

Register of requests for information from candidates

Candidate name	Peter Killin
Channel of enquiry	Email
Nature of enquiry	Contacted Council asking multiple questions about CEO remuneration and Council Budget/Plan between 14 August-17 September.
Nature of support given	<p>Questions were answered periodically by Birgit King/Vishantri Perera/Clare Martin/Jesse Graham. This form regards the latest response - below:</p> <p>CEO remuneration</p> <p>Tammi Rose was appointed as Chief Executive Officer on 18 December, 2018 with a total remuneration package of \$370,000.</p> <p>The CEO's salary is determined by Council annually in reference to the median of the category 1 Council criteria under the State Government Remuneration Survey.</p> <p>Yarra Ranges is one of the seven largest Councils in Victoria by population and turnover, hence the category 1 rating. We have over 900 employees and an annual budget of more than \$250 million.</p> <p>CEO salary packages are determined to attract high calibre candidates who are able to lead a large and complex organisation.</p>
Date assistance given	17/09/2020
Officer	Jesse Graham

Candidate name	Lisa Di Battista
Channel of enquiry	Phone
Nature of enquiry	Wishing to find a cost of Council graffiti programs
Nature of support given	Called Lisa and outlined budget breakdown. \$208,000 including wages and materials. Also noted this amount didn't include vehicle costs. Also spoke about inter-agency work we undertake and recommended the Smoke and Mirrors report for more information.
Date assistance given	23/09/2020
Officer	Bronwyn Grass

Candidate name	Karen Duke
Channel of enquiry	Email
Nature of enquiry	Enquiry in relation to where members of the community can go if they want to raise concerns about the conduct of the election and wish to make a complaint.
Nature of support given	<p>Advised that complaints about the election are handled by the Local Government Inspectorate, who have a complaint form on their website that is specifically for election-related complaints and can be used to raise concerns in respect of any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content, authorisation or distribution of election material; • Whether a candidate is eligible to run for election; • A current Councillor is improperly using their position or Council resources for their election campaign; • Someone has tampered with, forged, stolen or interfered with ballot papers; • Someone tried to bribe, intimidate or otherwise improperly influence another person in order to get their vote or support; • Someone has misused the voters' roll; • Someone tried to bribe, intimidate or otherwise improperly influence another person in order to get them to run as a candidate; • Someone has done something they should not be doing at or near a voting centre, such as canvassing for votes. <p>Also advised that the information provided above will be published to Council's website under https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Elections-2020</p>
Date assistance given	29/09/2020
Officer	Steve Jones

Candidate name	Nerida Forster
Channel of enquiry	Phone
Nature of enquiry	Clarification on Playspace Plan - noted that there are playspaces that are listed as to be retired. Particularly interested in Noble Reserve and McDermott Reserve. Asked if McDermott reserve was sold or not

	<p>Valley Park Drive Reserve - asked why this was not developed, as it was listed within year 2 of the playspace plan</p> <p>Process on retire vs renewal - how does this get decided. Can you add a renewal to the plan?</p>
Nature of support given	<p>Advised that where a playspace is listed as retired this means it is being decommissioned and removed. This is usually because it has been assessed that there are many other options in the area nearby that have recently been renewed or are planned to be - i.e. an assessment of the spread in the overall network</p> <p>Advised that McDermott has not been sold, this is still Council-owned land. Plans for this space are yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Valley Park Drive Reserve - this site was assessed in feasibility stage as not appropriate for development of a playspace, too steep, instead some seating furniture and paths were installed.</p> <p>Adding new playspace renewals to the plan - While the playspace plan is set up to be updated and reviewed, particularly for the medium term and long-term lists, we tend not to add to network as this has impacts on ongoing maintenance load. Should it be determined that a site listed as retire is to be retained and renewed, additional funding may need to be secured and this signed off by Council.</p> <p>Alternatively, could go through a process of finding a site to 'swap' in the same area - however this is yet to be done. When this has been considered in the past and both sites assessed, the original recommendations were not changed as a result. Often some sites have better conditions and exposure than others, or geographically are better suited to development. This is an analysis process officers can undertake if requested.</p>
Date assistance given	30/09/2020
Officer	Heather Stevenson

Candidate name	Dave Hill
Channel of enquiry	Email
Nature of enquiry	<p>Council received an email from Mr Hill on 26/09/20 that was tasked to Governance on 29/09/20 which stated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the electoral roll for the Ryrie Ward in which Mr Hill is standing cannot be provided in a format that he has access to • DEX, VEC and phone contact to the council had been of no assistance • he had a right to receive the information that he had previously requested when he nominated

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> he finds himself to have a significant unfair disadvantage that will impact on his campaigning to constituents <p>Mr Hill asked "How does this council respond ?"</p>
Nature of support given	The Governance Coordinator raised the issue with Council's Client Liaison Officer at the VEC and the Election Manager for Yarra Ranges and received a reply on 30/09/20 that the VEC's Enrolment Branch will contact Mr Hill directly to address the concern. Mr Hill was advised by email of this and that as the VEC are the statutory body responsible for the organisation, management and delivery of the 2020 Council Elections, Council has no control over the format of the Electoral Roll, the provision of this to any candidate who requests it, or, the secure DEx platform operated by them. It was further advised that the matters raised should be addressed directly with the VEC.
Date assistance given	30/09/2020
Officer	Steve Jones

Candidate name	David Hill
Channel of enquiry	Phone
Nature of enquiry	Request to review permit for electoral signage displayed on Badger Creek Road, Healesville. Requested information regarding signage guidelines.
Nature of support given	Customer provided with signage guidelines and request has been entered for further investigation regarding signage on Council land and private property.
Date assistance given	05/10/2020
Officer	Lynda Hartigan

Candidate name	David Hill
Channel of enquiry	Email
Nature of enquiry	Request to review permit for electoral signage displayed on Maroondah Hwy, Healesville
Nature of support given	Enquiry relating to signage - request entered for further investigation.
Date assistance given	05/10/2020
Officer	Lynda Hartigan

Candidate name	David Hill
Channel of enquiry	Email
Nature of enquiry	Signage in public places
Nature of support given	Information added to an existing request raised.
Date assistance given	06/10/2020
Officer	Jess Kruger