

Councillor Workshop Summary



Workshop Details

17 March 2026

Richmond Town Hall

Wurundjeri Country

333 Bridge Road Richmond Victoria

Purpose of Councillor Workshops

Councillor Workshops support Councillors to fulfil their legislative obligation to “diligently use Council processes to become informed about matters which are subject to Council decisions.”

Councillor Workshops are an opportunity for the presentation of information to Councillors, responding to questions they might have and the provision of professional development and training.

Councillor Workshops cannot be used to make decisions, negotiate agreed positions or otherwise canvass, lobby or seek to influence the outcome of a decision to be made by an officer under delegation or by Council at a future meeting.

Councillor Workshop confidentiality is important. It encourages open and frank discussion, helps facilitate the development of vision and the implementation of an effective strategy to achieve that vision, and protects information that is confidential, personal, or relates to employment, commercial or legal matters.

Councillor Attendance

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| Cr Stephen Jolly | Mayor | Present |
| Cr Sharon Harrison | Deputy Mayor | Present |
| Cr Evangeline Aston | | Apology |
| Cr Edward Crossland | | Present |
| Cr Andrew Davies | | Apology |
| Cr Ken Gomez | | Present |
| Cr Mecca Ho | | Present |
| Cr Sarah McKenzie | | Present |
| Cr Sophie Wade | | Present |

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Matters Discussed

Reports and presentations provided to Councillors in support of Councillor Workshops contain confidential information as defined in section 3 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act). Unlawful disclosure of this information may constitute misuse of position under s123 of the Act.

Where the disclosure here of the subject of discussion would release items of a confidential nature, it shall be listed as “Confidential Matter.”

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| 1 | Acknowledgement of Country |
| 2 | Attendance and apologies |
| 3 | Declaration of conflicts of interests |
| 4.1 | Finance - Budget Workshop #6 - Discretionary Projects (Operating and Capital) |
| 4.2 | 2026/27 Council Plan Action Plan - Year Two |
| 4.3 | Community Engagement Policy Review |
| 4.4 | Economic Development Strategy- Stage 2 Community Engagement |
| 4.5 | 'Yarra Decides' community advocacy campaign |
| 4.6 | Planning Decisions Committee Meeting - March 2026 |
| 5 | General Business |
| 6.1 | Response to Lost Dogs Home Notice of Motion |
| 6.2 | Prouds - Yarra Leisure Emergency Response |
| 6.3 | Proposed Discontinuance and Land Acquisition at View Street, Alphington |

Conflicts of Interest

Councillor McKenzie declared a conflict of interest on item 4.6. as she lives near one of the properties.