

Council Meeting

Agenda

Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Friday 10 November 2023
Commencing at 7.00 PM

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

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OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

OUR VALUES

Respectful

Community driven and focused

Trusted and reliable

Efficient and responsible

Bold and innovative

Accountable and transparent

Recognised

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Councillors:

Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa JP	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Daria Kellander	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Peter Hemphill	Strand Ward
Cr Jonathon Marsden	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud	Strand Ward
Cr Matt Tyler	Wetlands Ward
Cr Diana Grima	Wetlands Ward

Aaron van Egmond
Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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Chief Executive Officer as Temporary Chairperson

In accordance with rule 2.4 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer will be the temporary Chairperson for proceedings relating to the election of the Mayor.

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chief Executive Officer will open the meeting, welcome Councillors and members of the gallery, and acknowledge that Council is gathered on the traditional land of the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation and offers its respect to elders past, present and emerging.

2 Apologies

The Chief Executive Officer will call for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 10 October 2023 (copy previously circulated).

4 Mayoral Focus

4.1 Mayoral Focus - End of Term Report

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Corporate Integrity and Legal Counsel
Reviewer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Nil

Purpose

To provide a final update to Councillors and the community on the areas of focus for the 2022-23 mayoral term of Cr Antoinette Briffa.

Recommendation

That Council notes the progress made on initiatives and activities that were identified by Cr Antoinette Briffa as focus areas for her 2022-23 mayoral term.

Summary

The Mayoral Program provides an opportunity for the Mayor to support the implementation of key strategic actions that will serve the best interest of the Hobsons Bay community and align with the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and the Council Plan 2021-25.

Background

In November 2022, Council elected Cr Briffa as Mayor for the 2022-23 mayoral term, and at the Council Meeting held on 7 February 2023 resolved to note the proposed 2022-23 Mayoral Program.

Cr Briffa nominated six key mayoral focus areas:

1. Celebrating the diversity and community spirit of Hobsons Bay
2. Greater community voice and opportunities to participate in Council activities.
3. Strengthening the relationship between Council and the Victorian and Australian governments
4. Stronger connections and purposeful engagement with the business community, sister cities, members of parliament and neighbouring councils
5. Promoting awareness of First Nations people through Council's relationship with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council friendship alliance and exploring support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament
6. Making Hobsons Bay a greener, more environmentally proactive and liveable city

This report is the final in a series of quarterly updates on initiatives and activities relating to Cr Briffa's focus areas, following previous reports presented at the 7 February, 9 May and 12 September 2023 Council Meetings.

Cr Briffa's term as Mayor concludes on 10 November 2023.

Discussion

Focus Area 1: Celebrating the diversity and community spirit of Hobsons Bay

Integrated Social Policy – A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28

Mayor Cr Briffa has played a key role this year in supporting the update of Council's integrated social policy, A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2024-28. Cr Briffa was an integral part of a focus group with the members of Council's Multicultural Women's Leadership Group. She has also championed the policy through her media commitments and engagement with Council staff. The updated policy is expected to be adopted in December 2023 and is a significant legacy of Cr Briffa's Mayoral term.



Figure 1: Cr Briffa with members of Council's Multicultural Women's Leadership Group

Citizenship ceremonies

During the mayoral term Cr Briffa conducted several successful citizenship ceremonies, welcoming many new citizens to the Hobsons Bay community.



Figure 2: Cr Briffa presents on stage at a citizenship ceremony



Figure 3: A view of the audience at a citizenship ceremony

Youth mental health advocacy

From 10 July to 20 August 2023, Council's Youth team asked young people and the community about their experience in accessing youth mental health services in Hobsons Bay and surrounding suburbs, so Council could advocate to the state and federal governments by demonstrating the need for more local, timely and affordable services in Hobsons Bay.

Following this, a Ministerial Youth Mental Health Forum between Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong took place on 29 August. The purpose of the event was to bring the Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, The Hon. Emma McBride, together with young people from Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong. The event included a Q&A panel discussion featuring local young people and MCed by young people, as well as an informal meet-and-greet session over light refreshment.

Hobsons Bay Pride and Western Rainbow Awards

The Hobsons Bay Pride program and the Western Rainbow Awards were developed as one of the commitments of the Mayoral Program to promote diversity and community spirit, specifically to support the LGBTIQ+ community and include a focus for young people. As a starting point, Council formed the Pride Squad, a cross-functional staff working group, to develop the program and to promote ways to incorporate inclusion and diversity into Council's "business as usual". A Community Liaison Group (CLG) was convened to co-design the program, comprising ten members from a range of backgrounds including professional expertise and lived experience. As the primary initiative, the Western Rainbow Awards were designed to celebrate and recognise the LGBTIQ+ community and to build a flexible program with sustainable and valued outcomes beyond the event itself. Being open to nominees across Melbourne's west, many connections were made across the western metropolitan region, not limited to LGA boundaries.

The Western Rainbow Awards were announced at the Williamstown Town Hall on 6 October. Speakers and presenters included the Mayor, along with the Victorian Commissioner for LGBTIQ+ Communities and the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner. It included a curated cultural program; the MC and performers were drawn from the rainbow community, creating a showcase including multicultural, First Nations, gender diverse artists.

Categories included Leading Change, Lasting Impact, Safe Spaces and Places, Community Leadership, Advocacy, Young Person, Youth Focussed as well as Rainbow Business, Project or Program, Health or Support Service and Lifetime Achievement.

Council has received very positive feedback on the initiative. The Western Rainbow Awards are considered on all levels a great success, for the community and local government, providing a new platform for a regional approach to inclusion across Melbourne's west, for the community and business sectors and all six councils.



Figure 4: Audience at the Western Rainbow Awards, with Cr Briffa in the foreground



Figure 5: Western Rainbow Awards "Organisation Award" winners group, including Cr Briffa (third from left)

Focus Area 2: Greater community voice and opportunities to participate in Council activities**Community Club Open Day**

A key priority for Mayor Briffa was the activation of a sports club Community Open Day event, offered to Hobsons Bay clubs on an opt-in basis. Clubs who participated were provided with \$200 towards the event and the opportunity to attend a Club Development workshop to help optimise their day. The event was held on 16 September 2023 featuring six clubs across a range of sports and was attended by 110 new participants.



Figure 6: Participants at the Williamstown Soccer Club Open Day



Figure 7: Participants at the Altona Hockey Club Open Day

Enjoy Impact

The Enjoy Impact project is a partnership between Council and the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) to maximise usage of the recently installed seniors exercise park at Donald McLean Reserve in Spotswood. Council has recruited six volunteer “community champions” who completed training by NARI and are now running sessions at the park to educate community members on its use. Several drop-in sessions were held in October, and this will continue over the coming months. A local advisory group had their first meeting in late October to work together in finding ways to increase community awareness of the park.



Figure 7: Enjoy Impact seniors exercise group

Library Centres of Excellence

Council’s first Centre of Excellence opened to the community in Altona Meadows on Saturday 21 October. More than 3200 people attended the event, which was officially opened by Cr Briffa, deputy mayor Cr Diana Grima and State Member for Point Cook Mathew Hilakari MP.

The refurbished Altona Meadows Library is now a Centre of Excellence with a focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). It features technology pods and media podcast room, an interactive floor feature, two robots, an interactive sandpit, a newly landscaped outdoor area, brand new public computers with Adobe Suite access, an extensive Library of Things collection which includes new items across content creation, accessibility and STEAM technologies, a curated STEAM book collection, large meeting room with stadium seating and virtual presentation equipment, and a Makerspace purpose built for collaboration and creation.

The \$2.5 million refurbishment received a \$500,000 contribution from the state government through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program and \$10000 contribution from the Hobsons Bay Friends of Libraries Groups.



Figure 8: Cr Briffa and others watch a robot puppet show at the STEAM Centre of Excellence launch, with help from some Star Wars stormtroopers.
L-R: Warwick Norman AM; Cr Briffa, Cr Grima; Mathew Hilakari MP



Figure 9: Cr Briffa, Cr Grima and Mathew Hilakari MP pose for a photo together



Figure 10: Community members enjoying the Lego table at the STEAM Centre for Excellence launch



Figure 11: STEAM Centre of Excellence Launch at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Early years

The Early Years Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) project commenced in February 2023. Its aim is to increase kindergarten participation of children from a CALD background. The project facilitated inclusive CALD practice training to early childhood educator and services.

Maternal and Child Health

Maternal and Child Health developed a program to target new parents from various CALD backgrounds called Building Stronger Families. This program aims to provide culturally appropriate support to first time parents from CALD backgrounds to adapt to the demands and expectations of parenthood.

The first program is set for 2 December 2023 and is targeted at the Indian community. The workshop will be run by facilitators who speak Hindi and Punjabi and has been designed for the Indian community by the Indian community to fulfill an identified need for culturally safe information.

Community feedback

During the Mayoral term from November 2022 to November 2023, Council ran nearly 50 engagement processes using its Participate Hobsons Bay platform and, where optimal, at least one face-to-face component. In line with Council's commitment to engaging its community, some deliberative engagement processes were undertaken. These include workshops and community liaison groups to inform the Altona North library Centre of excellence, a Fair Hobsons Bay for All focus groups and Hobsons Bay Pride liaison group, who were the leading voice for the LGPro-nominated Western Rainbow Awards.

In June 2023, Council reviewed and updated the Hobsons Bay Community Engagement Policy 2023. The updated policy reiterated the principles, commitments, and levels of engagement that Council will deliver in its decision-making process as well as statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This updated policy was complemented by a comprehensive and interactive Community Engagement Toolkit that can be used as a resource to influence all aspects of Council's work, from day-to-day activities and service provision to overarching policies and strategic directions.

Many of these projects saw multiple stages of engagement over the 12-month period, giving the community access and influence over new and updated policies, strategies, and plans, from the draft and concept stage right through to adoption or construction.

There were over 117,000 views to the Participate Hobsons Bay platform and over 6000 contributions over the mayoral term. Council saw a steady increase in Participate over the year with a 295% increase to actions on the platform over the last two quarters alone (April to September 2023). Membership to the platform has also increased by 500 active subscribers since the start of the mayoral term.

Environmental activities

This year Council has held about 80 community engagement activities including large revegetation programs delivered through National Tree Day and World Environment Day, various activity days co-hosted with Hobsons Bay's eight environmental "Friends of" groups and also corporate groups including Dow Chemicals, Qenos, IZUZU and Cummins Diesel. The Conservation Rangers held about 60 engagement activities with local schools and early years centres. These range from in classroom sessions and more hands-on activities like weeding or watering where the students have been encouraged to assist with maintenance of conservation reserves.



Figure 12: South Kingsville bush kinder

Focus Area 3: Strengthening the relationship between Council and the Victorian and Australian governments.

Major Hazard Facility buffer zones

In April 2022, WorkSafe Victoria published new guidance around land use planning near Major Hazard Facilities. This new guidance was published without any broader consultation with community and landowners despite impacting a substantial number of properties in Hobsons Bay and other municipalities such as City of Maribyrnong.

Council has joined with the City of Maribyrnong in advocating for a more transparent process around land use planning near Major Hazard Facilities. Meetings have been held with the Victorian Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Melissa Horne MP, as well as senior Victorian Government officials within the Department of Transport and Planning and WorkSafe Victoria. Council has also written to the Minister for Planning advocating for a consultative amendment process that would review WorkSafe guidance against the objectives of the planning scheme and implement a Buffer Area Overlay (BAO) to make MHF buffers more transparent.

Focus Area 4: Stronger connections and purposeful engagement with the business community, sister cities, members of parliament and neighbouring councils

Business Roundtables

Over the past year Cr Briffa has made engaging with businesses a priority and attended several Business Roundtables. At these meetings Council heard directly from businesses and traders about particular issues and sector-based impacts and opportunities. The most recent business roundtable brought together a broad range of local business from the manufacturing sector.



Figure 13: Cr Briffa and Council CEO Aaron van Egmond (second and first from right) with attendees of the Manufacturing Business Roundtable

Outdoor Trading framework

Council has prepared a new draft Outdoor Trading framework and sought feedback from residents, visitors and businesses between 24 July and 31 August 2023. The feedback has informed the next phase of the outdoor trading framework that seeks to continue opportunities for outdoor dining and activation of key activity centres.

On 25 October Council held the 2023 Business Excellence Awards to celebrate the achievements of the Hobsons Bay business community. Although Cr Briffa was unable to attend the event, the awards included the first Mayoral Award, which recognised businesses or businesspeople that have significantly contributed to the local community. This was awarded to Assist Ability Australia Victoria for the services they provide to the Hobsons Bay community.



Figure 14: Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards – Mayoral Award winners, Assist Ability Australia Victoria

Green Industries

A trial of the Green Industries program ran this year with several businesses in industrial areas applying to be included in the program, including Brew Works in the Aberdeen Road industrial park in Altona, who were happy to see eleven semi-advanced *Corymbia eximia* 'Nana' trees and 50 tubestock trees and shrubs planted throughout garden beds and around parking lots.

Anjo sister city relationship

The Mayor hosted the Anjo citizens delegation which visited Hobsons Bay in October, noting the 35th anniversary of the friendship alliance between the two cities, which commenced in 1988 with the then City of Altona. The delegation included the Mayor and Chairman of Anjo, trade, staff, and community members. The Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association coordinated the valued program of home stays, hosted a barbecue at the Civic Centre and collaborated with Council on the visit.

An updated copy of the Anjo-Hobsons Bay alliance was signed, a civic dinner was held, including the Japan Consul-General along with Councillors, community members and a senior representative from Toyota. The group spent two days visiting sites in the city, including Altona Primary School, the STEAM Centre of Excellence at Altona Meadows, Altona Homestead, Toyota Australia, Newport Lakes, the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, and Scienceworks before spending the weekends with their host families, experiencing local life.

The Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association opened applications for students to take part in the exchange program. The student exchange is an annual activity; the citizens' delegation is planned to take place every five years.



Figure 15: Councillors with Japan Consul-General, Anjo and Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association representatives



Figure 16: Anjo and Hobsons Bay Mayors cutting cake

Focus Area 5: Promoting awareness of First Nations people through Council's relationship with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council friendship alliance and exploring support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

First Nations Voice to Parliament

Mayor of Yarrabah Ross Andrews visited Hobsons Bay in September and was the guest speaker for Voices for the Voice, a community forum held at the Newport Hub. The Bunurong Land Council started the event with the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Voices for the Voice also featured speakers Ian Hamm, Dr Heather Wearne and Eddie Synot, constitutional law expert. Cr Briffa was the MC for the event. During his time in the city, Mayor Andrews was able to meet with several community representatives, to speak about Council's friendship alliance, to help people know more about Yarrabah, and the importance of a yes vote for the community there. These included representatives of the Australian Islamic Centre, participants in the Daughters of the West program at Laverton Community Hub, students at Emmanuel College in Altona North among others. The Mayor and Eddie Synot were hosted at the Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Community Centre in Wyndham, meeting with First Nations community members in the west.

While the Referendum results were not to support constitutional change for the country, the majority of polling booths in Hobsons Bay returned a strong yes vote. Following the result of the referendum on 14 October, Mayor Briffa supported the gesture to fly the flags at the Civic Centre and the Williamstown Town Hall at half-mast during the week of 16 October as a symbol of support for the First Nations community and many others in the local community.



Figure 17: Cr Briffa and some of the Councillors of Hobsons Bay City Council with panellists at Council's Voices for the Voice event held at Newport.

Conservation works in partnership with the Bunurong Land Council

This year the Conservation Team facilitated the delivery of the Coastal Corridors Partnership grant, which is a weed control initiative focused across the Hobsons Bay coastline. In this partnership Council worked closely with the Bunurong Land Council's Environment Team through their involvement in the working group and to conduct the on-ground weed control works. It has been a great program to work alongside the Bunurong Land Council Environment Team and contribute to the restoration of Hobsons Bay's natural coastal areas.

The Conservation Team were also successful in obtaining a grant from the Victorian Government's Port Phillip Bay Fund to engage with the Bunurong Land Council to provide the community cultural engagement sessions in local conservation areas such as Emu-foot Grassland, Truganina Park and Altona Coastal Park. These sessions will aim to increase knowledge of First Nation culture and connect the community with local environments, and will be held during 2024.



Figure 18: First Nations Smoking ceremony on World Migratory Bird Day



Figure 19: Coastal Corridors Partnership project partners at Laverton Creek estuary (Council, Parks Victoria and Bunurong Land Council)

Focus Area 6: Making Hobsons Bay a greener, more environmentally proactive and liveable city

Virtual Energy Network

Council's Virtual Energy Network continued operating throughout the mayoral term. Phase 1 is complete with 2.2MW of solar panels installed and operating across Council's property portfolio. Approximately one third of Council's electricity use during this time has been powered by these solar panels.

School incursion program

The "Beyond the Bin" school incursion program provided education and fun activities to over 1,200 students in primary and secondary schools across the municipality. Students learned how to recycle and avoid sending waste to landfill.

Tree giveaways

Tree Giveaways held during 2023 so far have supplied 3187 trees to residents for planting on their private properties which will make a significant contribution to Hobsons Bays Urban Forest and Canopy Cover target of 30% by 2040.

Green Streets

The Green Streets program was successfully implemented in Fidler Court, Altona Meadows, MacLean Street, Williamstown and Richards Court, Brooklyn. Residents were pleased to see a renewed streetscape that will grow to provide an increased canopy in their street.



Figure 20: Green Streets consultation at MacLean Street, Williamstown

Tree planting

Several streets with hard surface nature strips located in Williamstown received new trees, installed into new cut outs in either pavement or roadway during the 2023 planting season. Some of the streets included Hotham Street, Langford Street, Stevedore Street. These streets were particularly vulnerable to the Urban Heat Island Effect given that there had very little or no tree cover in the street. The trees will grow to provide much needed shade and cooling effects during periods of warm weather in years to come.



Figure 21: Tree planting in Hotham Street, Williamstown

Tree planting in streets and parks

Five thousand trees were planted in the annual Streets and Parks tree planting programs during the 2023 planting season.

In the 2023 planting season the Conservation Team planted approximately 42,000 tube stock including trees, shrubs and understorey in Hobsons Bay's conservation reserves to improve biodiversity and greening in the municipality.

Habitat Gardens in Hobsons Bay Program this year supported local residents to use local indigenous plants in their private garden. The program offers residents advice and coaching on creating an indigenous garden and supplies free local plants.

Through Community Pitch submissions, the program expanded this year to deliver a Native Plant Giveaway, Native Nature Strips program and Native Plant Propagation Resources.

- Native Plant Giveaway – over 25,000 local indigenous plants were given to Hobsons Bay residents to use in their own garden.
- Native Nature Strips – online design and how-to resources were developed to assist residents with how to create a sustainable native nature strip.
- Native Plant Propagation – online resources and educational series with Newport Lakes Native Nursery and Iramoo Native Nursery to give residents the information and resources to propagate their own plants at home.



Figures 22 and 23: Native plant giveaways

Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses priorities from the following strategic documents:

Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision

This report relates to all priorities within the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

Council Plan 2021-25

Objective 1: Healthy, equitable and thriving communities

Strategy 1.1: Celebrate the diversity of our community and provide equitable opportunities for all

Priority a) Implement A Fair Hobsons Bay for All 2019-23

Priority b) Strengthen and promote First Nations culture, identity and opportunities in Hobsons Bay

Priority d) Enhance library physical and digital collections that reflect diversity of the changing community – incorporating collections of things beyond books

Strategy 1.2: Improve the health and wellbeing of our community – particularly our young, vulnerable and older community members

Priority a) Expand the range of mental health, employment preparedness, life skills services and opportunities available to Hobsons Bay young people

Strategy 1.4: Enable participation and contribution to community life, learning and inter-connection

Priority a) Expand the active and engaged community groups in Hobsons Bay including continuing to improve the value from Council grants, events and funding support

Priority b) Boost the profile and awareness of opportunities for people to participate and contribute to community life

Priority c) Increase customer service centres and libraries participation through establishing centres of excellence in different lifelong learning skills

Objective 2: Environment

Strategy 2.1: Increase resource recovery and reducing landfill across Council's waste services and improve the customer experience of waste services

Priority b) Increase resource recovery and reduce the volume of waste to landfill year on year

Strategy 2.2: Enhance protection, preservation and promotion of our coastal environment and wetlands/waterways, biodiversity and natural areas

Priority b) Advocate to relevant stakeholders and land managers to develop a partnership approach to foreshore management

Strategy 2.3: Increase tree canopy cover within Hobsons Bay to reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality and enhance general amenity

Priority a) Deliver increased tree canopy outcomes across the municipality within streets, open space reserves and appropriate public realm locations

Strategy 2.4: Continue to reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the use of renewable energy, increasing energy efficiency and implementing Council's zero net emissions strategy

Priority a) Deliver the endorsed solar program across the municipality for increased renewable energy consumption

Objective 3: Vibrant place and economy

Strategy 3.4: Increase participation in recreation activities across the community

Policies and Related Council Documents

All relevant Council policies have been considered in preparing the current initiatives outlined within this Mayoral Focus report, the final in a series of updates on the 2022-23 Mayoral Program. Preceding reports were noted by Council on 7 February 2023, 9 May 2023 and 12 September 2023.

Legal/Statutory Obligations and Risk

The Mayoral Program is an important activity: as the leader of Council the Mayor has a number of roles which are both legislative and functional. The legislative requirements are outlined in sections 18 and 19 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Mayor not only takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipality but must also take the chair at all meetings of Council at which they are present.

As reflected in the Mayoral Program, the Mayor's role extends well beyond officiating at Council meetings or other municipal proceedings. It includes providing leadership, promoting positive relationships, and modelling good governance.

The requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* have been considered when writing this report.

Financial and Resource Implications

The initiatives in the Mayoral Program are supported by the existing budget.

Environmental, Social and Economic Impacts

The Mayoral Program has a strong focus on environmental sustainability and a community focus on access and social inclusion.

Consultation and Communication

Relevant Council departments have been consulted for an update on the progress on the activities and initiatives included in the Mayoral Program.

If community consultation is required for any part of the program, it will be carried out appropriately.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council meeting.

Council staff involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

5 Election of the Mayor

The procedure for the election of the Mayor will follow section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and section 2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

5.1 Determination of Mayoral Term

In accordance with section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and rule 2.1.2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one-year or a two-year term.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolves the mayoral term to be a period of one year commencing upon the election of the Mayor on 10 November 2023.
2. Notes that the next election of the Mayor, to be determined when Council adopts its annual timetable of meetings, must be held on a day that is as close to the end of the one-year term as is reasonably practicable.

5.2 Nomination and Election of the Mayor

The Chief Executive Officer will invite nominations for the Office of Mayor.

In accordance with section 25(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, if only one Councillor is nominated, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.

Where two or more nominations are received, Council shall vote to elect the Mayor by show of hands, in accordance with rule 2.6.6 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The Mayor, once elected, will be robed in the Council Chamber by the Chief Executive Officer and will be presented with the Mayoral Chain of Office. The Mayor will then chair the remainder of the meeting.

5.3 Mayoral Response

The Mayor will address the meeting and invite other Councillors to respond.

6 Election of the Deputy Mayor

In accordance with rule 2.8.2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, the election of the Deputy Mayor will follow the same process as for the election of the Mayor.

6.1 Nomination and Election of the Deputy Mayor

The Mayor will invite nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with sections 27(1) and 25(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, if only one Councillor is nominated, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Deputy Mayor.

Where two or more nominations are received, Council shall vote to elect the Deputy Mayor by show of hands, in accordance with rules 2.6.6 and 2.8.2 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

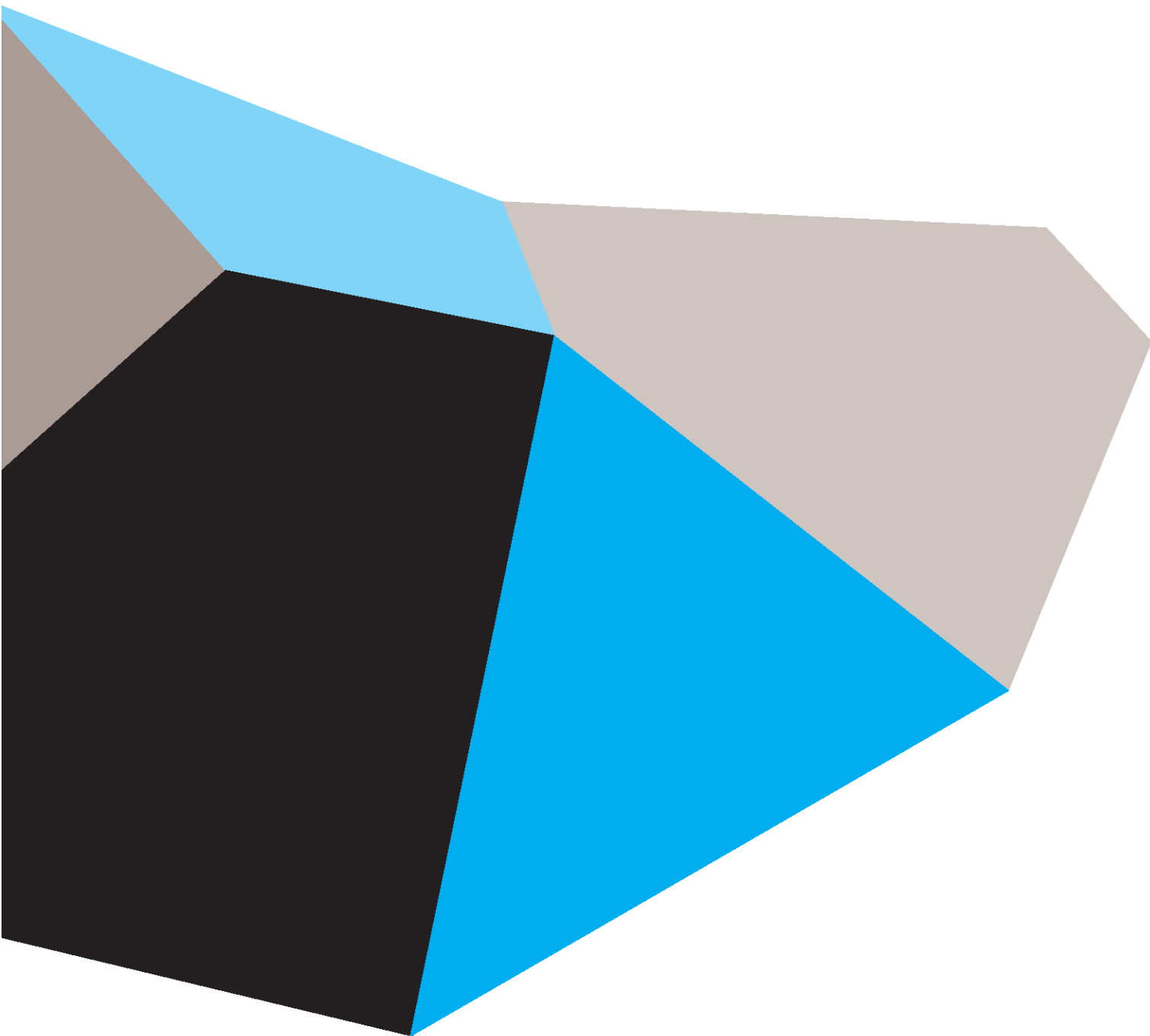
6.2 Deputy Mayoral Response

The Deputy Mayor will address the meeting.

7 Close of Meeting

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