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# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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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

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### 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 کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں۔ روداد 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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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT ENTER TIME**

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Michael Tudball, opened the meeting with the following statement:

*“My name is Michael Tudball and I am the Chief Executive Officer here at the City of Darebin.*

*I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging*

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

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Mr Tudball welcomed Daniel Ross, representing the Wurundjeri people to the meeting and to provide the Welcome from the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held.

Mr Tudball welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, he was required to take the role of temporary Chair of this meeting until the election of the Mayor.

## **1. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Matt Arturi

Cr. Connie Boglis OAM

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Ruth Jelley

Cr. Julie O'Brien

Cr. Kristine Olaris OAM

Cr. Alexandra Sangster

Cr. Vasilios Tsalkos

***Council Officers***

Michael Tudball - Interim Chief Executive Officer

Caroline Buisson - General Manager Project Support

Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance

Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Melanie McCarten - Acting General Manager Community

Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

- Hon Ged Kearney, MP
- Nathan Lambert, MP
- Kat Theophanous, MP

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 4.1 TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR 2024/2025

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Customer & 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.

<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 \_\_\_\_\_ year/s.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-156**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** Cr. M Arturi

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.2**                      **MAYORAL ELECTION 2024/2025****Author:**                      Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:**              Acting General Manager Customer & Corporate

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The Interim Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2024/2025 Council Year.

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis nominated Cr. Kristine Olaris for election to the Office of Mayor and Cr. Matt Arturi seconded the nomination. Cr. Olaris accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

As there were no further nominations, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Kristine Olaris duly elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2024/2025 Council year.

Mayor Olaris assumed the Chair and addressed the meeting.

Cr's Arturi and Greco addressed meeting and congratulated the Mayor.



**4.3 MAINTENANCE OF ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/2025**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Customer & Corporate

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The Deputy Mayor role was first established by Council after the 2020 Local Government elections.

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.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council, in accordance with Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules 2020, maintain the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to coincide with the term of the Mayor for the 2024/25 council year.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 24-157**

**MOVED:** Cr. R Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. V Tsalkos

**That** Council, in accordance with Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules 2020, maintain the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to coincide with the term of the Mayor for the 2024/25 council year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.4 DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION 2024/2025****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Customer & Corporate

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The Mayor outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 Council Year.

Cr. Gaetano Greco nominated Cr. Emily Dimitriadis for election to the Office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Connie Boglis seconded the nomination. Cr. Dimitriadis accepted the nomination.

Cr. Julie O'Brien nominated Cr. Ruth Jelley for election to the Office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Alexandra Sangster seconded the nomination. Cr. Jelley accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Mayor conducted the vote by show of hands. Cr. Dimitriadis received the votes of an absolute majority of the Council.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Mayor declared Cr. Emily Dimitriadis elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2024/2025 Council Year.

The Deputy Mayor Cr. Emily Dimitriadis addressed the meeting.

**4.5 COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Customer & Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

All Councillors were invited to make a two-minute response to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's addresses.

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**4.6 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Council's Governance Rules 2020, Council must fix the date, time and place of all Council meetings. The schedule of Council Meetings must be published in publications that are distributed throughout the municipality (including Council publications) and on Council's website at least once each year or with such greater frequency as the Chief Executive Officer determines.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 and for 2025 are required to be resolved by Council.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That:**

- (1) Ordinary meetings of the Council be held in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre (or other venue as determined) at 6.00 pm on:
  - Monday 16 December 2024
  - Monday 24 February 2025
  - Monday 24 March 2025
  - Monday 28 April 2025
  - Monday 26 May 2025
  - Monday 23 June 2025
  - Monday 28 July 2025
  - Monday 25 August 2025
  - Monday 22 September 2025
  - Monday 27 October 2025
  - Monday 24 November 2025
  - Monday 15 December 2025
- (2) A special meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be held at the Preston City Hall at 6.00 pm on Thursday 20 November 2025.
- (3) Meetings of the Planning Committee be held in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre at 6.30 pm on
  - Monday 9 December 2024
  - Monday 10 February 2025
  - Tuesday 11 March 2025
  - Monday 14 April 2025
  - Monday 12 May 2025
  - Monday 16 June 2025
  - Monday 14 July 2025
  - Monday 11 August 2025

- Monday 8 September 2025
  - Monday 13 October 2025
  - Monday 10 November 2025
  - Monday 8 December 2025
- (4) Meetings of the Hearing of Submissions Committee be scheduled as required and that public notice of those meetings be given in accordance with relevant provisions.
- (5) Unless otherwise specified, Council, Planning and Hearing of Submissions Committee meetings will be as hybrid meetings, which provides for attendance both in person and virtually.
- (6) Council notes that the date, time and location of a Council Meeting may be altered by Council resolution, or the Chief Executive Officer, may change the date, time and location of, or cancel, any Meeting which has been fixed and must provide notice of the change to the public.
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<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-158**

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**SECONDED:** Cr. C Boglis OAM

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.7 SIGNED OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS OF OFFICE AND MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Customer & Corporate

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with section 30(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act):

The oath or affirmation of office must be—

- (a) administered by the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (b) dated and signed before the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (c) recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Council meeting.

Further pursuant to section 139 of the Act, Councillors are required to observe the Model Code of Conduct which is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Governances and Integrity) Regulations 2024. Councils are also required to publish the Model Code of Conduct on their Internet site pursuant to Section 139(4) of the Act.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-159**

**MOVED:** Cr. R Jelley  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That** Council notes the signed:

- (a) Oaths and Affirmations of Office (**Appendix A**)
- (b) Model Code of Conduct (**Appendix B**).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. CLOSE OF MEETING

Prior to the close of the meeting, Mayor Olaris thanked and acknowledged the service of previous councillors as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/s</b>	<b>Length of Service</b>	<b>Number of Committee Memberships</b>
<b>Susanne Newton</b>	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor	8 Years	15
<b>Tim Laurence</b>	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor	21 Years	7
<b>Emily Dimitriadis*</b>	Councillor	4 Years	6
<b>Gaetano Greco*</b>	Mayor and Councillor	16 Years	7
<b>Tom Hannan</b>	Councillor	4 Years	5
<b>Trent McCarthy</b>	Deputy Mayor and Councillor	16 Years	8
<b>Susan Rennie</b>	Mayor and Councillor	8 Years	7
<b>Lina Messina</b>	Mayor and Councillor	8 Years	4
<b>Julie Williams</b>	Mayor and Councillor	12 Years	9

\*Congratulated for re-election

The meeting closed at 6.53pm.




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