



Merri-bek
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Commencing 6.30 pm

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

Language Link

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ਏਜੰਡੇ ਦੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਆਈਟਮ ਬਾਰੇ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ,
ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 9280 0751 ਤੇ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

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.

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- 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 2025/2026 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, if an office of Deputy Mayor is established.

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. Presentation to Outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor

A presentation will be made to the outgoing Mayor, Cr Helen Davidson and outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Helen Polities. Cr Davidson will have an opportunity to make a brief statement.

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 4.7(1) 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. 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. MEETING CLOSE