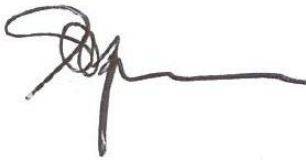


Councillor  
(as addressed)

The Statutory Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Realm, on Wednesday 20 November 2024, commencing at 7:30pm and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully



Steve Kozlowski  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Note:**

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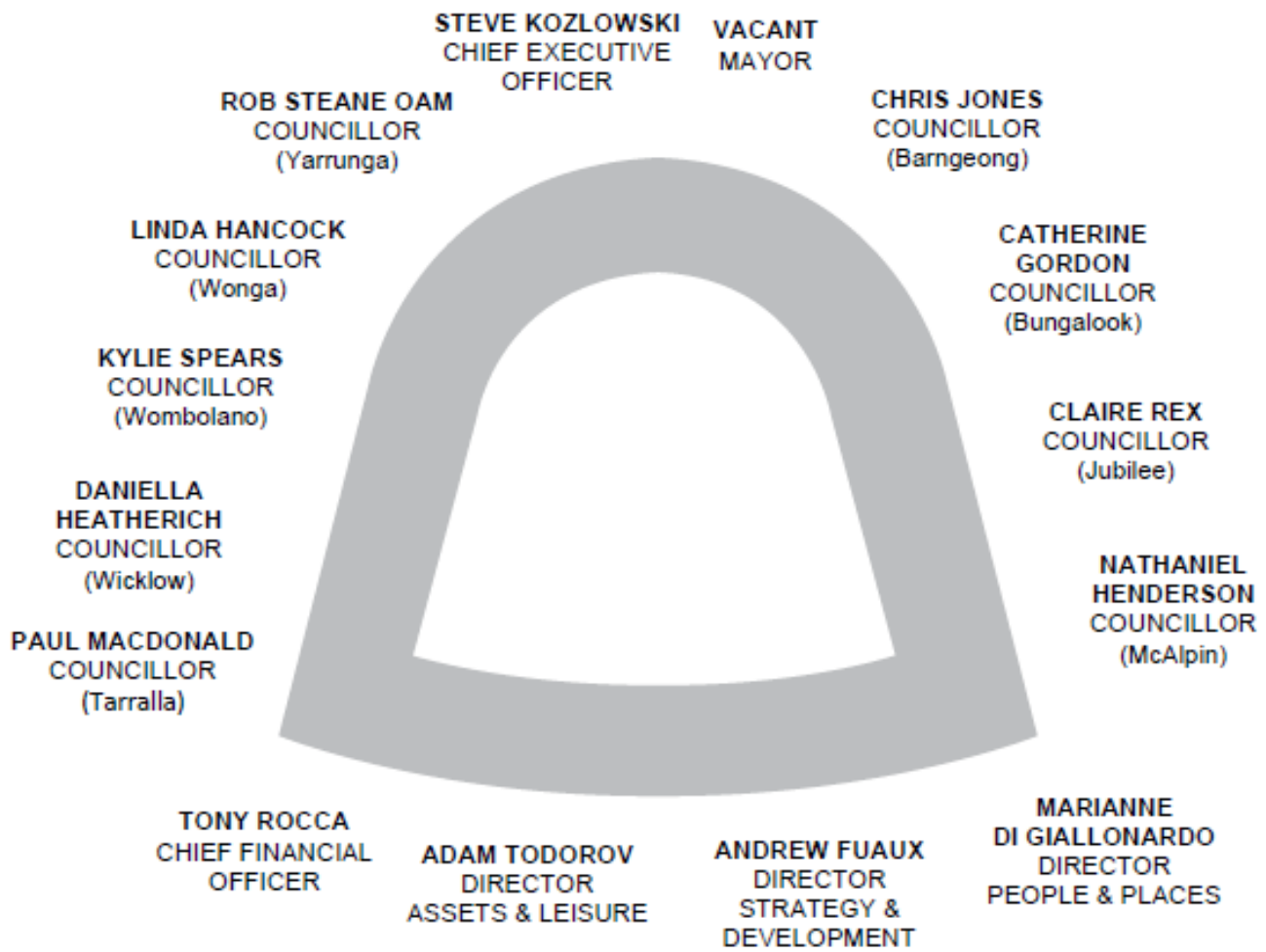


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# Council Chamber Seating



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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Prayer
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**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE - RESULT OF COUNCIL ELECTION** **ITEM 1**

**PURPOSE**

To note the Oath or Affirmation of Office made by the successful candidates in the 2024 Council Election for the Office of Councillor for Maroondah's nine (9) wards.

**STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES**

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2021-2025 (Year 4: 2024-2025) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community

Our Vision: In 2040, Maroondah will be an empowered community actively engaged in local decision making, led by an innovative community inspired Council that collaborates regionally and proactively champions local needs.

Key Directions 2024 – 2025:

8.1 Provide community inspired governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable.

**BACKGROUND**

An election was conducted for Maroondah City Council by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) in October 2024 for all nine Office of Councillor positions in line with State Government legislative requirements.

All successful candidates are required to swear an Oath of Office or make an Affirmation of Office declaration prior to taking up the Office of Councillor pursuant to legislation.

Maroondah Councillors-Elect complied with these statutory provisions as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Oath/Affirmation</b>	<b>Ward</b>
Chris Jones	Affirmation	Barngheong
Catherine Gordon	Oath	Bungalook
Claire Rex	Oath	Jubilee
Nathaniel Henderson	Oath	McAlpin
Paul Macdonald	Oath	Tarralla
Daniella Heatherich	Oath	Wicklow
Kylie Spears	Oath	Wombolano
Linda Hancock	Oath	Wonga
Rob Steane OAM	Oath	Yarrunga

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE - RESULT OF  
COUNCIL ELECTION Cont'd**

**ITEM 1**

**ISSUE / DISCUSSION**

It is a statutory requirement under *section 30* of the *Local Government Act 2020* that the successful candidates are required to take an oath or affirmation of office prior to taking up the Office of Councillor. The oath/affirmation states that the Model Councillor Code of Conduct has been read and that the provisions of the Code will be abided by.

All nine (9) Councillors made an Oath or Affirmation of Office immediately following the Declaration of the Poll on Monday 11 November 2024.

The Councillors will serve on Council up to the next general election, which is due to be held in October 2028.

**FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES**

Not applicable

**ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES**

Not applicable

**SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Not applicable










**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Not applicable

**CONCLUSION**

The documents pertaining to the Oath or Affirmation of Office is a requirement of *section 30(2)(c) Local Government Act 2020* and are to be noted by Council and form part of the official Council minutes.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1.  Chris Jones - Affirmation of Office 2024
2.  Catherine Gordon - Oath of Office 2024
3.  Claire Rex - Oath of Office 2024
4.  Nathaniel Henderson - Oath of Office 2024
5.  Paul Macdonald - Oath of Office 2024
6.  Daniella Heatherich - Oath of Office 2024
7.  Kylie Spears - Oath of Office 2024
8.  Linda Hancock - Oath of Office 2024
9.  Rob Steane - Oath of Office 2024

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT**

- 1. COUNCIL NOTES THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE DECLARATIONS THAT WERE MADE ON 11 NOVEMBER 2024 BY ALL NINE COUNCILLORS ELECTED AT THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND**
- 2. THAT SUCH DOCUMENTATION BECOMES PART OF THE OFFICIAL MINUTES TO THIS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2024**



## AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, Chris Jones, 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.

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.

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**Chris Jones**  
Barngeong Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, Catherine Gordon, 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.

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**Catherine Gordon**  
Bungalook Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer





## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

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

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**Claire Rex**  
Jubilee Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

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

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**Nathaniel Henderson**  
McAlpin Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, Paul Macdonald, 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.

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**Paul Macdonald**  
Tarralla Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, Daniella Heatherich, 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.

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**Daniella Heatherich**  
Wicklow Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

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

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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.

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**Kylie Spears**  
Wombolano Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

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

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**Linda Hancock**  
Wonga Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OATH OF OFFICE

*Local Government Act 2020*

I, Rob Steane, 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.

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**Rob Steane**  
Yarrunga Ward Councillor

*Made before me on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

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**Stephen Kozlowski**  
Chief Executive Officer