

7.3.2 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 2026 meeting schedule as in Attachment 1 to this report.

INTRODUCTION

This report proposes a meeting cycle for Council for the 2026 calendar year.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

A council with good governance, strong leadership and community involvement in decision making

A Council that provides governance and leadership for the benefit of our community through community engagement, advocacy, decision making and action.

BACKGROUND

The meeting cycle for 2025 was as follows:

- Council Meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, except for December in 2025. This is where formal decisions are made.
- Briefing Meeting of Councillors the week prior to the Council Meeting to discuss any further clarification of Council reports which may be required to enhance decision making.
- Strategy Meeting two weeks prior to the Council Meeting where Councillors discuss a range of strategic matters.

All Briefing and Strategy Meetings are scheduled with the agreement of Councillors and do not require formal resolution.

It has been customary for Council to resolve its meeting cycles for at least a twelve-month period and this report proposes the continuation of that practice for 2026.

DISCUSSION

The meeting structure proposed in this report is consistent with Council's governance obligations as set out in the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's current Governance Rules and other relevant legislation and guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not required.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights implications to this report.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Council Meeting schedule as provided in Attachment 1 to this report is consistent with Council's commitment to open and accountable government and involving the community in decisions that affect them. It will continue to build upon the established partnership between Council and the community in fostering effective governance of the City of Monash.

ATTACHMENT LIST

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Council Meeting Schedule (2026)

Commencement time: 7.00pm

Frequency: The last Tuesday of the month (except for December)

Location: Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

Month	Date
January	27/01/2026
February	24/02/2026
March	31/03/2026
April	28/04/2026
May	26/05/2026
June	30/06/2026
July	28/07/2026
August	25/08/2026
September	29/09/2026
October	27/10/2026
November*	10/11/2026
November	24/11/2026
December	15/12/2026

*Meeting for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.