

Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 19 November 2024
Commencing at 6.00 PM

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

**HOBSONS
BAY CITY
COUNCIL**



COUNCIL CHAMBER

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.

Chairperson:

Aaron van Egmond

Chief Executive Officer

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1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson will welcome the Councillors elect and members of the gallery to the Swearing-in Ceremony 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 Introduction and Congratulatory Remarks

The CEO will congratulate the candidates on their election and explain that there is a statutory requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020* for each to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office and make a declaration to abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct before candidates can officially assume the role and responsibilities of a Councillor.

3 Oath or Affirmation of Office and Code of Conduct Declaration

The Chief Executive Officer will explain the process for taking the oath or affirmation of office as follows:

- Each Councillor-elect has the option to either take the oath or make an affirmation of office, which incorporates the declaration to abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.
- Each Councillor-elect will be called forward one at a time in alphabetical ward order:
 - Altona: Daria Kellander
 - Altona Meadows: Diana Grima
 - Altona North: Rayane Hawli
 - Laverton: Paddy Keys-Macpherson
 - Spotswood: Kristen Bishop
 - Williamstown: Lisa Bentley
 - Williamstown North: Michael Disbury
- The Councillor-elect will speak the oath or affirmation of office aloud, then sign the oath or affirmation of office.
- The CEO will witness the oath or affirmation of office.
- The CEO and those in attendance will congratulate the Councillor, and the CEO will invite the Councillors to thank their supporters of their campaigns if they wish to do so.
- The Councillor will return to their seat and the next Councillor will be called forward.

4 About the Oath and Affirmation

Each Councillor will choose whether to take an oath or make an affirmation. Both are equally significant and involve making the same promises.

The wording of the Oath or Affirmation of Office is derived from a combination of Schedule 1 of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018 and Schedule 5 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020.

Taking the Oath or Affirmation is a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 2020 and signifies a Councillor's commitment to upholding the principles of good governance, integrity, and accountability.

A key element of the Oath or Affirmation is the Councillor's pledge to abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, which sets the benchmark for ethical behaviour, decision-making, and interactions within the Council and the community. This Code ensures that all Councillors adhere to standards of integrity, collaboration, and respect, thereby maintaining public trust and confidence in local government.

The promises made in either oath or affirmation form are:

Oath of Office

I swear by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Affirmation of Office

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

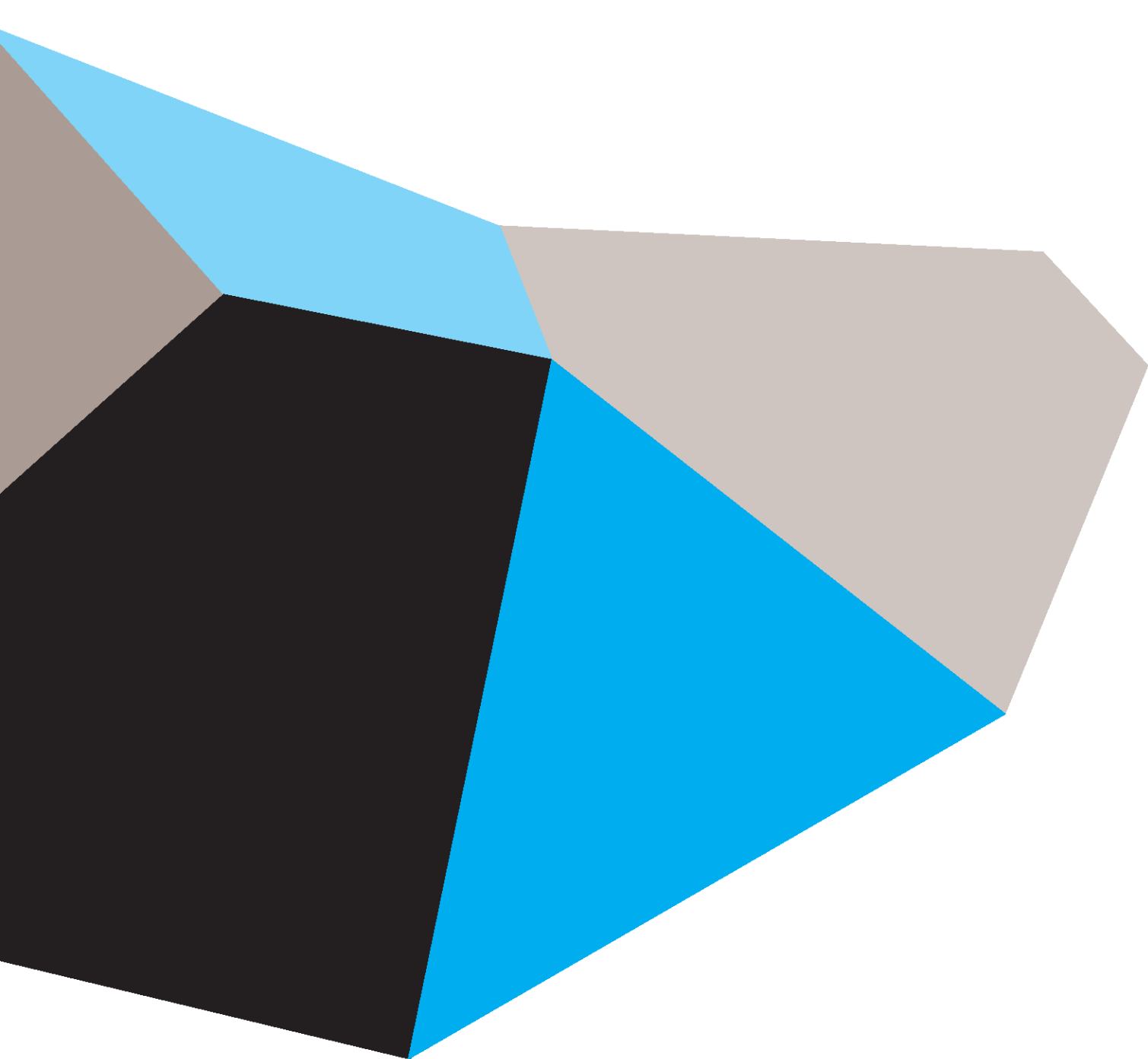
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5 Conclusion

The Chief Executive Officer will state that the swearing in ceremony has concluded, thank everyone for their attendance and invite all present for refreshments.

6 Close of Meeting



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