

Management report to Council

Agenda item 6.8

2018 Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election: Election Report

Council

Presenter: Marlo Emmitt, Acting Manager Governance and Legal

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Purpose and background

1. The purpose of this report is to submit to Council the Election Report (refer Attachment 2) prepared by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), on the May 2018 Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election.
2. Schedule 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act) requires that:
 - 2.1. the Returning Officer must prepare a report to the Chief Executive Officer on the conduct of the election within the period of three months after election day
 - 2.2. the report must include a certified record of the number of ballot-papers and declarations printed, issued, used, spoiled and returned
 - 2.3. the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the report is submitted to the Council at the earliest practicable meeting of the Council held after the report is received by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. The Election Report was received by Council on 17 July 2018.
4. The by-election was held to fill the vacancy of Lord Mayor, following the resignation of Robert Doyle AC on 5 February 2018.

Key issues

5. The Election Report prepared by the VEC includes detailed information about advertising and communications, enquiry and candidate services, the issuing, return, extraction and counting of ballot papers, declaration of results, election statistics, complaints and post-election activities.
6. The participation rate was 57.93 per cent for the Lord Mayor by-election. This is an increase of 2.26 per cent from the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election (55.67 per cent).
7. The informal voting rate was 6.52 per cent of the total votes. While this was an increase of 2.92 per cent from the 2016 (Leadership Team) general election, it is fairly consistent with the figure for all postal elections held across the State at the 2016 local government elections (6.06 per cent).

Recommendation from management

8. That Council notes the Election Report provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the May 2018 Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election.

Attachments:

1. Supporting Attachment (page 2 of 38)
2. Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor By-Election May 2018: Election Report by the Victorian Electoral Commission (page 3 of 38)

Supporting Attachment

Legal

1. No legal implications arise from the recommendation contained in this report.

Finance

2. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Conflict of interest

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

Stakeholder consultation

4. No external consultation has been undertaken as the conduct of the by-election is governed by legislation.

Relation to Council policy

5. Pursuant to section 41A(2B) of the Act, voting at a by-election must be conducted by the same means, whether attendance or postal voting, as the previous general election was conducted unless the Council has decided not later than seven days after the extraordinary vacancy occurred to change the means of conducting the voting. The 2016 Melbourne City Council general election was held by postal ballot.
6. Following the extraordinary vacancy created by Robert Doyle's resignation on 5 February 2018, an email was sent to all Councillors on 6 February 2018 informing them that the by-election would be conducted by postal vote unless Council resolved otherwise by close of business on 12 February 2018.

Environmental sustainability

7. There is no significant sustainability impact arising from the recommendation in this report.

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Letter of Transmittal

29 June 2018

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Dear Mr Rimmer

Pursuant to clause 14 of Schedule 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, I submit this report on the Melbourne City Council, Lord Mayor by-election held in May 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Gately'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

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Background

An extraordinary vacancy occurred for the Lord Mayor of Melbourne City Council due to the resignation of Mr Robert Doyle AC on Monday 5 February 2018.

Mr Doyle was elected as Lord Mayor at the Melbourne City Council general election held on Saturday 22 October 2016 by postal voting.

Under section 24(1) of the *City of Melbourne Act 2001 (the CoM Act)*, a vacancy arising for the office of Lord Mayor more than 6 months or more before the general election is due requires that a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Section 24 of the CoM Act provides that an election to fill the vacancy will be conducted under section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the LG Act)*.

The by-election was conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (**VEC**), as the statutory election service provider to Melbourne City Council, in accordance with clause 1 of Schedule 2 of the LG Act.

About Melbourne City Council

Melbourne City Council is comprised of the Leadership Team (including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) and nine councillors elected from an unsubdivided municipality. The structure was last reviewed through an electoral representation review in 2012.

Figure 1: Map shows the boundaries of the municipality.



Election dates

Voting in the by-election closed at 6.00 pm on Friday 11 May 2018. The key dates involved with the by-election were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Entitlement date | Friday 16 March 2018 at 4.00 pm |
| Certification of the voters roll and opening of nominations | Thursday 5 April 2018 |
| Close of nominations | Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 12 noon |
| Deadline for lodging candidate statements and photographs | Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 12 noon |
| Deadline for lodging candidate questionnaires | Monday 16 April 2018 at 12 noon |
| General mail out of ballot packs to voters | Monday 23 April 2018 to Thursday 26 April 2018 (No mail out on ANZAC Day public holiday) |
| Close of voting | Friday 11 May 2018 at 6.00 pm |
| Election day | Saturday 12 May 2018 |
| Close of extended postal vote receipt period | Friday 18 May 2018 at 12 noon |
| Declaration of election results | Monday 21 May 2018 at 10.30 am |

Voters roll

Melbourne City Council prepared the voters roll for the Lord Mayor by-election in accordance with the CoM Act. The entitlement date (close of roll) for the by-election was at 4.00 pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

The VEC provided a list of voters (EC's list) enrolled within the City of Melbourne under the Electoral Act to be enrolled without application in accordance with section 11 of the CoM Act. The VEC was also able to provide assistance to Melbourne City Council to compile the voters roll.

Pursuant to section 11D(5)(a) of the CoM Act, the Registrar, the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne City Council, certified the voters' roll on Thursday 5 April 2018.

The certified voters roll for the by-election included 144,839 enrolled voters, comprising as follows:

| EC's List | CEO's List | Total |
|-----------|------------|---------|
| 58,027 | 86,812 | 144,839 |

After the entitlement date, any amendments to the roll received from Council were applied to the roll. The Registrar made 289 amendments to the voters roll, 8 additions and 281 deletions.

Advertising and communications

Public notices

The VEC published a series of statutory notices in relation to the by-election. These notices are required by the LG Act and contain critical information relevant to each point of the election timeline. Refer to **Appendix 1** for further information in relation to the statutory advertising.

VEC website

The VEC provided information for the by-election on its website under the 'Current Elections' page. This was regularly updated with content relevant to each stage of the by-election.

The declared result of the by-election was published on the VEC website on Monday 21 May 2018.

Media liaison

The VEC's media liaison program principally featured staged media releases aimed to highlight key milestones during the by-election timetable, and capitalise on existing general news coverage. More information on the VEC's media release schedule is available at **Appendix 2**.

Public education and outreach

The VEC's Education and Inclusion team worked with local community-based organisations to deliver a range of electoral inclusion initiatives, including electoral information and enrolment sessions. This activity focused on three target populations:

- people experiencing homelessness;
- culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities; and
- people with a disability.

The team liaised with the Diversity Officer and other staff at the Melbourne City Council to promote electoral outreach sessions. Targeted, community-based information was provided to the following organisations:

- AMES, Flagstaff;
- Council of Adult Education;
- Kensington Neighbourhood House;
- Carlton Neighbourhood house;
- Unison;
- Cohealth;
- Drummond Street Services;
- Carlton Housing Estate Resident Services; and
- CBD Homelessness Network.

Electoral information and enrolment sessions were conducted at the following locations:

- Frontyard;
- North Melbourne Language and Learning;
- Unison; and
- Yooralla.

Blind and low vision services

Braille and large print ballot material was available to blind and low vision voters who had registered for these products by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 28 March 2018. The VEC received and processed requests for two braille ballot papers and four large print ballot papers.

Interpreting services

The VEC engaged the Victorian Interpreting and Language Services' Language Link to provide a telephone interpreting service for multi-language telephone enquiries. The VEC advertised direct lines for 20 languages other than English and a general line for all other languages. The VEC received 16 telephone interpreter assisted calls during the election.

Telephone enquiry service

The election office provided telephone assistance to members of the public with enquiries regarding the by-election. A total of 5,079 calls were recorded on the office telephone system during the election period. The election office staff answered 4,720 calls and 359 callers were not responded to before they left the queue.

The types of calls that are typical during an election relate to:

- voting entitlements and compulsory voting obligations;
- enrolment questions;
- ballot pack had not been received;
- ballot material was spoilt or destroyed, so replacement ballot material was required;
- a voter advising that he or she was overseas or interstate; and
- queries regarding the content of the ballot pack.

Refer to **Appendix 3** for the telephone enquiry call pattern

Election Management Team

The VEC maintains a pool of trained senior election officials located across the State to fill election management roles that occur for State and local government elections. Additional election-specific training is provided to relevant senior election officials prior to each election management appointment.

In accordance with section 3 of the LG Act, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Bill Lang as the Returning Officer for the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election. The Electoral Commissioner also appointed Jenny Colgan, Mike Harrison and Rose McVicar, as Deputy Returning Officers to assist Bill Lang in the conduct of the by-election.

Election office

The Returning Officer established an election office at Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne. The election office was provided by the VEC.

The election office was open to the public from Wednesday 4 April 2018 until Friday 11 May 2018. The office hours were 9.00 am to 5.00 pm weekdays, except on public holidays. Opening hours were extended on Thursday 10 May 2018 (9.00 am to 8.00 pm) and Friday 11 May 2018 (9.00 am to 6.00 pm) to allow for last minute voting enquiries.

Candidates

Nominations for the by-election opened at 9.00 am on Thursday 5 April 2018, and closed at 12 noon on Tuesday 10 April 2018. Nomination forms were required to be lodged by candidates in person at the election office. A \$250 nomination fee applied.

Candidate information

Candidates were able to access the VEC's information about the process of nominating and becoming a candidate for the by-election from early February 2018. The VEC's candidate helper went live on Tuesday 27 March 2018, enabling candidates to pre-complete their nomination form and other forms online before lodging them in person with the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer conducted two information sessions for prospective candidates. The sessions were conducted at the election office at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 28 March 2018, and 1.00 pm on Wednesday 4 April 2018. Twenty-two interested persons attended these sessions. The presentation at each session summarised critical aspects of the Candidate Handbook and the by-election timeline.

Candidates

Fourteen nominations were lodged by candidates during the nomination period. A ballot draw to determine the order of names on the ballot paper was held at the election office at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 10 April 2018 using the VEC's computerised ballot draw application.

The candidates, in ballot paper order, were as follows:

| Candidates |
|----------------------------|
| XIE, Qun |
| CAPP, Sally |
| DOWNING, Luke |
| LEPPERT, Rohan |
| WARHAFT, Sally |
| MacDONALD, Alex |
| WATSON, Allan |
| YANG, Jennifer |
| SFETKIDIS, Katie |
| MORGAN, Gary |
| O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole |
| BURGE, Michael |
| ONG, Ken |
| POON, Bruce |

Candidate statements and photos

Candidates were able to lodge a 200 word statement and photograph for inclusion with the ballot packs sent to voters, in accordance with Regulation 36 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2016 (**the Regulations**). All candidates submitted a statement and photo to be included in the ballot material by the 12 noon deadline on Wednesday 11 April 2018.

Further information about the candidates, including candidate statements and photographs is available at **Appendix 4**.

Candidate questionnaires

In addition to a statement and photograph, candidates were able to lodge their answers to a set of prescribed questions in accordance with Regulation 44B of the City of Melbourne (Electoral) Regulations 2012. The Returning Officer accepted questionnaire submissions lodged by thirteen candidates. One candidate did not lodge a questionnaire submission.

Voters could access candidates' answers to the candidate questionnaire through the VEC website, or by requesting a hardcopy from the Returning Officer.

Voting

Early votes

The Returning Officer may issue an early vote prior to the general mail out of ballot packs upon request by an enrolled voter, if the request is reasonable. Requests for early votes could be processed from Wednesday 11 April 2018, the day after nominations closed, until the commencement of the general mail out of ballot packs on Monday 23 April 2018. The Returning Officer issued a total of 42 early votes.

General mail out

The VEC mailed out or hand-delivered 144,809 ballot packs between Monday 23 April 2018 and Thursday 26 April 2018. This included 132 ballot packs that were redirected to an alternative address provided by voters that had applied to redirect their ballot pack by Thursday 5 April 2018. Ballot packs were not sent to 30 voters where notification had been received that they had died or had an undeliverable enrolled address.

In accordance with Regulation 84 (2) of the Regulations, no more than 35 percent of ballot packs were mailed out or hand-delivered on any one day during the delivery period. All ballot packs sent by mail used Australia Post's priority paid service.

Daily breakdown of the general mail out and hand-delivery

| Ballot packs lodged with Australia Post per day during the mail out period | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Monday 23 April 2018 | Tuesday 24 April 2018 | Thursday 26 April 2018 | Total |
| 47,569 | 47,066 | 44,745 | 139,380 |

During the voting period, 3,953 ballot packs were returned to the election office by Australia Post as return-to-sender mail. Most of this mail was due to the addressee having left the address.

Hand delivery of ballot packs

The VEC hand-delivered 5,429 ballot packs from Monday 23 April 2018 to Thursday 26 April 2018 to the public high-rise housing estates in Carlton, Kensington and North Melbourne, Melbourne Inner City Management, and the Melbourne Law Chambers.

Daily breakdown of the hand-delivery

| Ballot packs hand-delivered by VEC per day during the mail out period | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Monday 23 April 2018 | Tuesday 24 April 2018 | Thursday 26 April 2018 | Total |
| 1,404 | 2,169 | 1,856 | 5,429 |

Monitoring of ballot pack deliveries

The VEC engaged a security company to provide trained security staff to patrol residential areas within the City of Melbourne, to report on any suspicious behaviour or theft of postal ballot packs, and to collect any discarded ballot packs. Particular attention was to be given to the high density residential areas.

A mixture of plain clothed and uniformed staff were used for patrols on foot, and marked mobile patrol vehicles were utilised. The patrols occurred between the hours of 10.00 am and 7.00 pm from Monday 23 April to Monday 30 April 2018.

The security company reported that there was no suspicious behaviour observed by their staff while conducting patrols. During their patrols, the staff located twenty-nine discarded postal ballot packs, and these were returned to the election office.

Unenrolled declaration votes

Unenrolled declaration votes are issued to persons whose name cannot be found on the voters roll but claim that they are entitled to vote at the by-election. The unenrolled ballot pack includes a declaration that is required to be completed by the person, and assessed by the Returning Officer, prior to either admitting or disallowing the vote.

The Returning Officer issued 90 unenrolled declaration votes, of these 7 were admitted to the count.

Replacement ballot packs

Following the general mail out of ballot packs, a voter who claimed that their ballot pack had either not been received, or had been lost, spoilt or destroyed could apply to the Returning Officer for a replacement ballot pack. The Returning Officer issued 2,346 replacement ballot packs during the voting period.

Return of ballot paper envelopes

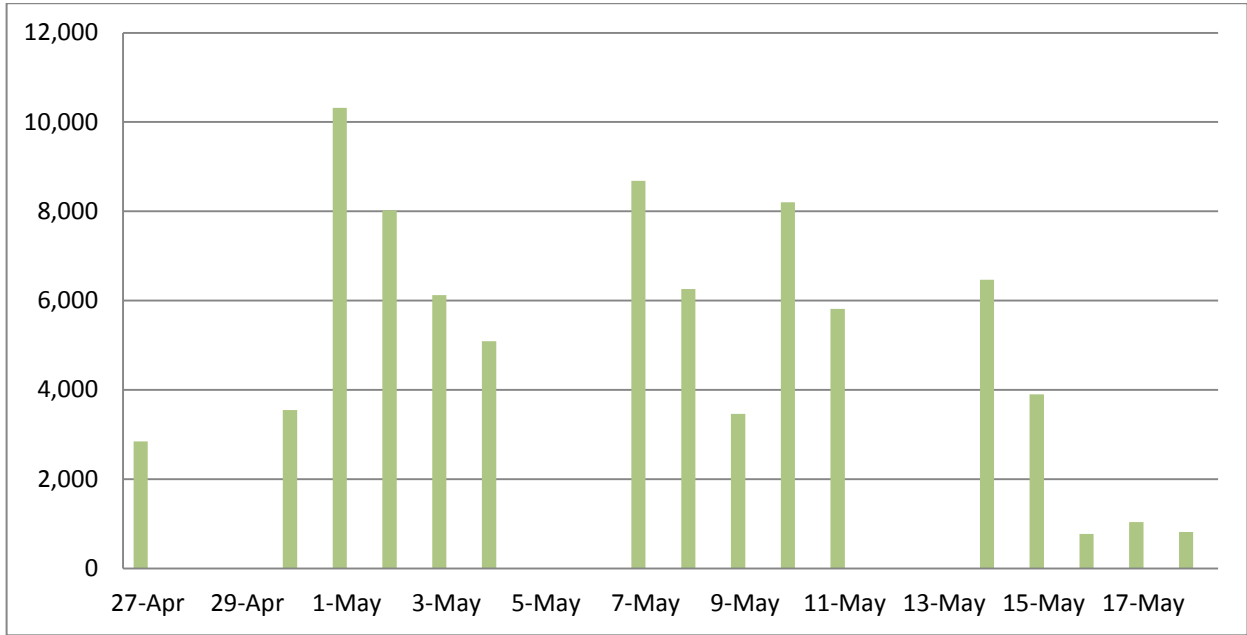
Voters were provided with a pre-addressed reply-paid envelope for the return of their completed vote. The reply paid envelopes used Australia Post's priority paid service. The return mail was delivered to the election office by Australia Post from a nearby postal facility or mail distribution centre, or hand-delivered by the voter, or voter's agent, directly to the election office. Each ballot paper envelope is checked to ensure the voter has signed.

The Returning Officer had received 70,025 returned ballot paper envelopes by the close of voting at 6.00 pm on Friday 11 May 2018.

The Regulations provide that the Returning Officer can accept returned ballot paper envelopes, received by post before 12 noon on the Friday following the close of voting, if satisfied that the ballot paper envelope had been posted prior to the close of voting. The Returning Officer accepted 13,448 ballot paper envelopes during the extended postal vote receipt period.

Refer to **Schedule 1** for the certified record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes.

Figure 3: Ballot paper envelope return pattern



Random checking of voters’ signatures

The VEC operates an integrity program for each election event designed to ensure the sanctity of all ballot papers throughout their lifecycle. Over the last few election events, integrity tools have included clearer standards for ballot paper security and reconciliation, increased accountability during ballot paper transactions, and improved reporting tools to alert election officials of issues that may compromise an election’s integrity. As part of the integrity program for the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election, the election office participated in a random signature checking process.

Arrangements were made with the Returning Officer to randomly select 40 returned ballot paper envelopes each day with a Legislative Assembly entitlement. The Returning Officer, with assistance from officers from the VEC’s head office, checked the signature on the declaration flap of each ballot paper envelope against the signature on the voter’s enrolment record held by the VEC. The checking began on the first scheduled delivery day following the general mail out of ballot packs, and ended on the last day of the voting period.

Of the 400 returned ballot paper envelopes selected by the Returning Officer, there were thirty-seven that appeared to have a different signature to the enrolment record. The Returning Officer contacted these voters about the apparent discrepancy. Two voters confirmed that they had not signed the returned ballot paper envelopes, and these envelopes were rejected and not admitted to the count. Twenty-eight voters confirmed that they had signed the ballot paper envelope, and seven voters had not responded at the time of this report. The VEC is continuing to follow up on the voters who have not responded.

Results

Extraction of ballot papers

A total of 81,937 ballot paper envelopes were admitted to the extraction and counting process. There were 1,536 ballot paper envelopes set aside and not admitted to the process because the voter had either not signed the declaration envelope, or the declaration envelope was not returned with the vote.

The extraction of ballot papers occurred at the Election Office commencing on Tuesday 15 May 2018. The extraction of all admitted ballot paper envelopes was completed on Friday 18 May 2018, following the close of the extended postal vote receipt period. The process of removing flaps containing voters' details and extracting ballot papers from the envelopes was structured to maintain voter anonymity and ensure ballot paper accountability.

Any returned ballot paper envelopes found not to contain a ballot paper, or that contained more than one ballot paper, were required to be rejected and could not be counted. There were 112 returned ballot paper envelopes rejected during the extraction activity.

Following the extraction of ballot papers from the returned ballot paper envelopes, a total of 81,825 proceeded to the count.

Counting

Ballot papers were counted by computer data entry using the VEC's computer counting application at the VEC's offices, Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne. The application distributes preferences once data entry of ballot paper preferences is complete and the results calculation is initiated.

The Returning Officer invited candidates and their scrutineers to attend an information session on the computer count process, which was held at the Election Office at 7.00 pm on Thursday 10 May 2018. Eight interested persons attended the session.

Following the completion of data entry, the provisional results were calculated at 7.00 pm on Friday 18 May 2018 at the election office. The provisional results were published to the VEC website as they became available.

Refer to **Appendix 5** for the first preference results and the preference distribution.

Declaration of results

The results of the by-election were declared at 10.30 am on Monday 21 May 2018 in the Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The VEC website was updated following the declaration.

The Minister for Local Government was advised of the result in writing on Tuesday 29 May 2018.

Election statistics

Participation

Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of the total enrolment and can vary from turnout. The participation rate in the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election was 57.93%, which is compared to an average of 75.67% for all postal elections held across the State at the 2016 local government elections and 55.67% at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election.

Analysis of voter participation for the different enrolment categories shows that voter participation is higher for voters who are enrolled on the EC's List (65.65%) compared to voters enrolled on the CEO's List (52.76%).

Refer to **Appendix 6** for further information on participation, including a breakdown by enrolment category.

Turnout

Voter turnout is measured by the number of formal and informal votes counted in the by-election as a percentage of voters on the roll.

The voter turnout for the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election was 56.61%. This is compared with an average turnout of 73.75% for all postal elections held across the State at the 2016 local government elections (excluding Melbourne City Council Leadership Team). The voter turnout for the Leadership Team at the 2016 Melbourne City Council general election was 55.15%.

Informality

The informal vote recorded at the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election was 6.52%, compared with 6.06% for all postal elections held across the State at the 2016 local government elections. Melbourne City Council recorded an informal rate of 3.60% for the Leadership Team at its last general election in October 2016.

Complaints

At local government elections, complaints generally fall into two broad categories:

1. The conduct of participants in the election.

Complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election, at times alleging a breach of the LG Act or local laws.

2. The administration of the election.

Complaints about the conduct of the election and services to voters.

Complaints process

The VEC operates a streamlined complaints process during elections that has been developed in consultation with local councils and enforcement agencies. The process requires complaints to be lodged, in writing, and then processed through the VEC's head office in Melbourne.

Each complaint is evaluated and an appropriate course of action is determined. Complaints alleging a breach of the LG Act, for example, are forwarded to the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI). Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour or actions of VEC staff and election officials are the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC

investigates the matter and determines the most appropriate response. The VEC is committed to responding to each complaint within five working days.

Complaints received

The VEC received seven written complaints during the election period. Three complaints were in relation to the administration of the election and were dealt with by the VEC, and four related to the distribution of unauthorised election material and were referred to the LGI for consideration and any necessary action.

It took the VEC an average of three days to respond to the complaints.

In the circumstances where the VEC becomes aware of any potential breach of the LG Act by candidates and other participants in the election other than through the complaints process, the VEC will also refer these matters to the LGI for consideration and any necessary action. The VEC referred two such matters to the LGI.

Post-election activities

Storage of election material

All records from the by-election will be kept by the VEC safely and secretly in accordance with Regulation 117.

Refund of nomination fees

Nomination fees were refunded to seven eligible candidates on Wednesday 30 May 2018. Eligible candidates included the elected candidate, and those candidates who received at least four percent of the first preference vote.

Seven candidates forfeited their nomination fees and these fees were remitted to Council on Wednesday 30 May 2018.

Courts and tribunals

There were no applications to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal disputing the result of the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election.

Non-voter follow up

In accordance with Division 7 of Part 3 of the LG Act, the VEC has commenced its compulsory voting enforcement program. Any person who was required to vote at the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election and failed to vote will be issued with an apparent failure-to-vote notice. A person who does not respond to that notice, or does not provide a satisfactory response to the notice, will be issued with an infringement notice that will incur a penalty. Further follow-up by way of a penalty reminder notice will also take place. Penalties collected on behalf of council will be reimbursed at the end of the infringement and penalty reminder notices stages.

Additionally, during the infringement and penalty reminder notices stages, non-voters may request for their matter to proceed directly to the Magistrates' Court. Any such requests will be actioned at the conclusion of the penalty reminder notice stage. The VEC will also lodge the file of any remaining non-voters with Fines Victoria at the conclusion of the penalty reminder notice stage.

Evaluating the VEC's services

The VEC is committed to providing high quality election services to its local government clients. Through the VEC's formal feedback and debriefing program, the VEC is able to gauge its performance and seek advice for future local government election projects.

Feedback from Melbourne City Council

Through its contact officer at Melbourne City Council, the VEC invited feedback on its services. Further feedback may also be provided to the Program Manager for Local Government elections by emailing LGProgram@vec.vic.gov.au

Internal debriefing program

A debriefing session with the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers was held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at the VEC's head office.

Any feedback received from council and the election management team will be taken into consideration when the VEC is planning for the conduct of future elections.

Schedule 1: Record of ballot papers and declaration envelopes

| Melbourne City Council, Lord Mayor By-election 2018 | |
|---|----------------|
| BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED | |
| Victorian Electoral Commission | 149,788 |
| Returning Officer | 16 |
| Total | 149,804 |
| BALLOT PAPERS ISSUED | |
| General mail out | 144,809 |
| Early and replacement votes | 2,388 |
| Unenrolled declaration voters | 90 |
| Spoilt | 0 |
| Unused | 2,517 |
| Total | 149,804 |
| DECLARATIONS RETURNED | |
| General mail out admitted to the count | 80,138 |
| Early and replacement votes admitted to the count | 1,792 |
| Unenrolled declaration voters admitted to the count | 7 |
| Returned declarations unable to admit to count | 1,536 |
| Declarations not returned | 59,861 |
| Declarations returned to sender | 3,953 |
| Total | 147,287 |

In accordance with Regulation 115 of the Regulations, I certify that Schedule 1 of this report on the conduct of the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election is a true and correct account of the number of ballot papers issued, returned and not used in this election and the declarations not returned.



Warwick Gately AM
Electoral Commissioner

Appendix 1: Public notices

Schedule of public notices

| Notice of entitlement (see Appendix 1.1 for example) | |
|--|----------------------------|
| <i>The Age</i> | Tuesday 27 February 2018 |
| <i>Herald Sun</i> | Tuesday 27 February 2018 |
| <i>Melbourne Times</i> | Wednesday 28 February 2018 |
| <i>Moonee Valley Weekly Review</i> | Wednesday 28 February 2018 |
| <i>Docklands News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 28 February 2018 |
| <i>The Weekly Review City</i> | Thursday 1 March 2018 |

| Notice of election (see Appendix 1.2 for example) | |
|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Southbank News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 7 March 2018 |
| <i>The Age</i> | Tuesday 13 March 2018 |
| <i>Herald Sun</i> | Tuesday 13 March 2018 |
| <i>Melbourne Times</i> | Wednesday 14 March 2018 |
| <i>Moonee Valley Weekly Review</i> | Wednesday 14 March 2018 |
| <i>The Weekly Review City</i> | Thursday 15 March 2018 |
| <i>CBD News</i> | Wednesday 21 March 2018 |
| <i>Docklands News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 28 March 2018 |

| Voting details notice (see Appendix 1.3 for example) | |
|--|-------------------------|
| <i>Southbank News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 11 April 2018 |
| <i>The Age</i> | Monday 16 April 2018 |
| <i>Herald Sun</i> | Monday 16 April 2018 |
| <i>Melbourne Times</i> | Wednesday 18 April 2018 |
| <i>Moonee Valley Weekly Review</i> | Wednesday 18 April 2018 |
| <i>The Weekly Review City</i> | Thursday 19 April 2018 |

Reminder notice (see Appendix 1.4 for example)

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| <i>The Age</i> | Monday 23 April 2018 |
| <i>Herald Sun</i> | Monday 23 April 2018 |
| <i>Melbourne Times</i> | Wednesday 25 April 2018 |
| <i>Moonee Valley Weekly Review</i> | Wednesday 25 April 2018 |
| <i>The Weekly Review City</i> | Thursday 26 April 2018 |
| <i>CBD News</i> | Thursday 26 April 2018 |
| <i>Docklands News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 2 May 2018 |

Notice of result (see Appendix 1.5 for example)

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| <i>The Age</i> | Thursday 24 May 2018 |
| <i>Herald Sun</i> | Thursday 24 May 2018 |
| <i>Melbourne Times</i> | Wednesday 30 May 2018 |
| <i>Moonee Valley Weekly Review</i> | Wednesday 30 May 2018 |
| <i>Docklands News Monthly</i> | Wednesday 30 May 2018 |
| <i>The Weekly Review City</i> | Thursday 31 May 2018 |

Appendix 1.1: Notice of entitlement

Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election

Check your enrolment for the upcoming by-election

A by-election for the vacant position of Lord Mayor will be held in May 2018, with ballot packs to be dispatched from 23 to 26 April 2018.

To be able to vote, you must be enrolled by 4.00 pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

Am I enrolled to vote?

You are already enrolled for this by-election if:

- you are 18 years of age or over **AND**
- you live in the City of Melbourne and you are on the State electoral roll for your present address **OR**
- you own or occupy rateable property within City of Melbourne but live in a different municipality, and you are the first or second-named person on the Council's property records **OR**
- you were appointed as a corporation voting representative in the 2016 elections (or earlier) and still hold the position of company secretary or director of the corporation that owns or occupies rateable property within the City of Melbourne **OR**
- you enrolled through Council for the October 2016 elections.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over **AND**
- you are not on the State electoral roll **OR**
- you have lived at your present residential address for at least one month and have not updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

How do I enrol?

Enrol online at vec.vic.gov.au or pick up an enrolment form at any post office, or Australian Electoral Commission office, and return it to the Victorian Electoral Commission before 4.00 pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

You may also apply directly to Council to enrol if you are 18 years or older and:

- you are a new owner or business occupier of a rateable property in the City of Melbourne **OR**
- you own or occupy rateable property in the City of Melbourne and reside in the council area, but are not on the State electoral roll (includes non-Australian citizens) **OR**
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation (or hold an equivalent position in an association) that owns or occupies rateable property solely or jointly within the council area*.

* If a corporation that solely owns or occupies rateable property in the City of Melbourne does not validly appoint two voting representatives by 4.00 pm on Friday 16 March, the Council is required by law to enrol the first two of the following (to be taken in alphabetical order):

- the company secretaries of the corporation
- the directors of the corporation.

If you meet any of these criteria and wish to enrol, contact Melbourne City Council on 1300 735 427 (+61 3 9658 9318 from overseas) or visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/elections for a council enrolment form.

How do I check my enrolment?

You can check your State enrolment details online at vec.vic.gov.au or call 1300 735 427 (+61 3 9658 9318 from overseas) for council enrolment details.

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for everyone under the age of 70, (including non-Australian citizens and corporation voting representatives) enrolled on the Melbourne City Council voters roll at 4.00 pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

Keegan Bartlett Electoral Registrar

Victorian Electoral Commission

If you are enrolled and fail to vote, you may be fined.

For enquiries in languages other than English call our interpreting service:

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Appendix 1.2: Notice of election

Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election

Vote by post

Voting

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters enrolled in the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election from Monday 23 April 2018. Your completed ballot material must be in the mail or hand delivered to the Returning Officer by 6.00 pm on Friday 11 May 2018.



If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since Friday 16 March, your ballot pack can be redirected by writing to:

Returning Officer
Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election
C/- Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Alternatively, you can fax your request to (03) 9620 1568 or scan and email it to redirections@vec.vic.gov.au.

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign their request. Requests for redirection must be received by Thursday 5 April.

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• 03 9209 0190 Amharic • 03 9209 0100 Arabic • 03 9209 0191 Bosnian • 03 9209 0101 Cantonese • 03 9209 0102 Croatian • 03 9209 0193 Dari • 03 9209 0119 Dinka
• 03 9209 0103 Greek • 03 9209 0104 Italian • 03 9209 0192 Khmer • 03 9209 0194 Korean • 03 9209 0105 Macedonian • 03 9209 0106 Mandarin • 03 9209 0195 Persian
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Large print and braille ballot papers

Large print or braille ballot papers are available for blind and low vision voters who register by 5.00 pm Wednesday 28 March. To register, call (03) 8620 1122 during business hours.

How to nominate as a candidate

To nominate as a candidate you must complete a nomination form and lodge it, together with the \$250 nomination fee, in person with the Returning Officer. Nomination forms can be lodged during business hours from Thursday 5 April until 12 noon on Tuesday 10 April at:

Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne

To help reduce waiting time while nominations are processed, visit vec.vic.gov.au and pre-complete your nomination form using the Candidate Helper.

The Candidate Helper will be available from Thursday 29 March. Print your pre-completed form and lodge it with the Returning Officer along with the \$250 nomination fee.

Call the Returning Officer from Wednesday 4 April on (03) 8619 1498 to make a nomination appointment.

Candidate information sessions

When: 7.00 pm Wednesday 28 March 2018

Where: VEC Head Office
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne

When: 1.00 pm Wednesday 4 April 2018

Where: Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election office
Level 4, 530 Collins Street
Melbourne

Candidate Information Kits containing nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at these sessions.

Bill Lang
Returning Officer

Nominations close 12 noon Tuesday 10 April

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Appendix 1.3: Voting details notice

Melbourne City Council

Lord Mayor by-election

Postal election: check the mail for your ballot pack

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This is a postal election.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by Thursday 3 May please call (03) 8619 1498 during office hours to arrange an alternative.

Candidates

Candidates who have nominated to stand for election will be listed in the ballot packs and at vec.vic.gov.au. Where provided by candidates, a photo and a statement will also be included.

Responses to a questionnaire, completed by candidates where provided, will also be available at vec.vic.gov.au.

How to vote correctly

You must complete your ballot paper correctly for your vote to count. Put the number **1** in the box next to the candidate you most want to see elected, then number **ALL** the other boxes in order of your preference. You must number **EVERY BOX** and only use each number once.

How to return your ballot material

Post your completed ballot paper using the reply-paid envelope provided, or hand-deliver it during office hours to the Election Office at:

Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne

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Voting is compulsory for everyone under the age of 70 who is enrolled for the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election.

If you fail to vote and don't have a valid excuse, you will be fined.

**Bill Lang
Returning Officer**

Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne
Tel: (03) 8619 1498 for general enquiries

Office hours:

- 9.00 am to 5.00 pm until Wednesday 9 May (excluding public holidays)
- 9.00 am to 8.00 pm Thursday 10 May
- 9.00 am to 6.00 pm Friday 11 May

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Appendix 1.5: Notice of result

Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election



Declaration of result

The following candidate was elected at the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election held in May 2018.

Lord Mayor
CAPP, Sally

Further details about the results are available at vec.vic.gov.au

Bill Lang
Returning Officer
Monday 21 May 2018

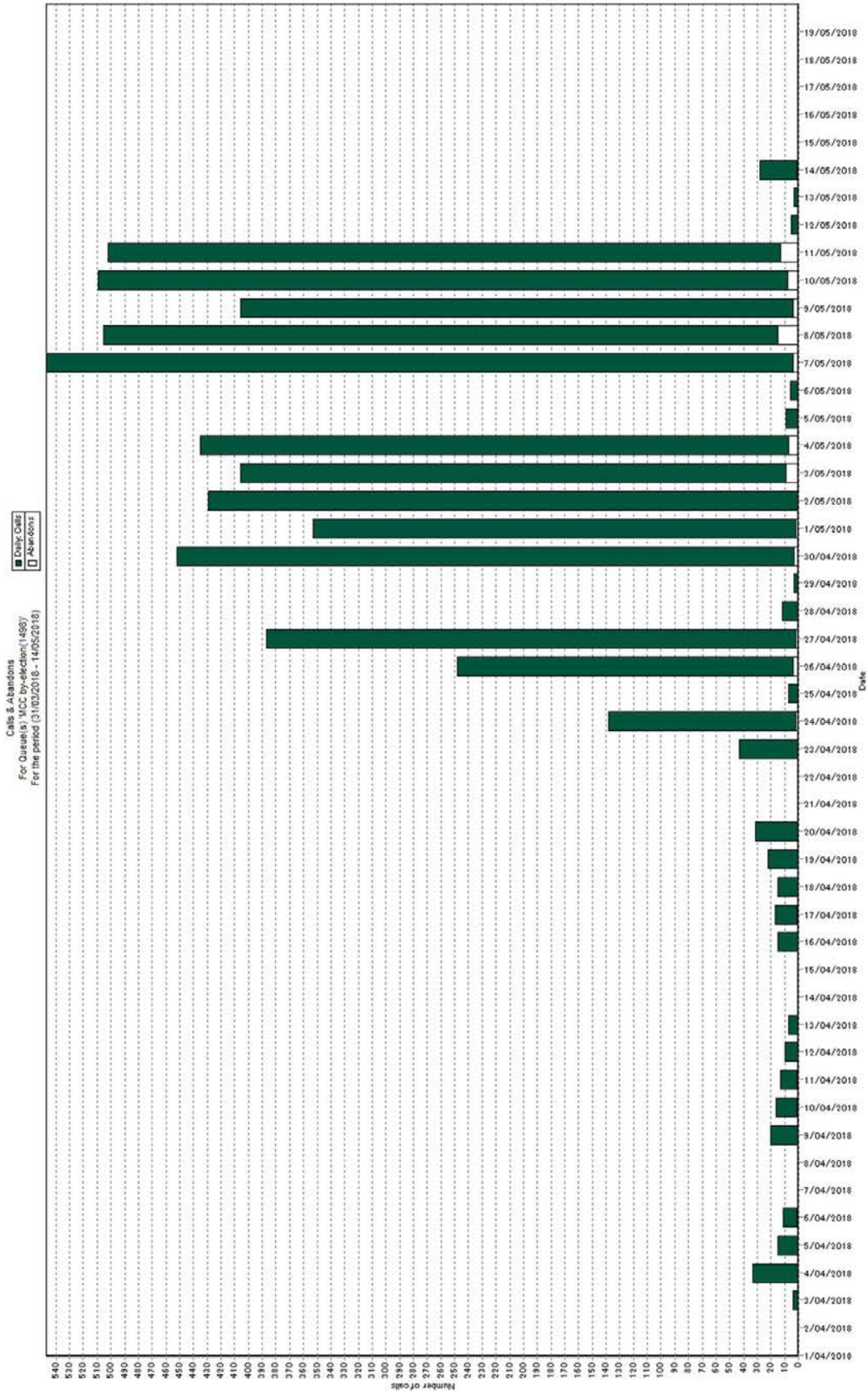
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Appendix 2: Schedule of media releases and advisories

| Melbourne City Council, Lord Mayor By-election - specific media releases and advisories | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Date set for Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Wednesday 14 February 2018 |
| Last chance to enrol for Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Tuesday 13 March 2018 |
| Call for candidates for upcoming Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Monday 26 March 2018 |
| Candidates announced for Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Tuesday 10 April 2018 |
| Ballot packs mailed this week for Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Monday 23 April 2018 |
| Voting closes soon for the Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | Tuesday 8 May 2018 |
| New Lord Mayor for Melbourne City Council | Monday 21 May 2018 |

Appendix 3: Telephone enquiry call pattern



Appendix 4: Ballot material

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SFETKIDIS, Katie

I am a resident and artist living and working in Naarm (Melbourne). As an artist and local resident, I offer a unique and exciting voice for the City of Melbourne. Arts and Culture is the life blood of the City of Melbourne and hold significant cultural and economic value for the city. As artists, we also offer a political voice on issues facing the City of Melbourne. I bring to the city creative ideas and a feminist, intersectional viewpoint as a way to tackle issues of structural diversity, planning and sustainability. As the city grows in population, it is imperative that the council strive to make sure the city can be a safe and accessible place for all people regardless of your gender, sexuality or cultural and socioeconomic background. This means taking seriously affordability issues including homelessness and gentrification. If the city wants to harness arts and culture for its economic value it needs to make sure it remains a place where artists can afford to live and work.

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MORGAN, Gary

Gary Morgan has lived and worked in Melbourne all his working life - Roy Morgan is Australia's oldest, largest and most trusted consumer research company. I helped found the Committee for Melbourne, and am frustrated when Council gets 'bogged down' in compromise and hidden agendas that fail the interests of ratepayers and residents. Melbourne lacks leadership. Council lacks a 'moral compass'. My policies will reinstate Melbourne as Australia's leader in business, retail, education, arts and tourism, increase community safety and improve Council effectiveness. I will cut red tape, stop Council waste and unnecessary expenditure. I will enforce community safety with zero tolerance for drug dealers, street gangs and graffiti; 'state-of-the-art' traffic controls for reduced car and bike traffic congestion and safer travel; stop urban 'campers' by helping the homeless find a home and job. I will prioritise Melbourne's heritage buildings and parks and stop the current Queen's Victoria Market 'revamp' (redesign) to protect our history and the needs of shoppers and stall holders. I belong to no political party, and never have. I will engage honestly with all businesses, community groups and State Government. I will respect the position and get the job done. Vote 1 Gary Morgan - number every box.

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O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole

As a single mother, a survivor of rape, addiction, bullying and depression, I have a deep understanding of the issues in our society and how we can minimise the harm risk. In the last 20 years, I have featured across a broad range of media discussing issues including but not limited to: body image, mental health, sexual assault and addiction. In the last 2 years I have worked mainly with the disadvantaged (homeless, drug dependent, ex-offenders, mental health) to change their situation. I am 100% transparent about my life experiences and deliver a powerful message straight into the heart of each person who hears me speak. With over a decade of strong sales and business management experience, I specialise in implementing strategies to increase revenue in businesses. Leading by example and repeatedly placing myself in the firing line, I will continue inspiring, empowering and educating people to speak up for their beliefs, remain true to themselves, and trust in change. I am a refreshing pop of teal in a world of black and white and who better to bring change in our city, then someone who understands it. I am Nathalie Nicole and Now is the Time to Change.

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BURGE, Michael

Michael Burge OAM has worked in the CBU since 1994. Following teaching electronics, media and psychology, Michael continues in private practice psychology involving treatment, organisational leadership coaching and trauma training courses for psychologists. He has also participated in extensive voluntary community work. He was a member of the Inaugural Federal Government's Educational Multicultural Task Force and the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation. He has consulted for years in occupational health and safety issues. From his work in social psychology, Michael has been actively promoting social justice, gender equality, resolving workplace bullying, discrimination and assisting community healing after Black Saturday catastrophic events. He has published and promotes these issues and needs in various international and local media outlets. Michael has seen firsthand how quality amenities or lack thereof affect people's lives, well-being and connectedness within communities and within this endeavour was an endorsed Liberal candidate in the 2010 state elections. He has had extensive governance experience and has held numerous leadership roles and is a fellow and recent past Board Director of the Australian Psychological Society, in the 2010 Australia day Honours, Michael was awarded an OAM for his services to psychology and the community of Australia. www.aact.com.au

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ONG, Ken

I pledge to use my experience, abilities and knowledge gained from my 8 years as a Melbourne City Councillor, to provide leadership to deliver best outcomes for Melbourne. Melbourne is a city for people, first and foremost. It must be inclusive, caring and respectful of all people. It must also be prosperous and do so sustainably. This city is great and my passion is to make it an ever greater city. This means better core services, amenities and infrastructure. I commit to delivering these. Greater emphasis is now needed for high quality planning and design. There must be a constant review of the planning rules to ensure our city's character, charm, history and livability are not diminished. The Lord Mayor is a servant of the city and its people. Besides leadership, it must show integrity and respect for everyone. If elected, I will ensure that Council's focus is to service all the people of Melbourne whether residents, business owners, workers, students or visitors. I am a progressive Liberal but here, Melbourne comes first. With my council experience, I will hit the ground running. I ask you to vote 1 for me, then put 2 for Jennifer Yang. Thank you.

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POON, Bruce

The Animal Justice Party is determined to make Melbourne a city that cares about its animals as well as its people. We should remove horses and carriages from city streets altogether. City traffic is no place for animals, nor their manure. Dogs, foxes and cats should not have to suffer great painful lives for our pleasure. We can lead on this issue by stopping the sale of fur in our city. The fining of sharks for food is a cruel and wasteful practice, and we can again lead by banning these products. For the city's human residents, the rates are too high, and can be reduced for most if we return to calculations based on site values, not capital improved values. This also encourages development of the unused and derelict sites within the city. We should also proceed with progressively covering the train yards (east of Russell Street). This would create a lot more parklands, open space and gardens for people and animals. If you are voting to support animals, I recommend you preferrence The Greens candidate Rohan Leppert at number 2, as he has shown good support for animal issues.

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Don't Risk a Fine
VOTING CLOSSES 6:00 PM
Friday 11 May 2018

Your ballot paper is attached to this leaflet. See the ballot paper envelope for voting instructions.

VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IS BY POST ONLY

Your completed ballot material must be posted or in the hands of the Returning Officer on or before **6:00 pm on Friday 11 May 2018**.

Late votes cannot be included in the count.

Alternatively, you may hand-deliver your envelope during business hours to:

Level 4
 530 Collins Street
 Melbourne

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES
 Completed candidate questionnaires are available at vec.vic.gov.au or alternatively from the Returning Officer.

COMPULSORY VOTING PROVISIONS APPLY
 You have received this ballot pack because you are enrolled to vote for this election. Voting is compulsory for all voters on the Melbourne City Council voters' roll and failure to vote may result in a fine.

If you are 70 years of age or over on election day, you are encouraged to vote, but will not be fined if you do not vote. Further information on voting entitlements can be found at vec.vic.gov.au

You may receive an Apparent Failure To Vote Notice if you complete and return your ballot material after the close of voting.

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CITY OF MELBOURNE

2018 Lord Mayor By-Election
VOTING CLOSSES 6:00 PM
Friday 11 May 2018

Melbourne City Council

THIS IS A POSTAL ELECTION ONLY.

Voting is compulsory for all voters on the roll.

For further information visit vec.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 8619 1498 during business hours.

Victorian Electoral Commission

Ballot Paper

Election of Lord Mayor - 1 VACANCY

Number every box to make your vote count. In the order of your choice. Hunter the boxes 1 to 14. You must not use any number more than once.

POON, Bruce
 ONG, Ken
 BURGE, Michael
 O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole
 MORGAN, Gary
 SFETKIDIS, Katie
 YANG, Jennifer
 WATSON, Allan
 MacDONALD, Alex
 WARHART, Sally
 LEPPERT, Rohan
 DOWNING, Luke
 CAPT, Sally
 XIE, Qun

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XIE, Qun

I'm an economist, accountant, executive director and "Taxation Officer of the Year" award winner. Melbournean for 25 years. Today we face the toughest challenges ever - cost of living, childcare and schools, aging, health and security. Here my 10 point action plan to address the issues as mayor: 1. Ensure everyone work at Melbourne Council has the highest ethical standards, disciplined, hard working to meet our community expectations. 2. Ensure childcare and medical centers, schools meet the demand of our population. 3. Establish a 1 billion "Business Development Fund" to help business in needs, encourage new technology and investments, big events and more tourists to Melbourne. 4. Start a "Vegetable Basket" project, ensure enough vegetables on offer to keep you healthy. 5. Establish a 200 million "Education Fund" to help our students. 6. More community centers and volunteer groups for our aging society. 7. Team up with State Government and Victoria Police to start a "Residents Safety" program, ensure our city on alert, safe and secure. 8. To solve the housing and homelessness, will encouraging community power. 9. More trees and parks. 10. A "Mayor Mailbox", also the "Taxiase Programme" for you. Please write 1 beside my name. Thank you!

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WARHAFT, Sally

Politics is becoming the preserve of professional careerists and single-issue activists. I am neither. I have never been a member of a political party, associated with a trade union or a developers' lobby group. My only interest is in the people of Melbourne. Cities and culture are my passions. For years I've been a guest presenter on ABC radio, talking to readers and listening to the people of Melbourne. I understand the issues which make Melbourne tick. My PhD in Anthropology, undertaken in the sprawling megacity of Mumbai, asked the question: What makes community strong? My conclusion is just as applicable here: communities prosper when they are connected to place, when their citizens can afford the necessities of life, when their workers enjoy what they do and outsiders are welcomed. My priorities: I elected Melbourne's first female Lord Mayor in almost 30 years - more than usually relevant in this election - will be affordability, amenity, inclusion, safety and integrity. Let's address the culture of Town Hall, (re)view the wrong-headed Victoria Market development, and above all work together. Make Warhaft Lord Mayor. Let's clean up the City of Melbourne. More at Facebook @Vote1Warhaft

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CAPP, Sally

Lord Mayor of Melbourne is a serious job, managing a budget of almost \$500 million and a daily population of almost a million people. I bring the passion and credentials necessary for this job. I love Melbourne and its people. I have studied, lived and worked in Melbourne throughout my life. I was the CEO of the Committee for Melbourne and represented Melbourne overseas. I have run businesses big and small. I am an active participant in community groups. I know what it takes to work with business, government and the community to turn ideas into outcomes. I have the skills, experience and passion to ensure we create the best possible city for us all. I am confident that my proven leadership and focus on getting the basics right will improve Melbourne's livability. The Lord Mayor is responsible for preparing Melbourne for our future so that we can take advantage of ideas and opportunities to constantly improve the city. I will work judiciously with the entire community to deliver an open and transparent City of Melbourne and to lead a council of which we can be proud. I ask for your support to provide the new leadership Melbourne needs. vote1sallycapp.com.au

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MacDONALD, Alex

For over thirty years I have run a horse-drawn carriage business servicing visitors to Melbourne. Council should make living and working in Melbourne easier. For me it means a cleaner and safer Melbourne. A place that we are proud to live, work or for people to visit. I will work to help you to run your business better and not make it harder. Small businesses need support and a voice especially, for example, the traders of the Queen Victoria Market. As a Councillor for the City of Melbourne and fellow small business owner you can be assured that I will represent you, because I am you. You won't have to tell me how hard it is to deal with Council red tape. Because, I know. I have and continue to deal with it daily. I'm not a well-known business person, a celebrity or politician. I am just a small business owner trying to make a go of it. If you are looking for a real voice who will represent your interests, I am here for you. www.alexmacdonald.melbourne

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DOWNING, Luke

The great transformation of the city over the past decade in residential growth and technology infrastructure has severely affected quality of life for our residents and crippled the governance of our civic institutions. The impact of these erosions of our civic consensus is similar to the modern experience of other great cities of the post-industrial world, leading to the introduction of resident-friendly practices in high tourism cities such as Rome, Barcelona, and Venice. Our planning for endless residential growth continues to be a disaster, with our failure in responding to the stresses on our civic society of population flow being most evident in the non-implementation of the City of Melbourne Homelessness Strategy developed in 2015. The Homelessness Strategy is still on the shelf, city officials have been frustrated by poor coordination and conflict between Councillors - and our homeless residents are paying the price. Putting this strategy into effect is the first step back to resident led civic governance. I will work with business residents restored in the dignity of their residential work, and contributions to, their community. There is no accountability and transparency in our present leadership, and the results show. This must change.

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WATSON, Allan

Allan Watson, proprietor of Jimmy Watsons Wine Bar. Married with two sons, working in the business. Appointed regent of Rutledge, Justice of the Peace, for over forty years, past Trustee of the World Heritage Royal Exhibition Building, previous board member of The Zoological gardens, Councillor of the City of Melbourne over several terms and Lord Mayor 1993. On fathers death I commissioned Robin Boyd to redesign the facade of 333 Lygon Street, which now has Heritage protection. Key objectives as Lord Mayor are the safety and a cleaner city and surrounds, and a sensitive restoration of the Queen Victoria market. Improved amenities for residents especially lighting and safety. Would kindly like to help resolve the homeless position around the streets of the city, in conjunction with the Salvation Army and the churches that are at the coal face of the problem. My original maiden speech in the seventies led to the introduction of disabled parking, which has blossomed to general use. Would like to bring back stability to the present council to transcend any petty and personal agendas.

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LEPPERT, Rohan

I am your Greens candidate for Lord Mayor. I have been a Councillor since 2012 and a City of Melbourne resident my entire adult life. Melbourne is at a crossroads, growing faster than at any time since the gold rush. I love this city's eclectic mix of people, buildings and experiences, but this is at risk from development that doesn't always consider long-term value, quality and sustainability. Good design saves money, it makes buildings energy efficient and affordable, and creates vibrant, walkable and interesting streets. As your Lord Mayor I will fight for development that is in the public interest, free from developer and gambling donations. I will champion a city that's welcoming for everyone, and take homelessness seriously. I will ensure any Queen Victoria Market renewal genuinely consults traders and the community, and retains the market's gritiness and heritage as an affordable, fresh food market. As a hardworking Councillor with a track record of effective collaboration with Councillors and the community, I can hit the ground running, bring energy and transparency to the Lord Mayor's office, and lead a Council with a healthy culture that delivers for you, our residents, businesses and ratepayers. See my detailed policies at: www.melbournecitygreens.com Rohan.Leppert@vic.greens.org.au

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YANG, Jennifer

Jennifer Yang is running for Lord Mayor to end the toxic culture at Town Hall. As a twice-elected Mayor of Murrumbidgee she knows how to get things done. Jennifer will bring residents and small businesses back into the heart of Council decision making. As Lord Mayor, Jennifer will ban Councillors from drinking when on Council business. She will double the pensioner rates rebate and put more money into resident-led local park upgrades. She will cut red tape for retailers and restaurants by abolishing unnecessary Council licenses, freeze all rates until 2020, and immediately commence a Council-wide expenditure review. Jennifer believes that homelessness is a serious problem requiring a meaningful and substantial response. That's why she will build permanent crisis accommodation to get those sleeping rough off our streets, into safety and on the path to secure long-term accommodation. Jennifer is a proven leader in Melbourne's vibrant multicultural community and a devoted working mother. She is passionate about creating a city of diversity, equality and prosperity. Most importantly, she has the experience and energy to get our great city back on track. Please feel free to contact Jennifer on 0413 292 346, vote@jenniferyang.com.au or www.jenniferyang.com.au.

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Appendix 5: Distribution report

Distribution of Preference Votes - Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor By-Election 2018

Total Valid first preference votes polled for all candidates 76492

Number of votes required to constitute an absolute majority on first count 38247

Number of informal votes 5333

| Candidates Names (in ballot paper order) | XIE, Qun | CAPP, Sally | DOWNING, Luke | LEPPERT, Rohan | WARHAFT, Sally | MacDONALD, Alex | WATSON, Allan | YANG, Jennifer | SFETKIDIS, Katie | MORGAN, Gary | O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole | BURGE, Michael | ONG, Ken | POON, Bruce | TOTAL |
|---|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Total first preference votes recorded for each candidate | 3449 | 19412 | 834 | 11296 | 6837 | 1387 | 2488 | 11774 | 933 | 6412 | 2087 | 1571 | 6769 | 1243 | 76492 |
| Transfer of 834 ballot papers of DOWNING, Luke (1st excluded candidate) | 43 | 150 | | 164 | 120 | 66 | 72 | 71 | 13 | 40 | 31 | 23 | 25 | 16 | 834 |
| Progressive Total | 3492 | 19562 | | 11460 | 6957 | 1453 | 2560 | 11845 | 946 | 6452 | 2118 | 1594 | 6794 | 1259 | 76492 |
| Transfer of 946 ballot papers of SFETKIDIS, Katie (2nd excluded candidate) | 32 | 74 | | 132 | 148 | 30 | 38 | 113 | | 81 | 185 | 43 | 22 | 48 | 946 |
| Progressive Total | 3524 | 19636 | | 11592 | 7105 | 1483 | 2598 | 11958 | | 6533 | 2303 | 1637 | 6816 | 1307 | 76492 |
| Transfer of 1307 ballot papers of POON, Bruce (3rd excluded candidate) | 52 | 71 | | 439 | 67 | 28 | 46 | 93 | | 73 | 96 | 89 | 253 | | 1307 |
| Progressive Total | 3576 | 19707 | | 12031 | 7172 | 1511 | 2644 | 12051 | | 6606 | 2399 | 1726 | 7069 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 1511 ballot papers of MacDONALD, Alex (4th excluded candidate) | 83 | 197 | | 97 | 192 | | 447 | 125 | | 184 | 53 | 66 | 67 | | 1511 |
| Progressive Total | 3659 | 19904 | | 12128 | 7364 | | 3091 | 12176 | | 6790 | 2452 | 1792 | 7136 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 1792 ballot papers of BURGE, Michael (5th excluded candidate) | 89 | 267 | | 124 | 120 | | 211 | 109 | | 427 | 176 | | 269 | | 1792 |
| Progressive Total | 3748 | 20171 | | 12252 | 7484 | | 3302 | 12285 | | 7217 | 2628 | | 7405 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 2628 ballot papers of O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole (6th excluded candidate) | 186 | 376 | | 327 | 549 | | 169 | 451 | | 320 | | | 250 | | 2628 |
| Progressive Total | 3934 | 20547 | | 12579 | 8033 | | 3471 | 12736 | | 7537 | | | 7655 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 3471 ballot papers of WATSON, Allan (7th excluded candidate) | 214 | 612 | | 347 | 552 | | | 484 | | 988 | | | 274 | | 3471 |
| Progressive Total | 4148 | 21159 | | 12926 | 8585 | | | 13220 | | 8525 | | | 7929 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 4148 ballot papers of XIE, Qun (8th excluded candidate) | | 1528 | | 309 | 327 | | | 1200 | | 237 | | | 547 | | 4148 |
| Progressive Total | | 22687 | | 13235 | 8912 | | | 14420 | | 8762 | | | 8476 | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 8476 ballot papers of ONG, Ken (9th excluded candidate) | | 1514 | | 472 | 460 | | | 4610 | | 1420 | | | | | 8476 |
| Progressive Total | | 24201 | | 13707 | 9372 | | | 19030 | | 10182 | | | | | 76492 |

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|---|-------|-------|--|--|-------|--|-------|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Transfer of 9372 ballot papers of WARHAFT, Sally (10th excluded candidate) | 2883 | 2950 | | | 1999 | | 1540 | | | | | 9372 |
| Progressive Total | 27084 | 16657 | | | 21029 | | 11722 | | | | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 11722 ballot papers of MORGAN, Gary (11th excluded candidate) | 5608 | 2215 | | | 3899 | | | | | | | 11722 |
| Progressive Total | 32692 | 18872 | | | 24928 | | | | | | | 76492 |
| Transfer of 18872 ballot papers of LEPPERT, Rohan (12th excluded candidate) | 7887 | | | | 10985 | | | | | | | 18872 |
| Progressive Total | 40579 | | | | 35913 | | | | | | | 76492 |

Name of Elected Candidate: CAPP, Sally

Appendix 6: Election participation statistics

Note: Participation is measured by the number of marks on the roll as a percentage of total enrolment and can vary from turnout (total ballot papers counted as a percentage of total enrolment).

| Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Enrolment category | Participation as percentage of voters enrolled in category (2018) | Comparator for 2016 Melbourne City Council election | Statewide postal election comparator for 2016 LG elections (excl. Melbourne City Council) |
| Voters enrolled through section 9A(1) of the CoM Act ¹ (Electoral Commissioner's List) | 65.65% | 62.14% | 78.51% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 18 to 69 years old on election day | 64.31% | 60.79% | 78.28% |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aged 70 years and over on election day | 78.47% | 76.43% | 79.73% |
| Voters enrolled through sections 9A(3) 9B, 9C and 9D of the CoM Act ^{2,3,4,5} (Chief Executive Officer's List) | 52.76% | 50.96% | 55.54% |
| Council total | 57.93% | 55.67% | 75.67% |

The following percentages represent the overall participation of voters with either an overseas mailing address or a mailing address c/o a managing agent within the above enrolment categories

- Voters enrolled with managing agent mailing address - 23.64%
- Voters with overseas mailing address - 11.70%

¹ Residents enrolled on the State register of electors for an address within the City of Melbourne

² Non-resident owners of rateable properties within the City of Melbourne

³ Owners or occupiers of rateable properties within the City of Melbourne who are not enrolled on the State register of electors and have applied to be on the voters roll

⁴ Appointees of corporations who own or occupy rateable properties within the City of Melbourne

⁵ Deemed representatives of corporations within the City of Melbourne where appointments have not been made under section 9C



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