



City of Whittlesea

Youth Council agenda

Monday 2 March 2026 at 6pm



Council Chamber,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang



**City of
Whittlesea**

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Youth Councillors

Youth Cr Ahmed Abumeis

Youth Cr Osama Akkad

Youth Cr Dhyani Bhavsar

Youth Cr Gabby Charman

Youth Cr Emma Fasciani

Youth Cr Suad Issa

Youth Cr Clare Joseph

Youth Cr Ethan Kosumo

Youth Cr Alana Luscombe

Youth Cr Charlize Pommier

Youth Cr Hemal Sharma

Youth Cr Mannat Sooch

Youth Cr Theresa Yan

Officers

Jacinta Stevens

Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Justine Smith

Unit Manager Council Governance

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO will open the meeting and welcome everyone in attendance.

1.2 Apologies/Absent

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Chair will read the following statement:

“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

1.4 Youth Council Charter

The Chair will read the following statement on behalf of the Youth Council:

“We the members of the City of Whittlesea Youth Council, commit to advocating for and being the voice of the youth within our municipality. We ensure a safe space for all, to engage in constructive collaboration on matters affecting young people. We aim to empower and foster community connectedness in our youth so they feel valued and supported to achieve their aspirations.”

1.5 Acknowledgements

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council confirm the Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 2 February 2026, as circulated.

4 Officers' Reports

4.1 Youth Mayoral Election 2026-2027

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Councillor Support Officer

Executive Summary

The election of the Youth Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the City of Whittlesea Youth Council Terms of Reference (TOR).

Section 7 of the TOR prescribes that the Youth Council will receive nominations for and vote on a Youth Mayor at the second meeting of the term.

Elections will be held in accordance with Council's Governance Rules with nominations submitted via an Expression of Interest form prior to the meeting.

The term of the Youth Mayor is for one year.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council conduct the 2026-2027 election for the position of Youth Mayor for a term of one year.

Attachments

Nil

4.2 Deputy Youth Mayor Election 2026-2027

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Councillor Support Officer

Executive Summary

The election of the Deputy Youth Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the City of Whittlesea Youth Council Terms of Reference (TOR).

Section 7 of the TOR prescribes that the Youth Council will receive nominations for and vote on a Deputy Youth Mayor at the second meeting of the term.

Elections will be held in accordance with Council's Governance Rules with nominations submitted via an Expression of Interest form prior to the meeting.

The term of the Deputy Youth Mayor is for one year and is identical to the term of the Youth Mayor.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council conducts the 2026-2027 election for the position of Deputy Youth Mayor for a term of one year.

Attachments

Nil

4.3 Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor and Youth Councillor Addresses

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Councillor Support Officer

Executive Summary

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO will invite the newly elected Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor to present a two-minute address.

Youth Councillors will then be invited to make a two-minute response to the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor's addresses.

- 5 Notices of Motion**
- 6 General / Urgent Business**
- 7 Closure**