

## Council Committees Representatives/Delegates List – 2026

Internal Council Committee	Purpose	Delegates	Term of appointment	Council contact
<p>Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p><a href="#">Audit and Risk Committee Charter</a></p>	<p>The Audit and Risk Committee has the responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor the compliance of council policies and procedures with the overarching governance principles, the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and any Ministerial directions.</li> <li>• Monitor council's financial and performance reporting.</li> <li>• Monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud prevention systems and controls.</li> <li>• Oversee internal and external audit functions.</li> </ul>	<p>Cr Karen Hyslop</p> <p>Cr Karen Probst</p>	<p>The Councillor representatives will be appointed <b>annually</b> at Council's December meeting.</p>	<p>Vaughan Williams</p> <p>Director Corporate Services</p>
<p>CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee</p> <p><a href="#">CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee Policy and Terms of Reference</a></p>	<p>Advisory committee to council to establish and oversee the process to enable council to appoin the CEO.</p>	<p>All councillors</p>	<p>All councillors form the Committee</p> <p>Phil Shanahan was elected Independent Member/Chair for a 3 year term in 2025</p>	<p>Vaughan Williams</p> <p>Director Corporate Services</p>
<p>Queen Mary Gardens Advisory Group</p> <p><a href="#">Queen Mary Gardens Advisory Group Terms of Reference</a></p>	<p>Established to provide advice on the care and manage QMG and Pioneer Park.</p>	<p>Cr Karen Probst (Chair)</p>	<p>1 Councillor (Chair)</p> <p>4 year term</p>	<p>Heath Pohl</p> <p>Manager Operations</p>
<p>NGSC Renewables Community Stakeholder Reference Group</p> <p><a href="#">Terms of Reference</a></p>	<p>The NGSC RCSRG supports effective community engagement across all aspects of Council's role in renewable energy, from policy response and advocacy through to technical review and compliance (renewable energy matters). The RCSRG focuses solely on matters related to Council's role in the development of the VNI West project, the REZ in the Northern Grampians Shire, and other renewable energy project proposals.</p>	<p>All Councillors (with the exception of Cr Hyslop)</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>Director</p>		<p>Justine Kingan</p> <p>Director Strategy, Prosperity and Engagement</p>

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St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group  <a href="#">St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Terms of Reference</a>	To provide advice regarding Lord Nelson Park, King George Park and Goldfields Reservoir.	Cr Murray Emerson (Chair) Cr Karen Probst	Up to two Councillors (one who will be appointed as Chairperson who will have voting rights, noting that any vote will be taken in consultation with the second Councillor representative) 24-month term for members	Zander McDougall Manager Communities 0448 380 524
Stawell Recreation Advisory Group  <a href="#">Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Terms of Reference</a>	To provide advice regarding North Park and Central Park	Cr Karen Hyslop (Chair) Cr Jack Blake	Up to two Councillors (one who will be appointed as Chairperson who will have voting rights, noting that any vote will be taken in consultation with the second Councillor representative) 24-month term for members	Zander McDougall Manager Communities 0448 380 524
Stawell Aerodrome Advisory Group  Terms of Reference to be adopted by council on 1/12/2025	To research and act as a consulting and advising body to the Council to support and guide the strategic management and development of the Stawell Aerodrome and its surrounds.	Cr Jack Blake Cr Jenny Greenberger	2 councillors (as nominated by council Director Infrastructure and Amenity or representative 4-year term for DEECA (1), aerodrome users(4) nominated by aerodrome users.	Trenton Fithall Director Infrastructure and Amenity 0408 478 851
Walkers Lake Advisory Group  <a href="#">Walkers Lake Advisory Group Terms of Reference</a>	The Advisory Group provides recommendations to the council in terms of the Walkers Lake Management Plan.	Cr Karen Probst (Chair) Cr Murray Emerson	One Councillor (who will chair meetings) 4-year term for members	Tony Dark Senior Public Space Planner 0400 640 828
Stawell Gift Event Management Pty Ltd (SGEM)  <a href="#">SGEM Constitution</a>	Management committee to focus on the Stawell Gift's long-term sustainability.	Cr Murray Emerson (Chair) Cr Karen Hyslop	2 representatives appointed by the Northern Grampians Shire Council Term of Chair = 2 years Director = 3 year term Staggered terms 1, 2, 3 years	Brent McAlister CEO

External Committee	Purpose	Delegates	Term of appointment	Council contact
Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee <a href="#">Sunraysia Highway Improvement Committee Constitution</a>	Six member councils – to pursue improvement and upgrading of Sunraysia Highway	Cr Jack Blake		Trenton Fithall Director Infrastructure and Amenity
Grampians Health Community Advisory Committee <a href="#">GHCAC Terms of Reference</a>	Committee reports directly to the Grampians Health Board and has responsibility to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide direction and leadership regarding the integration of consumer, carer and community views into all levels of the health service's operations, planning and policy development.</li> <li>• Advise the board and the health service on consumer, carer and community views on health service development, planning and quality improvement to represent and advocate to the Board on behalf of consumers and their communities.</li> </ul>	Cr Karen Hyslop	One councillor representative	N/A
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Grampians Tourism Board Inc (CEOs only) <a href="#">Board – Grampians Tourism</a>	The Grampians Tourism Board includes 2 industry skilled-based members, as well as representatives from the 4 participating councils, Parks Victoria, Regional Development Victoria and Tourism Victoria. The board is chaired by an independent chairman.  GT is a peak industry body which delivers a coordinated approach to marketing, product development, infrastructure investment and industry development for the Grampians Region.	CEO		Justine Kingan Director Strategy, Prosperity and Engagement
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) <b>Delegate/s Representative/s</b> <a href="#">MAV Board Rules</a>	Incorporated by Act of Parliament; Council delegates represent NGSC that is a member council.  NGSC is part of the MAV regional group - Wimmera Southern Mallee Central Highlands Group	Cr Murray Emerson (Delegate) Cr Jack Blake (Substitute)	MAV Representatives: Council must appoint (by resolution) one councillor as a delegate and one councillor as a substitute delegate to the Association.	CEO

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Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Emergency Management Forums <a href="#">MAV Letter</a>	Held annually to provide councillors and senior executive with strategic input into emergency management matters relating to the role of local government. A nomination has been sought for a councillor or senior executive representative.	Justine Kingan Director Strategy, Prosperity and Engagement		
Rail Freight Alliance  <a href="#">RFA Delegates Information Sheet</a>	A membership-based organisation representing 24 rural and regional councils across Victoria. The primary focus of the organisation is to increase investment into the rail network, advocating for rail standardisation and upgrading of all key rail lines in Victoria to world class transport standards. The aim is a competitive, independent and non-discriminatory Open Access rail freight system and seamless freight logistics that will facilitate the movement of bulk freight by rail rather than by road.	Cr Jack Blake	Jeevan Pinto Manager Infrastructure	Reid Mather RFA - Executive Officer Ph: 0428 772 264 info@railfreightalliance.com <a href="http://www.railfreightalliance.com">www.railfreightalliance.com</a>
Rural Councils Victoria  <a href="#">Rural Councils Victoria Rules of Incorporation</a>	A representative body of Victorian LGAs deemed to be rural and has both CEOs and Councillors on the Committee. A CEO and Councillor from each region is elected to the Committee for a four-year term. NGSC is a member council.		The Rural North West region is currently represented by Cr Stuart King, Councillor at Swan Hill Rural City, and RCV Treasurer Tammy Smith, CEO at Yarriambiack Shire Council	Vaughan Williams Director Corporate Services
Western Highway Action Committee  <a href="#">Western Highway Action Committee Constitution</a>	Group working to gain improvements for the Western Highway.	Cr Jack Blake		Trenton Fithall Director Infrastructure and Amenity
Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group  <a href="#">WSMRTG Strategy</a>	Group of six councils (and VicRoads) focusing of regional road transport projects.	Cr Jack Blake		Trenton Fithall Director Infrastructure and Amenity
Central Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network Inc (LLEN) Board of Management	LLENS are led by a volunteer Board of Management and support children and young people to actively participate in education, training, employment and the community. The Board has sought a nomination for the board under the local government category.	Cr Jenny Greenberger		N/A
<b>Supported Groups</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Delegates</b>		<b>Council contact</b>

North Central LLEN St Arnaud	LLENS are led by a volunteer Board of Management and support children and young people to actively participate in education, training, employment and the community.	Cr Karen Probst		N/A
Great Western Futures Committee	Local Progress Association	Cr Justine Hide		Justine Kingan Director Strategy, Prosperity and Engagement
Halls Gap Community Association	Voluntary organisation to promote the quality of life in community of Halls Gap and district.	Cr Justine Hide (ex officio)		Justine Kingan Director Strategy, Prosperity and Engagement
Lake Fyans Recreation Area Committee of Management	Recreation Water Committee of Management	Cr Jack Blake		Tony Dark Senior Public Space Planner
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)  <a href="#">VLGA Constitution</a>	In accordance with clause 20.4 of the VLGA Constitution, all councillors (and Administrators) of a VLGA member council are its representatives and are entitled to attend meetings, and if applicable, speak and vote* regarding the items of business listed on the agenda at the VLGA's AGM on behalf of the member council.	All councillors are members as NGSC is a member council		Vaughan Williams Director Corporate Services
St Arnaud Community Action Network (SCAN)	Purpose: To promote St Arnaud and district as a proud and unified community that assists the community to be a great place to live, invest, and grow. Aim: To create a unified and growing community where businesses, organisations, and residents work as one.	Cr Murray Emerson Cr Karen Probst		N/A