon Street Oversight Committee, Moreland Transport Advisory Committee, Sustainable Moreland Advisory Group

External committees: CERES Board of Management, Merri Creek Management Committee (substitute), Metropolitan Transport Forum, Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum

Councillor responsible for: Sustainability, climate change and water

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Cr Ali Irfanli

Elected to Council in 2016

Advisory committees: Coburg Advisory Group, Coburg Square Oversight Committee

Councillor responsible for: Urban planning

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Cr John Kavanagh

Elected to Council in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016 and elected Mayor in 2011 and 2017

Advisory committees: Glenroy Advisory Group, Moreland Community Recognition Committee

Councillor responsible for: Recreation and leisure

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Cr Dale Martin

Elected to Council in 2016

Advisory committees: Glenroy Advisory Group, Moreland Community Recognition Committee, Youth Facility and Services Steering Committee (Oxygen)

Councillor responsible for: Early years and youth, infrastructure and waste transition, urban planning, transport

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Cr Mark Riley

Elected to Council in 2016 and elected Deputy Mayor in 2018

Advisory committees: Audit and Risk Management Committee, Brunswick Advisory Group, Human Rights and Inclusion Committee, Reconciliation Working Group, Moreland Arts Advisory Committee, Moreland Community Recognition Committee, Moreland Housing Advisory Committee, Saxon Street Oversight Committee

External committees: Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive, Municipal Association of Victoria (substitute)

Councillor responsible for: Accessible and affordable housing, arts and culture, social diversity, multiculturalism and reconciliation

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