

Merri-bek Council – Reference Groups – Terms of Reference

Name	Affordable Housing Reference Group
Role and responsibilities	<p>The role of the Affordable Housing Reference Group is to collaboratively advise council of current and emerging affordable housing issues in the community:</p> <p>The Affordable Housing Reference Group is also responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributing to development, and implementation of relevant Council policies, strategies, and plans. For example, the Affordable Housing Action Plan • assisting council to ensure the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of affordable housing are considered in Council services, programs and projects • promoting knowledge, visibility, equality and inclusion of affordable housing in the community • assisting to identify opportunities for advocacy, projects and partnerships for affordable housing in the community • informing, consulting and collaborating with relevant Advisory Committees on issues relating to affordable housing • participating in event planning, consultation processes, and other forms of engagement relating to relevant issues.
Membership	<p>This Reference Group is made up of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor/s <i>where nominated to Chair</i> • Up to 10 community Members • 1 community representative from the Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee • 1 representative from each of the following organisations: <i>to be confirmed.</i>
Current Members	<p>The current Members as at March 2024 are:</p> <p>Councillor Monica Harte Councillor Angelica Panopoulos Sananaz Ahmed Ande Bunbury Tony Clarke Felicity Dennis Amelia Addamo Hogan Jeanette Large Kate McGettigan Ben Neil P Joy Villalino</p>

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Council Officer Support	Council officer support is provided by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Advisor Social and Affordable Housing– Primary contact for Members and Agenda preparation / Minute Taker
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