



Informal Meetings of Council November 2025

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5/11/2025 9:30 AM	Councillor Mandatory PD Training - First Nations Cultural Awareness	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Maggie Smith Holly Jane Christine Dening	Cultural awareness training provided by the Koori Heritage Trust.	No
5/11/2025 1:00 PM	Councillor ELT only time	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Robyn Borley Lachlan Johnson Claire Stevens James Gullan	Dog signage update Supports for people experiencing homelessness Update on Coles Balaclava carpark	No
5/11/2025 3:30 PM	Councillor PD Training - Victoria's Planning Sytem	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Paul Wood Kim Piskuric (Harwood Andrews Laywers) Paul Wood	Mandatory training session covering Victoria's planning system and policies and procedures in relation to statutory planning.	No
5/11/2025 4:45 PM	Draft Agenda Review Briefing - Council Meeting 19 November 2025	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Simon Hill Vicki Tuchtan Stephanie Lai Mitch Gillett Joshua Vearing	Draft reports ahead of the Council Meeting 19 November 2025	No



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5/11/2025 5:20 PM	Planning Scheme Amendment C219port (South Melbourne Structure Plan)	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Mike Fisher Leonie Kirkwood Matthew Budahazy	Response to matters raised in relation to Planning Scheme Amendment C219port (South Melbourne Structure Plan). Role of an independent planning panel in reviewing the amendment, enabling submitters to have their say and providing advice to Council. Minor changes to the amendment recommended in response to submissions.	No
5/11/2025 5:30 PM	Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan - Stakeholder Engagement Approval	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Mike Fisher Karen Roache Jonathan McNair Jon Liston	Background and purpose of Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan discussed, including timeframes and approaches to public engagement	No
12/11/2025 12:00 PM	Councillor ELT Time	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Paul Wood Robyn Borley Tarnya McKenzie	Update on Aged Care Port Melbourne Football Club Budget early engagement Bay Street.	No
12/11/2025 1:00 PM	First Quarter Financial Review 2025-26	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Paul Wood Robyn Borley Tarnya McKenzie Christine Denning Spyros Karamesinis Lucy Norton-Baker Dana Pritchard Adele Denison Peter Liu	1. First Quarter Financial Review 2025-26 including the Priority Project Updates 2. Project Delivery Service Briefing	No



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12/11/2025 2:00 PM	Draft Community Safety Plan Update	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Nellie Montague James Gullan Sandra Khazam Elizabeth Turner Christine Dening Holly Jane Bill Mullholland	Officers provided Councillors an update on the Draft Community Safety Plan	No
12/11/2025 2:30 PM	Proposed Local Law Amendment and Draft Police Protocol	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Paul Wood Robyn Borley Tarnya McKenzie Elizabeth Turner	Officers provided Councillors an update on the Proposed Local Law Amendment and Draft Police Protocol	No
12/11/2025 3:00 PM	Homelessness and affordable housing strategy	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Gary Spivak Felicity Symons (online) Christine Dening	Councillors were presented with the draft proposed strategy, community consultation report, working draft implementation plan and potential budget allocation options.	No
12/11/2025 3:45 PM	First Nations Gathering Places	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Kylie Bennetts Christine Denning Josh Badenoch	Officers to provide Councillors with a summary of the history and current commitment relating to a First Nations Gathering Place(s) and Seek feedback from Councillors on their preferred approach to progress the development of a Gathering Place(s).	No



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12/11/2025 4:30 PM	Confidential: Albert Park Pit Building - Briefing with external agency	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Mike Fisher Elizabeth Cowan Luke Mason - Executive Director - Professional Sport and Tourism Infrastructure Department of Jobs Skills Industry and Regions Josie Crea – Director - Professional Sport and Tourism Infrastructure Mike Fisher	<i>Confidential</i>	Chris Carroll declared a perceived conflict of interest due to them knowing the president of a sporting club who are a tenant in the pit building. Left The Meeting: No
12/11/2025 5:00 PM	Confidential: St Kilda Marina - Evaluation Criteria	In person	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: Not present Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Paul Wood Mike Fisher Terrence Le	<i>Confidential</i>	No
14/11/2025 10:30 AM	Mayor & Cr Jay meeting with Officers re: Planning Scheme Amendment C219port	Online (MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Not present Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Not present Cr Halliday: Not present Cr Hardy: Not present Cr Jay: Online Cr Makin: Online Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Not present	Mike Fisher Leonie Kirkwood Matthew Budahazy Phoebe Hanna	Amendment C219port - South Melbourne Structure Plan. Specific topics discussed included: * 'City wedge industrial triangle' * City Edge Apartment Complex * Park Towers * 200 Dorcas Street * Skinners Adventure Playground	No
19/11/2025 9:45 AM	Draft Elster Creek Litter Action Plan	In person	Cr Buckingham: Not present Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: Not present Cr Jay: Not present Cr Makin: Not present Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: Not present	Mike Fisher Natalie Barron Julian Donlen.	The Draft Elster Creek Litter Action Plan was discussed: *Background on the Elster Creek Litter Collaboration. *City of Port Phillip actions in the draft plan. * Cost implication to Council to deliver the actions. *Community engagement on the draft plan, including events and timelines.	No



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19/11/2025 5:00 PM	Draft Agenda Review Briefing - Council Meeting 3 December 2025	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: Not present Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Paul Wood Robyn Borley Tarnya McKenzie Vicki Tuchtan Nellie Montague Mike Fisher James Ackroyd Mitch Gillet Arran Maclean Josh Vearing	Draft reports ahead of the 3 December 2025 Council Meeting	No
19/11/2025 5:30 PM	Emerald Hill Forecourt	In person	Cr Buckingham: In person Cr Cunsolo: In person Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: Online Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: In person Cr Thomann: In person	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Craig McLean	Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) funding bid for Emerald Hill	No
26/11/2025 9:30 AM	Housing Strategy Implementation - Residential Zone Review Project	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Online Cr Crawford: Not present Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: Not present Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: Not present Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Not present	Mike Fisher Leonie Kirkwood Lingna Zhang Sarah Stephenson Luke Rogers	Methodology for the project. Locations selected as focal areas for the project, including the potential to add additional areas. The proposed planning controls and their impact. The design of the engagement for the project.	No



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26/11/2025 1:00 PM	Financial Outlook and Direction Setting 2026/27	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Online Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Not present	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Paul Wood Robyn Borley Peter Liu	Financial Outlook and Direction Setting 2026/27	No
26/11/2025 2:00 PM	Crisis Management Framework	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Not present Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Not present	Chris Carroll Kylie Bennetts Robyn Borley Dana Pritchard Ryan Plunkett Amanda Clark Julie Snowden	*Emphasis on timely activation, escalation layers, and cross-Council collaboration. *Need for more frequent testing, including after-hours and backup processes. *Key scenarios noted: flooding, cyber attack, transport disruptions, and environmental hazards. *Councillor involvement and training highlighted as critical for public confidence.	No
26/11/2025 3:15 PM	St Kilda festival review proposal	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Online Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Kylie Bennetts Adele Dennison Sullivan Patten Richard Sowada James Lipari Bridget Monro-Hobbs	Proposed metrics to be used for the review of the 2026 St Kilda festival as well as options that speak to scale and scope of the review.	No



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26/11/2025 4:00 PM	Australian Grand Prix Corporation: F1 Grand Prix 2026	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Online Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Australian Grand Prix Corporation attendees: Travis Auld Tom Mottram Daniela Gomes Emily White Adele Denison	The 2026 Australian F1 Grand Prix	No
26/11/2025 4:30 PM	Draft Agenda Review Briefing - Council Meeting 10 December 2025	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Online Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Kylie Bennetts Robyn Borley Paul Wood Natalia Handcock Monique Cosgrove Vicki Tuchtan	Draft reports ahead of the Council Meeting 10 December 2025	No
26/11/2025 5:15 PM	VicPol Quarterly Councillor Briefing	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Nellie Montague Dirk Cummins Brett Coloe - Local Area Commander Kim Bramwell - Senior Sergeant Nellie Montague	Police provided updates on crime in City of Port Phillip as well as the Operational Protocol between Port Phillip and Police.	No
26/11/2025 5:45 PM	Draft Accessibility Action Plan For Community Engagement	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: Online Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Kylie Bennetts Jill Young	<p>The draft Accessibility Action Plan 2026–2030 was presented to Councillors for their feedback.</p> <p>Key areas for improvement include advocacy for accessible public transport, consistency in tactile ground surface indicators, improved pedestrian infrastructure and enhanced car park provisions for carers and people with disabilities.</p> <p>Additional considerations highlighted were improved timing at pedestrian crossings and maintaining progress on wheelchair access in public spaces.</p>	No



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26/11/2025 6:00 PM	Community Safety Workshop	Hybrid (In person and MS Teams)	Cr Buckingham: Online Cr Cunsolo: Not present Cr Crawford: In person Cr Halliday: In person Cr Hardy: In person Cr Jay: In person Cr Makin: In person Cr Mears: Not present Cr Thomann: Online	Chris Carroll Brian Tee Nellie Montague Dirk Cummins	Councillor discussion on Local Law amendments and Police Operating Protocol prior to 10 December Council meeting decision.	No