

**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**2008 MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS –
ELECTION REPORT**

Division Office of the Chief Executive

Presenter Dr Kathy Alexander, Chief Executive Officer

Purpose

1. To submit the Election Report on the November 2008 Melbourne City Council elections prepared by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Recommendation from Management

2. That the Finance and Governance Committee note the Election Report provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the November 2008 Council elections.

Background

3. At its meeting on Tuesday, 31 March 2009, the Council resolved as follows:

“That Council:

- *note the Election Report provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the November 2008 Council elections; and*
- *refers this report to the Finance and Governance Committee for consideration.”*

4. The Victorian Electoral Commission’s report is attached for further consideration.
5. The *Local Government Act 1989* requires that:
 - 5.1. the returning officer must prepare a report to the Chief Executive Officer on the conduct of the election within the period of 3 months after election day;
 - 5.2. the report must include a certified record of the number of ballot-papers and declarations printed, issued, used, spoiled and returned; and
 - 5.3. 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.

Key Issues

6. The Election Report prepared by the VEC includes detailed information about the role of the Returning Officer, the Election Office, candidate services, enquiry services, issuing and return of ballot papers, the computer count and declaration of the results, voter participation, the communication campaign and complaints.

7. The participation rate (total number of votes received as a percentage of the total enrolment) was 62.14 per cent for the Leadership Team and 62.26 per cent for the Councillors.
8. The informal voting rate was 4.67 per cent for the Leadership Team and 2.64 per cent for the Councillors.

Finance

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

Legal

10. No legal implications arise from the recommendation contained in the report.
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Attachment:

1. VEC Election Report

VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

**MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL
GENERAL ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 2008**

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BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, the Melbourne City Council engaged the Victorian Electoral Commission to conduct the general elections for the Council in November 2008. This report is on the conduct of the elections to elect seven councillors to represent the City as a whole and the election of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor (Leadership Team).

The elections were conducted in accordance with the City of Melbourne Act 2001, the City of Melbourne (Elections) Regulations 2001, the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2005.

Election Dates

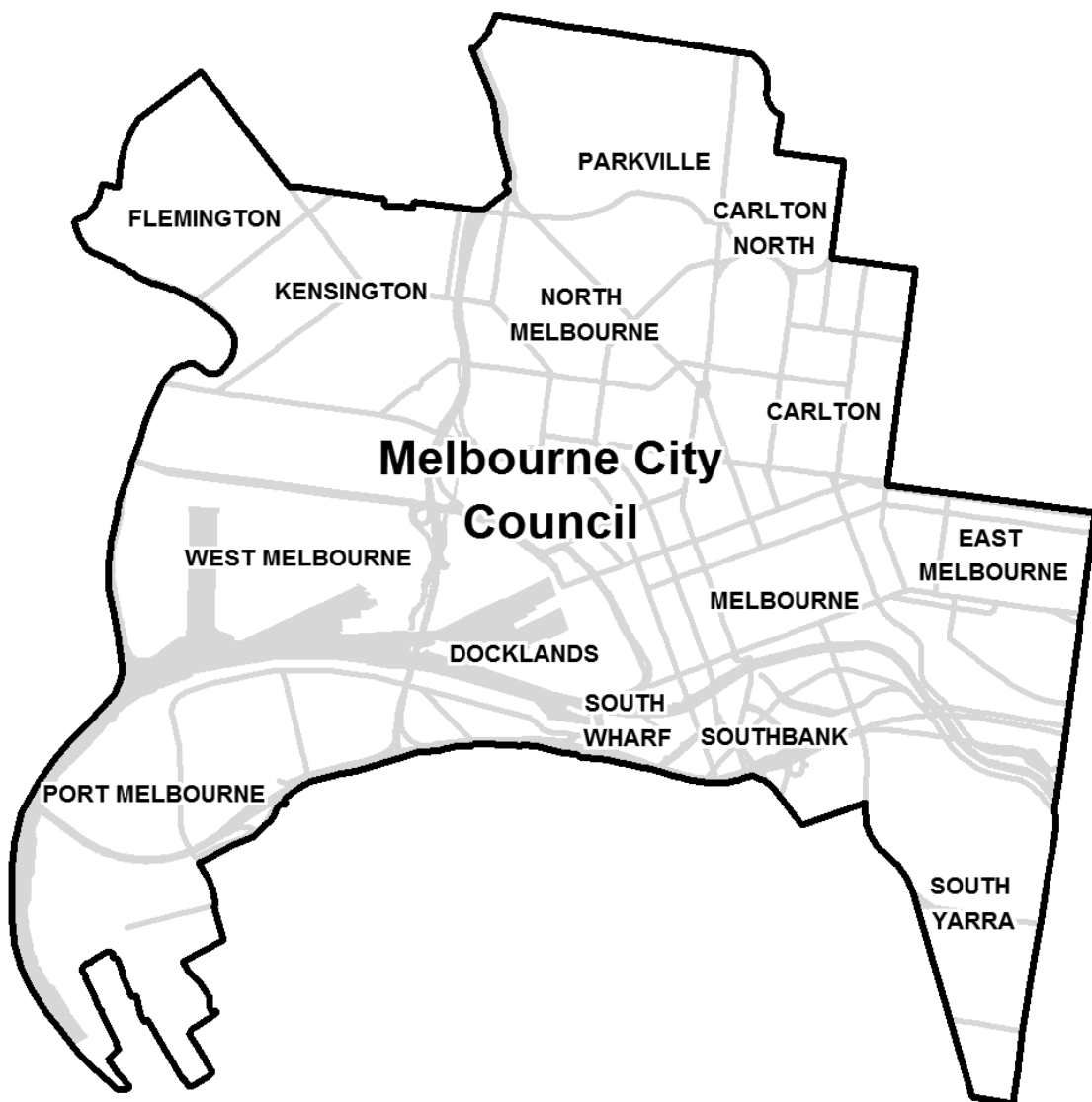
Exhibition Roll date	Thursday, 21 August 2008
Public Inspection of Exhibition Roll	Monday, 29 September – Friday, 3 October 2008
Entitlement date	Friday, 3 October 2008
Certification of Voters Roll	Thursday, 23 October 2008
Opening of nominations	Thursday, 23 October 2008
Close of nominations	Tuesday, 28 October 2008 (12.00 noon)
Last day for registration of group names	Thursday, 30 October 2008 (4.00pm)
Last day for lodgement of group/candidate statements, photos and group voting tickets/indication of preferences	Monday, 3 November 2008 (4.00pm)
Despatch of ballot packs	Tuesday, 11 November – Thursday, 13 November 2008
Last day of voting	Friday, 28 November 2008 (6.00pm)
Election day	Saturday, 29 November 2008
Declaration of results	Tuesday, 2 December (10.00am)

The Municipality

The City of Melbourne covers an area of approximately 38 square kilometres. Localities include Carlton, Carlton North, Docklands, East Melbourne, Flemington, Hotham Hill, Kensington, Melbourne, Melbourne West, North Melbourne, Parkville, Port Melbourne, Prahran, South Yarra and Southbank.

The boundaries of the City of Melbourne were changed on 1 July 2007 to incorporate the Melbourne Docklands and again on 1 July 2008 to include the whole of the suburbs of Kensington and North Melbourne within the City of Melbourne.

The municipality, as shown in the accompanying map, is unsubdivided.



VOTERS ROLL

Voters Rolls

The entitlement date for enrolment on the Electoral Commissioner's list of voters and the Chief Executive Officer's list of voters was Friday, 3 October 2008. The VEC produced the voters rolls in conjunction with Council.

Roll preparation involves a preliminary process that starts well before election day. Council provided preliminary data on 27 June 2008. The preliminary process mirrors the final process and aims to identify and feedback to Council, issues with their data that will slow down final processing or cause problems with the completeness or accuracy of the final voters rolls. This very detailed feedback, including duplicates and deceased people, was provided on 17 September 2008 for Council to act on, to improve the quality of their final data and to minimise processing delays.

The exhibition roll date was Thursday, 21 August and Council provided the combined voters roll for exhibition over 5 days from 29 September to 3 October at the following location:

Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building,
Front Desk, 90-120 Swanston Street,
Melbourne

Alternatively the roll could be checked online at www.melbourne.vic.gov.au.

The exhibition roll data was provided to the VEC on 30 September and express processed through our system so that duplicates and deceased could be sent back to Council on 8 October. Council processed these changes as well as the updates to the exhibition roll received up to entitlement day on 3 October. Council provided the VEC with the certification data on 19 October and provided the roll for Certification to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer certified the voters rolls on Thursday, 23 October.

On 28 October, it was confirmed that the certified voters roll required amendment to add one voter, delete three voters and one name correction. The amendments were certified by the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Melbourne and the Returning Officer on 29 October.

The number of persons included on the certified voters roll after the amendments made on 29 October was as follows:

Category	Number enrolled 2008	Number enrolled 2004
Electoral Commissioner's Voters List	38,970 (39.8%)	28,354 (37.4%)
Chief Executive Officer's Voters List	58,885 (60.2%)	47,510 (62.6%)
Total	97,855	75,864

A copy of the voters roll was provided to candidates on CD-Rom at the time of nomination. The CD contained:

- a comma-delimited file of all voters enrolled for their electorate (except silent electors);
- pdf version of the certified roll for printing to hard copy;
- 2 address labels files (residents and non-residents), pre-formatted for printing onto labels;
- List of Streets for the municipality;
- booklet entitled Vote Counting Systems; and
- detailed instructions for using the above files.

Before receiving a roll in electronic format, each candidate made the declaration on the nomination form that they would,

“only use the voters roll data provided to me in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. I declare that I will only use the roll for the purpose of conducting my election campaign. Within 30 days of the declaration of the result of the election, I will either destroy the roll and any copies made of it, or return the roll and any copies to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council”.

COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

The communication campaign aimed to maximise voter participation in your Council election, seeking to raise awareness of enrolment and when to vote, informing voters of their rights and responsibilities, and explaining how to vote correctly.

The statewide advertising commenced in September 2008 and the last of the statutory advertising appeared in December 2008.

Mandatory Communication Products and Services

Statutory Advertisements

Notices required by the *Local Government Act 1989* in the conduct of local council elections formed the basis of the communication campaign and were published in newspapers selected by Council.

In developing the statutory press advertising, careful consideration was given to:

- communicating and clearly expressing key messages at the right time;
- consistent branding of VEC and council logos alongside the “Your Melbourne Your Vote” theme to enable easy identification of the message source and its nature; and
- cost efficiency.

The VEC placed the following statutory advertisements on behalf of Council for the November 2008 local council elections:

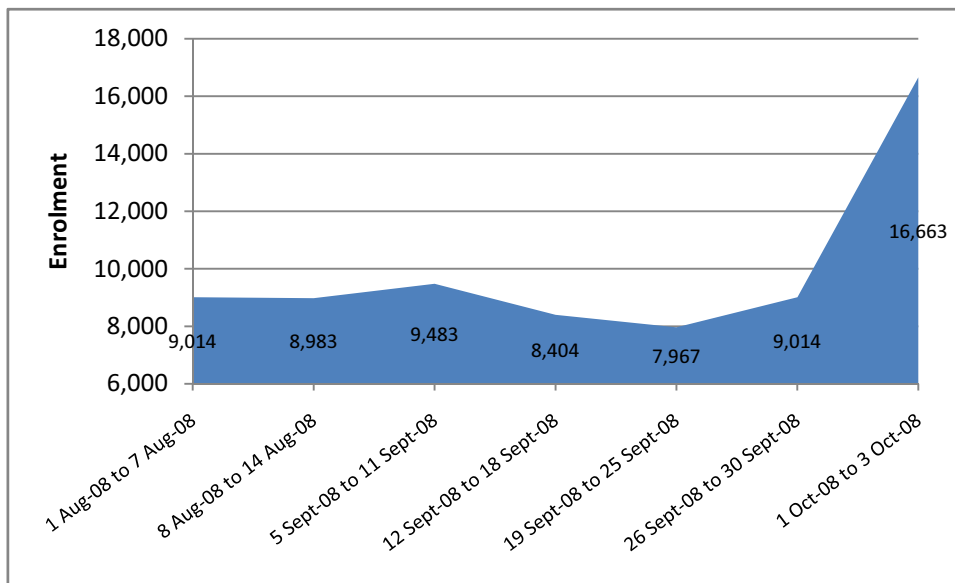
Advertisement	Publication	Publication date
Notice of entitlement date	<i>Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader</i> <i>Stonnington Leader</i> <i>Melbourne Yarra Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Community News</i> <i>Emerald Hill Weekly</i> <i>Melbourne Times</i> <i>City Weekly</i>	Tuesday, 9 September Tuesday, 9 September Wednesday, 10 September Monday, 8 September Tuesday, 9 September Wednesday, 10 September Wednesday, 10 September Thursday, 11 September
Notice of election	<i>Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader</i> <i>Stonnington Leader</i> <i>Melbourne Yarra Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Community News</i> <i>Emerald Hill Weekly</i> <i>Melbourne Times</i> <i>City Weekly</i>	Tuesday, 7 October Tuesday, 7 October Wednesday, 8 October Monday, 6 October Tuesday, 7 October Wednesday, 8 October Wednesday, 8 October Thursday, 8 October
Voting details	<i>Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader</i> <i>Stonnington Leader</i> <i>Melbourne Yarra Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Community News</i> <i>Emerald Hill Weekly</i> <i>Melbourne Times</i> <i>City Weekly</i>	Tuesday, 11 November Tuesday, 11 November Wednesday, 12 November Monday, 10 November Tuesday, 11 November Wednesday, 12 November Wednesday, 12 November Thursday, 13 November
Declaration of results	<i>Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader</i> <i>Stonnington Leader</i> <i>Melbourne Yarra Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Leader</i> <i>Moonee Valley Community News</i> <i>Emerald Hill Weekly</i> <i>Melbourne Times</i> <i>City Weekly</i>	Tuesday, 9 December Tuesday, 9 December Wednesday, 10 December Thursday, 11 December Tuesday, 9 December Wednesday, 17 December Wednesday, 10 December Thursday, 11 December

See Appendix 4 for copies of the statutory advertisements.

Statewide Advertising

A statewide advertising campaign was developed to maximise promotion of the elections across the key areas of enrolment and voting. It ran in *The Age, Herald Sun* and *Weekly Times*; on regional television (Prime, WIN and Southern Cross); on regional, metropolitan and ethnic radio; and in ethnic press.

A spike in additions, changes and deletions to the roll was observed across Victoria during the enrolment advertising period, while the volume of calls to the VEC telephone enquiry service peaked throughout the voting advertising period (see 'Telephone Enquiry Service').



See Appendix 5 for the statewide advertising schedules applicable to Council. Both the metropolitan and regional statewide advertising schedules are available on request.

Communication Services for Voters with Special Needs

The VEC worked with Vision Australia to provide information for blind and vision-impaired voters about the local council elections. This included the provision of downloadable large-print and MP3 audio files on the VEC website, onsite access to assisted reading equipment at Vision Australia centres, and promotion of the elections on Radio 3RPH throughout Victoria.

The VITS Language Link telephone interpreting and multi-language information service operated throughout the election period. All statewide press advertising included interpreting service telephone numbers, as did Council’s statutory and reminder press advertisements. From September to November 2008, a total of 8,241 calls statewide were made to the VITS Language Link service. Of these, 6,179 callers obtained the information required from the pre-recorded message in their language while 2,062 required the assistance of an interpreter. A total of 71 requests for an interpreter were responded to for the Melbourne City Council election from October to December. The most prevalent language assistance requested for Melbourne was Cantonese (23 requests), Mandarin (23 requests) and Vietnamese (9 requests).

Election year	September VITS calls	October VITS calls	November VITS calls
2008 - local council elections	191	191	7,859
2005 - local council elections	96	67	5,549

In addition, the VEC engaged ethnic media specialists to translate and distribute two media releases to 69 ethnic publications in 17 languages (Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Cambodian, Chinese, Croatian, Dari, Greek, Italian, Korean, Macedonian, Persian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese).

Media release	Publication period	% Coverage	\$ Advertising value
<i>Enrol to vote for this November's council elections</i>	Late September 2008	74%	\$15,894.72 ex GST
<i>Voting in the November council elections</i>	Mid-November 2008	81%	\$17,160.30 ex GST

The languages selected were recommended by Leba Ethnic Media and the Victorian Multicultural Commission on the basis of 2006 Census data, the growth trends of new and emerging communities, and the availability, distribution and suitability of ethnic media publications.

Additional Products and Services

A number of products and services complementing the communication campaign were provided at no additional cost to Council.

- The VEC ran an opt-in campaign for blind or vision-impaired voters wishing to receive either **large-print or Braille ballot papers**. This was promoted through direct mail (in Braille or on CD) to Vision Australia and Blind Citizens Australia client databases, and on radio 3AW and 3RPH. At the close of voting, a total of 26 Braille and 145 large-print ballot papers had been issued. This included requests for one Braille and two large-print sets of ballot papers for the Melbourne City Council elections. Three closed circuit television monitors were made available for delivery/use for Melbourne City Council voters upon request - for those with a vision-impairment who had difficulty reading either the Leadership Team or Councillor booklets. No such request was made.
- The VEC worked with VicDeaf to produce an **Auslan DVD** about enrolment, nominating and voting in local council elections, and distributed copies to 20 support groups and peak bodies.
- Similar content was produced in **Easy English booklet** format with assistance from Scope Victoria for people with low English literacy, and learning and cognitive disabilities. As a measure of their popularity, the VEC on request sent around 2,880 booklets for postal elections and 2,150 for attendance elections.

- Leaflets containing enrolment and voting advice for families and **carers** of people with a cognitive impairment were distributed with the assistance of Carers Victoria who published information on the local council elections in its newsletters.
- An **information series** was produced on the local council elections comprising nine booklets: *Structural Overview and Key Dates*, *Vote Counting Systems*, *Counting Arrangements*, *New Initiatives*, *Electoral Advertising and Campaign Material*, *Roll Preparation*, *Ballot Paper Scanning*, *Ballot Paper Tracking (Postal Elections)*, and *Ballot Paper Tracking (Attendance Elections)*.

The above products were available for download on the VEC website at www.vec.vic.gov.au/disabilities.html or in the 'resource centre' of the website.

- Election specific **information packs** were sent to more than 800 community and government organisations across Victoria, including Indigenous groups, migrant resource centres, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community groups, aged care providers, community legal centres, community information centres, youth organisations and disability groups. Election specific resource packs were also sent to all 128 Victorian Members of Parliament and all 79 local councils.
- The VEC sponsored the production of **The Age education supplement** 'Act Local - Understanding local government', 203,800 copies of which were distributed with *The Age* on Monday, 27 October 2008. A teacher guide, 'Act Local', is also available for download on *The Age* website, and 1,855 unique visitors to the site were registered on the day of its release. Copies of the supplement were also distributed at Parliament House Open Day and Comview teachers' conference, both held in November 2008.
- In the three-month period prior to election day, ten enrolment information and voter **education sessions** were delivered to groups traditionally under-represented in voter turnout, including CALD community members, young people and people experiencing homelessness. The VEC also delivered a local government information segment for the Indigenous audience on 3KND radio.
- Following successful enrolment and voting **sessions at homeless agencies** during previous election periods, the VEC held six enrolment sessions and provided four special voting facilities during the 2008 local council election period. This resulted in a total of 68 enrolments and 91 votes statewide. Information about enrolment and voting provisions for people experiencing homelessness was also distributed regionally via the CHP (Council to Homeless Persons) regional homeless network.
- A number of measures have been implemented in the past to negate recurring and unproven allegations of postal election fraud. In November 2008, a **partnership with Crime Stoppers** was implemented to raise public awareness and encourage reporting of alleged bulk missing/theft of ballot packs. A radio and print advertisement campaign coincided with the mail out of ballot packs, while **security personnel** were hired to conduct 1,160 person hours of observation around particular housing estates with bulk letterboxes in a common area in Melbourne's inner city. Despite this promotion and observation, no call to Crime Stoppers or security observation raised any concerns.

- An additional **press advertisement** ran in August 2008 to encourage people who had moved to update their address and/or post office box number.

See Appendix 5 for the Postal Ballot Fraud press and radio advertisement schedule, and a copy of the Post Office Box Update press advertisement.

Selected Optional Extras to Mandatory Communication Products and Services

Reminder Advertisement

A non-statutory notice was published as a final reminder to voters of the close of voting. It included where to hand-deliver completed ballot papers and Returning Officer contact details.

Advertisement	Publication	Publication date
Voting Reminder	<i>Caulfield Glen Eira/Port Phillip Leader</i>	Tuesday, 18 November
	<i>Stonnington Leader</i>	Tuesday, 18 November
	<i>Melbourne Yarra Leader</i>	Wednesday, 19 November
	<i>Moonee Valley Leader</i>	Monday, 17 November
	<i>Moonee Valley Community News</i>	Tuesday, 18 November
	<i>Emerald Hill Weekly</i>	Wednesday, 19 November
	<i>Melbourne Times</i>	Wednesday, 19 November
	<i>City Weekly</i>	Thursday, 20 November
	<i>Herald Sun</i>	Saturday, 22 November
	<i>Melbourne Age</i>	Saturday, 22 November

See Appendix 4 for a copy of the reminder advertisement.

Multi-language Voting Instructions

Step-by-step instructions on how to vote formally for both the Leadership Team and the Councillors were translated into six community languages and included in the voting instruction booklets for each election provided in the ballot pack (Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Indonesian, Italian and Vietnamese).

Housing Estate Poster

A poster was produced and placed in mail delivery and foyer areas of high-density housing estates throughout the entire inner-City area. The poster advised the ballot packs had been delivered and should be returned by 6.00pm on Friday, 28 November. Enquiries were to be directed to the election office. A total of 200 posters were produced, with a number being provided to the Council for its own purposes.

Communication Services Included in the Administrative Costs

Media Relations

Media releases formed an important part of the communication campaign. Content assisted journalists in providing factual and accurate information when reporting on the conduct of the elections.

To help develop a good working relationship with key media, the VEC conducted a media briefing session specific to the Melbourne City Council elections only on Monday, 15 September 2008. A detailed Media Information Kit was supplied to attendees, and was emailed to journalists who were unable to attend the briefing.

The following media releases were issued during key election stages to metropolitan and local media.

Media release	Distribution period
<i>Don't miss your chance to vote in the Melbourne City Council elections</i>	Week commencing 15 September
<i>Enrol to vote this week</i>	Week commencing 22 September
<i>Nominating for the Melbourne City Council elections</i>	Week commencing 6 October
<i>Melbourne City Council elections just around the corner</i>	Week commencing 13 October
<i>Voting starts in the Melbourne City Council elections</i>	Week commencing 3 November
<i>Last chance to vote in the Melbourne City Council elections</i>	Week commencing 17 November

A media advisory with information for reporters on how to attend the official declaration of results was also issued to local print and broadcast media.

In addition, five statewide media releases were distributed throughout the election period to a distribution list of more than 150 recipients, including journalists representing *The Age*, *Herald Sun* and *Weekly Times*; ABC and commercial radio; and regional and metropolitan television broadcasters. Media releases were also distributed to over 60 community radio broadcasters.

Tailored radio media releases and MP3 audio grabs featuring either the Electoral Commissioner or the Deputy Electoral Commissioner were also sent to regional and metropolitan commercial radio stations. This radio media campaign generated more than 100 news items between late September and election day.

Returning Officers and communication staff at the VEC responded to media enquiries and interview requests throughout the election period. Media interest peaked during the nomination period and over the election weekend, with most media enquiries seeking clarification about election timelines, the voting system and the Leadership Team election results.

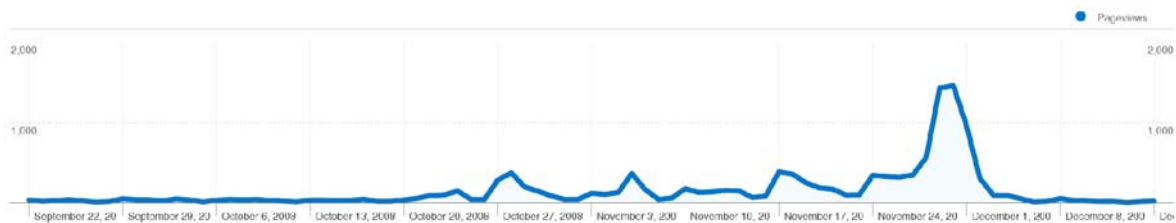
See Appendix 6 for a list of examples only of statewide coverage obtained. All media releases are published on the VEC website at www.vec.vic.gov.au/lgreleases.html

Website

The VEC provided a customised homepage for Council on its website which functioned as the access point to information on various aspects of the election. A homepage link was supplied to Council, enabling Council to publish the link on its own website.

Those candidates nominating for councillor positions could use the VEC's 'Candidate Helper' to complete their nomination details online, however they were unable to use this facility for their indication of preferences or candidate statements due to the differences between the Melbourne City Council voting system and the voting system used by all other councils. Those candidates nominating for the Leadership Team were unable to use the Candidate Helper at all for the same reason. During the nomination period, candidate nominations were updated to the website at least once a day.

The VEC recorded approximately 9,839 unique visitors to Council's homepage from 22 September to 15 December 2008. The graph below shows the number of page views per day throughout that period. In addition, 4,263 enrolment forms were downloaded from the VEC's website between Wednesday, 13 August and Friday, 3 October 2008. In the week after the election, there were more than 40,000 unique visitors to the VEC's summary results progress page.



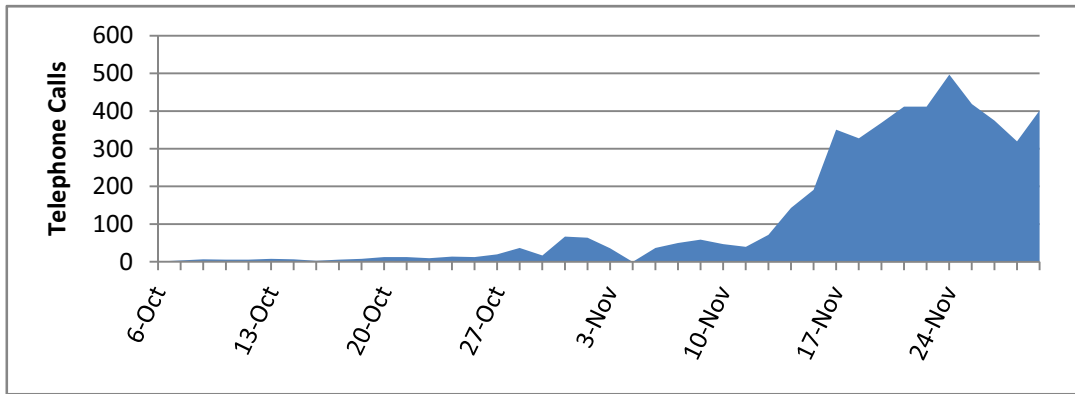
Telephone Enquiry Service

The Returning Officer provided a telephone enquiry service at the Election Office from Monday, 6 October to the close of voting.

Typical reasons for calls were:

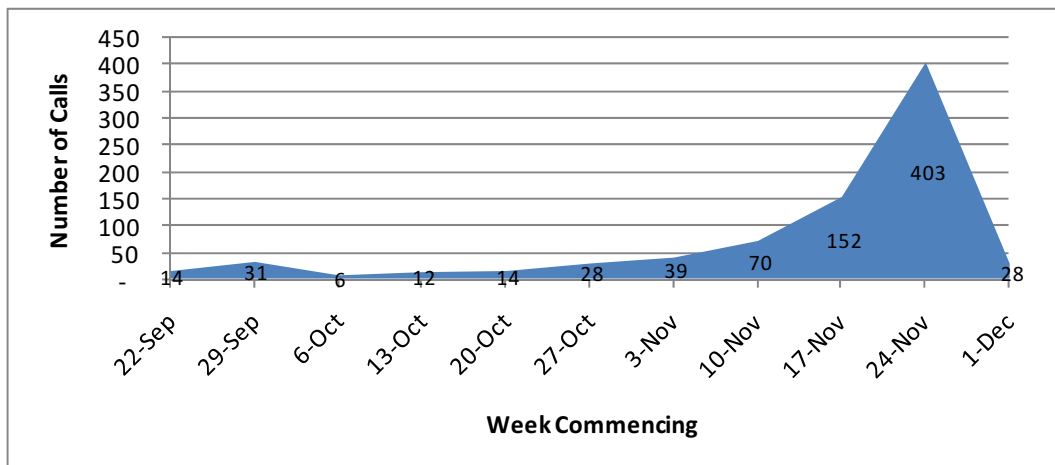
- voting entitlements and compulsory voting;
- roll queries;
- ballot pack had not been received (due to random despatch over 3 days);
- ballot pack had not been received because the voter was now living at a different address from their enrolled address;
- voter had inadvertently destroyed the ballot pack;
- why had the person received a ballot pack at all as they don't live in Victoria/Australia and don't own any property (deeming provision);
- voter is overseas or interstate; and
- queries regarding the contents of the ballot pack.

The graph below shows the number of calls received during the election period at the Election Office:



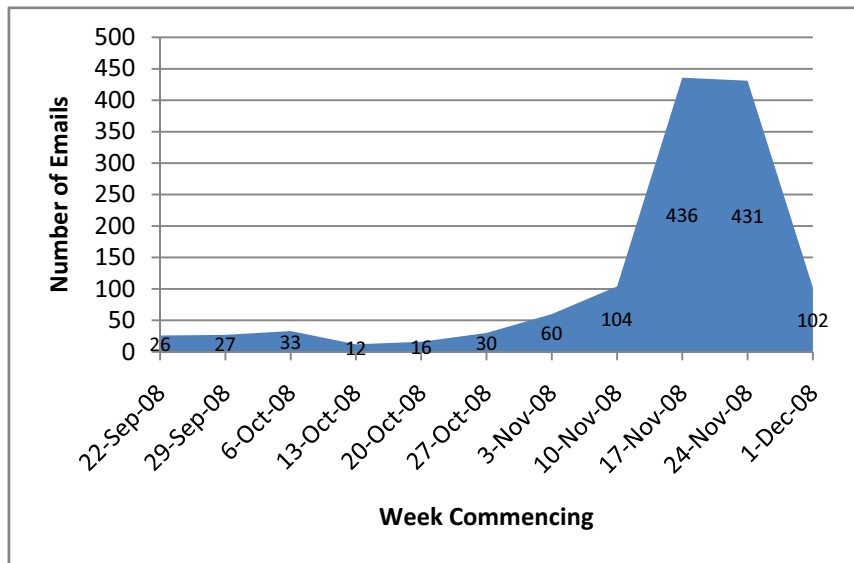
The telephone enquiry service at the Election Office was linked to the VEC's overflow call centre. The overflow call centre also answered calls to the VEC's 13 18 32 telephone number. Over 29,000 calls were answered at the VEC's overflow call centre from Monday, 22 September to Friday, 5 December 2008.

The graph below shows the number of calls answered by the VEC's overflow call centre for Melbourne City Council:



In addition, the VEC operated a TTY (telephone typewriter) service to enable people with speech and hearing impairment to access the VEC enquiry service. The TTY number was printed on all election press advertising and communication products. A total of 181 calls were made to the TTY service throughout October and November 2008 across all council elections. However, only five callers had the appropriate equipment to connect with the VEC's service.

Enquiries from members of the public were also received via email to the VEC. Between Monday, 22 September and Friday, 5 December 2008, the VEC received and replied to 1,277 emails across all council elections.



RETURNING OFFICER

Returning Officer

After consultation with Council, the Electoral Commissioner appointed Bill Lang as Returning Officer on 30 July. Bill was selected from the VEC's group of trained senior election officials.

Returning Officer's Duties

The Returning Officer was responsible for:

- setting up an office and establishing a telephone enquiry service at the office;
- conducting two information sessions for prospective candidates;
- handling all candidates' enquiries;
- receiving nomination forms from persons wishing to nominate;
- receiving, banking and keeping a record of nomination fees received;
- receiving group/candidates' personal statements, photographs, group voting tickets and indications of preferences;
- issuing any special circumstance votes, replacement votes and unenrolled votes;
- overseeing the return, recording and checking of all declaration envelopes;
- recruiting office staff and counting staff;
- organising the extraction of ballot papers and the computer count;
- declaring the result of the elections; and
- packaging and despatching all election materials for return to Council.

Deputy Returning Officer

Bill Lang appointed three Deputy Returning Officers - Dale Coghlan and Tam Vistarini on 4 August and Jo Pearse 5 August. The Deputy Returning Officers were selected from the VEC's group of trained senior election officials.

Clerical Officers

Bill Lang employed up to twelve clerical officers to assist with work at the election office as follows:

- answering telephone and in-person election enquires;
- assisting with the appointment of election casuals;
- processing applications for replacement ballot material; and
- scanning returned ballot material.

Support for the Returning Officer

The role of the VEC was to support the Returning Officer by:

- preparing the communications campaign;
- providing all necessary manuals for the conduct of the elections;
- providing office equipment and necessary furniture;
- providing voters rolls and any related roll products;
- arranging for the printing of candidates' statements, ballot papers and ballot pack envelopes;
- arranging for the secure despatch of the ballot packs;
- providing our computerised election management system for the conduct of the election;
- providing legal advice as required regarding any aspect of the election process;
- notifying the Minister for Local Government of the results of the election;
- arranging for nomination fees to be refunded to candidates, where appropriate;
- providing legal representation for the returning officer in the case of an appeal to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal;
- excusing those voters not required to vote or who offered an acceptable excuse for failing to vote;
- producing a list of non-voters;
- organising the follow-up of non-voters; and
- preparing an election report for Council.

ELECTION OFFICE

Election Office

The Returning Officer and staff were located at Council House, Level 6, 200 Little Collins Street, Melbourne from Monday, 6 October to Friday, 5 December. The office was open to the public between the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Friday from Wednesday, 22 October to Monday, 1 December, not including public holidays. Extended hours were provided on Thursday, 27 November from 9.00am – 8.00pm and Friday, 28 November from 9.00am – 6.00pm.

The VEC arranged for the installation of telephone lines, provided fax and photocopying facilities, computer systems and other equipment including letter-opening machines and electronic ballot paper counting equipment.

CANDIDATES

Candidates' Information Sessions

The Returning Officer held two information sessions for prospective candidates in the Council Meeting Room, Level 2, Town Hall Administration Building, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne as follows:

- Monday, 20 October commencing at 7.00pm; and
- Tuesday, 21 October commencing at 12.30pm.

Sixteen interested persons attended the sessions, ten on 20 October and six on 21 October.

Candidates' Kit

Each candidate was provided with an information kit for either the Leadership Team or Councillor elections. The kit contained:

- Candidate handbook (Leadership Team or Councillor);
- Nomination form (Leadership Team or Councillor);
- Request for Team Name (Leadership Team only);
- Request for Grouping and Group Name (Councillor only);
- Scrutineer Handbook;
- form for appointment and declaration of scrutineer;
- form for supplying group/candidate statement, photograph and indication of preferences (Leadership Team or Councillor);
- sample candidate's statement and indication of preferences Leadership Team or Councillor);
- Election Campaign Donation Return;
- information on preferential and proportional representation counting systems;
- key election dates;
- map of the municipality; and
- Returning Officer's contact details.

A DVD explaining the proportional representation counting system was also made available to candidates.

Nominations

Nominations opened on Thursday, 23 October and closed at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 28 October. Eleven nominations were received for the Leadership Team election and 32 nominations for the Councillor election by the close of nominations.

The Returning Officer was responsible for the receipt of the \$250 nomination fee that was held in a special bank account for the duration of the election period.

The nominations received for the Leadership Team are listed in ballot paper order in Appendix 1 and the nominations received for Councillors are listed in ballot paper order in Appendix 2.

Ballot Draws

The Returning Officer conducted an electronic ballot draw to determine the order of candidate's names on the ballot papers for the Leadership Team and Councillors.

The ballot draw for the Leadership Team election was held at the Election Office at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 28 October. The ballot draw for the Councillor election was held at the Election Office at 5.00pm on Thursday, 30 October.

The results of the draw for the Leadership Team are shown in Appendix 1 and the results of the draw for Councillors are shown in Appendix 2.

Registration of Group Names

The registration of group names closed at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 30 October.

The Returning Officer registered group names for each of the eleven Leadership Teams and nine group names for the election of Councillors. No group names were rejected by the Returning Officer.

The group names registered with the Returning Officer are shown in Appendices 1 and 2.

Group/Candidate Statements & Group Voting Tickets/Indication of Preferences

The period for lodgement of group/candidate statements, photographs, group voting tickets/indications of preferences closed at 4:00 pm on Monday, 3 November.

Leadership Team

All leadership teams submitted a statement and indication of preferences. Photographs were submitted for all but one candidate.

The candidates' statements, photographs and indication of preferences were published in the booklet included in the ballot pack mailed to voters in the order in which the candidates' names appear on the ballot paper.

Councillors

All groups for the Councillor election lodged a group statement, photographs and group voting ticket. One group submitted two group voting tickets.

No proof reading errors were identified in the final printed products produced for the ballot packs.

VOTING

Printing of Ballot papers

A security printer was selected to print the ballot papers, using a different colour for the Leadership Team and Councillor elections. To ensure their integrity, the ballot papers were produced using a security background print. The Returning Officer's certified account of ballot papers and declarations for each election is shown in Appendix 7.

Early Votes

The Returning Officer issued 113 early votes prior to the general mailout of ballot packs where special circumstances applied.

General Mailout of Ballot Packs

Of the 97,855 voters enrolled in the City of Melbourne, there were 29 voters with incomplete postal details or deceased since entitlement date.

Ballot packs for 97,826 voters were lodged with Australia Post or hand delivered to the high rise public housing estates and Law Chambers over 3 days from Tuesday, 11 November to Thursday, 13 November.

The ballot packs were delivered on a random basis with no more than 35% being posted or delivered on any one day.

Details of the ballot packs lodged with Australia Post or hand delivered each day are as follows:

Tuesday, 11 November	33,285
Wednesday, 12 November	33,248
Thursday, 13 November	31,293

The ballot packs for 5,681 voters with an overseas contact address were sent in Express Post International envelopes on 12 November.

Each ballot pack contained the following:

- an instruction leaflet for the voter;
- a candidate information booklet for the Leadership Team with multi-language voting instructions;
- a ballot paper for the Leadership Team;
- a candidate information booklet for Councillors including group voting tickets and multi-language voting instructions;
- a ballot paper for the election of Councillors

- a ballot paper envelope; and
- a reply-paid return addressed envelope.

The material for the Leadership Team election was coloured pink and the material for the election of Councillors was coloured blue.

Hand Delivery of Ballot Packs

3,168 ballot packs were prepared for hand-delivery to the public high rise housing estates in Carlton, Kensington and North Melbourne, Melbourne Inner City Management and to the Melbourne Law Chambers by trained election officials over the 3-day period. 247 of these ballot packs could not be delivered as the voter was no longer living at the enrolled address. Details of the completed deliveries are as follows:

Public high rise housing estates in Carlton, Kensington & North Melbourne

Address Details	No of Ballots delivered
20 Elgin Street, Carlton	110
480 Lygon Street, Carlton	204
510 Lygon Street, Carlton	241
530 Lygon Street, Carlton	91
140 Neill Street, Carlton	204
141 Nicholson Street, Carlton	101
31,41,47 Palmerston St, Carlton	34
74, 84, 94 Canning St Carlton	30
56 Derby Street, Kensington	88
94 Ormond Street, Kensington	62
33 Alfred St Nth Melbourne	174
159 Melrose St Nth Melbourne	81
12 Sutton St Nth Melbourne	201
76 Canning St Nth Melbourne	156

Melbourne Law Chambers

Address Details	No of Ballots delivered
205 William Street, Melbourne, 525 Lonsdale St, Melbourne & 555 Lonsdale St, Melbourne	1,144

Issuing of Replacement Ballot Material

Replacement ballot materials were issued to 2,053 voters who notified the Returning Officer that their ballot material had been lost, spoilt, destroyed or not received.

Unenrolled Vote Processing

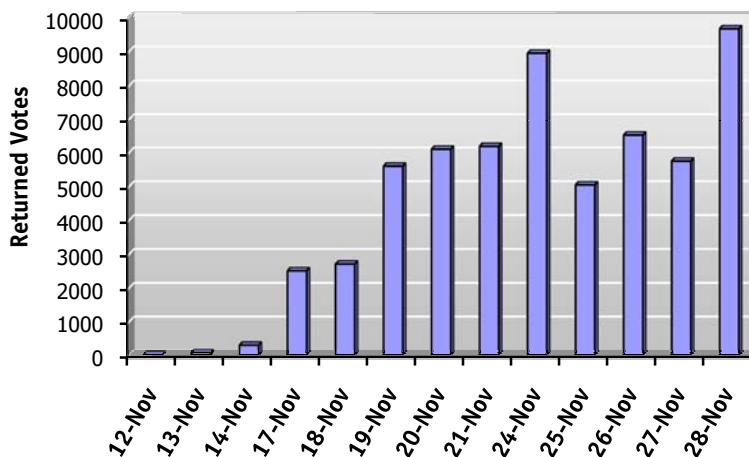
The Returning Officer issued 31 unenrolled votes to persons whose name could not be found on the voters roll and who believed that they were entitled to be enrolled. The completed ballot paper was enclosed in a special declaration envelope and sent to both the Council and the VEC to check entitlement.

Return of Ballot Paper Envelopes

The VEC made arrangements with Australia Post for a locked bag to be established at the Melbourne GPO, 250 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne for the return of ballot paper envelopes. The returned mail was delivered by Australia Post from the Melbourne GPO to the Election Office on a daily basis from the commencement of the voting period.

The Returning Officer received a total of 61,870 declaration envelopes by the close of voting on Friday, 28 November. The returned ballot paper envelopes were progressively recorded, checked for the presence of a signature, marked off the voters roll and stored in sealed security boxes until the close of voting. Any declaration envelopes not signed by the voter were set aside and not admitted to the count.

The number of ballot paper envelopes received each day from the general mailout of ballot packs is shown on the following chart:



A further 3,003 ballot paper envelopes were received by the Returning Officer in the week following the close of voting.

By the close of voting, 2,783 ballot packs were returned unclaimed to the Returning Officer because Australia Post could not locate the addressee.

OBTAINING A RESULT

Extraction of Ballot Papers

The extraction of ballot papers from the ballot paper envelopes commenced at 8.00am on Saturday, 29 November at the Swanston Hall, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

The flaps containing the voters' details were separated from the ballot paper envelopes. The ballot paper envelopes in bundles of fifty were then opened and the ballot papers extracted in the presence of scrutineers. As the ballot papers were extracted from each bundle of envelopes, the ballot papers were counted to ensure that all ballot papers had been extracted from the envelopes.

As the ballot papers were being extracted from the envelopes, it was found that some envelopes contained only one ballot paper or did not contain either ballot paper. The number of ballot papers extracted was as follows:

Election	Total
Leadership Team	60,803
Councillors	60,923

Ballot papers for the election of Councillors were sorted into those marked "above the line" and those marked "below the line". "Above the line" ballot papers were sorted to each group and counted.

A batch cover sheet was attached to each batch of fifty ballot papers for the Leadership Team and Councillors in preparation for the computer count.

Computer Count

A computer count was used to count the votes, distribute preferences and determine the results for the elections of the Leadership Team and Councillors. The Leadership Team results were calculated using the exhaustive preferential counting method and the Councillor positions were determined using the proportional representation counting method.

An information session was held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 27 November in the Council Meeting Room, Town Hall Administration Building, Swanston Street, Melbourne to give candidates, scrutineers and other interested persons an overview of the process.

The computer counts took place at Victoria University, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

On Sunday, 30 November, the ballot papers were securely transported to Victoria University for the conduct of the computer count. Data entry operators entered the data from each ballot paper into the computer, which then calculated the result.

The total number of formal and informal votes for each election is listed below:

Election	Formal	Informal	Total
Leadership Team	57,962	2,841	60,803
Councillors	59,315	1,608	60,923
• Above the line	54,464		
• Below the line	4,851		

The first preference results are shown in Appendix 3. Details of the preference distributions are provided on the CD attached.

Declaration of Results

The Returning Officer declared the election results in the Yarra Room, Town Hall Administration Building, Swanston Street, Melbourne at 10.00am on Tuesday, 2 December. The candidates declared elected were as follows:

Successful Candidate	
DOYLE, Robert	Lord Mayor
RILEY, Susan	Deputy Lord Mayor
JETTER, Carl	Councillor (1st elected)
OKE, Cathy	Councillor (2nd elected)
LOUEY, Kevin	Councillor (3rd elected)
CLARKE, Peter	Councillor (4th elected)
ONG, Ken	Councillor (5th elected)
SHANAHAN, Brian	Councillor (6th elected)
KANIS, Jennifer	Councillor (7th elected)

The results were published on the VEC's website for the Councillor election on Sunday, 30 November and the Leadership Team election on Monday, 1 December.

VOTER PARTICIPATION

Voter Turnout

The number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal), as a percentage of the total enrolment, was 62.14% for the Leadership Team compared with 65.10% at the last elections held in 2004 and 62.26% for the Councillors compared with 65.51% at the 2004 elections.

The percentage of envelopes returned for resident voters (Electoral Commissioner's list of voters), non-resident voters (Chief Executive Officer's list of voters), Corporation representatives (Chief Executive Officer's list of voters) and resident voters aged 70 years and over were as follows:

Category	% voted
Residents (all)	66.15%
Residents (aged 70 and over)	71.10%
Non-residents	60.33%
Corporation representatives (by application)	79.19%
Corporation representatives (deemed)	53.72%

Informal Voting

The informal voting rate was 4.67% for the Leadership Team compared with 8.20% at the 2004 elections and 2.64% for the Councillors compared with 4.23% at the 2004 elections.

It is noted that higher informality rates can generally be expected where there are more candidates standing for election. The table below shows the relationship between the differing number of candidates and the average informality rates for all local government elections conducted by post in November 2008.

Candidates	% Informal
2 -5	2.20%
6 -10	2.97%
11 -15	4.20%
>15	5.84%

COMPLAINTS

The VEC responds only to written complaints. The majority of complaints statewide were received by Returning Officers and forwarded to the VEC head office for response to the complainants.

Election complaints fall into two broad categories:

- complaints about the conduct of candidates and other participants in the election (this comprised the majority of complaints); and
- complaints about the VEC's conduct of the election and services to voters.

Local Government Victoria has jurisdiction over the *Local Government Act 1989*. As such, complaints alleging a possible breach of the Act were forwarded to Local Government Victoria. In these cases, the VEC also wrote to the complainant and the person complained about to inform them of the action taken. The VEC's involvement with such complaints ceased at this point, as the VEC and Returning Officer do not have jurisdiction under the Act. Most complaints about candidates and other participants did expressly or implicitly allege an infringement of the Act.

The VEC and Returning Officer did not provide any information to the media on specific cases, and the media were free to contact complainants and other participants independently.

Complaints about the VEC's services or the behaviour of VEC staff are the responsibility of the VEC. In these cases, the VEC contacted relevant people to ascertain the facts and to determine the correct response.

The VEC provided more information about the different responsibilities associated with complaint handling for these elections in the Candidate Handbook. Further information was also included about the way the courts have defined "misleading" electoral material in the past. This information was provided to avoid candidates unnecessarily spending time in the complaints process around alleged misleading electoral material, when it was likely that no breach of the Act had occurred.

The Returning Officer received three written complaints. Details of the complaints are set out below:

Date	Complaint	Response
8 December	MCC providing space for publications promoting certain candidates	Referred to Local Government Victoria
19 November	Deemed representatives of corporations required to give written consent to enrolment	Advised that written consent not required for deemed representatives
25 November	Complaint about contents of campaign material.	Referred to Local Government Victoria

ISSUES

1. CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIAL FOR POSTAL BALLOT FRAUD

Some candidates raised concerns about the potential for electoral fraud to go undetected at a postal ballot where the voter's signature on the postal ballot envelope is not verified by electoral staff prior to accepting the vote and admitting it to the count.

The Electoral Commissioner responded directly to these concerns and outlined the arrangements put in place to safeguard the integrity of the ballot –

- VEC call centre staff were briefed to raise an alert if a pattern of calls arises from voters in a particular area who have not received their ballot packs;
- VEC entered into a partnership with Crime Stoppers for a campaign in the daily newspapers and on radio for people to report any suspicious activity or known activity of theft of ballot packs;
- hand delivery of ballot packs was arranged to the public housing high-rise estates and the Melbourne Law Chambers. Posters were placed near the mail boxes to alert voters that the ballot packs had been delivered; and
- other security measures not disclosed at the time.

The other security measures undertaken by the VEC were as follows –

- Monitoring of ballot pack deliveries
The VEC engaged a security company to provide trained security operatives to patrol the high density residential areas and report on any suspicious behaviour or theft of postal ballot packs. A mixture of plain clothed and uniformed operatives were used for patrols on foot and marked and unmarked mobile patrol vehicles were utilized. The patrols occurred between the hours of 10.00am and 7.00pm from Wednesday, 12 November to Monday, 17 November. The security operatives were also asked to collect any discarded postal ballot packs. The result of the surveillance was one report of suspicious behaviour in the North Melbourne area and collection of 45 discarded postal ballot packs. The Returning Officer wrote to all the voters living in the area where the suspicious behaviour was observed and asked them to contact him immediately if they had not received their postal ballot pack. No voters contacted the Returning Officer in this regard.
- Spot checking of voters' signatures
Arrangements were made with the Returning Officer to randomly select 20 postal ballot envelopes returned by voters with a Legislative Assembly entitlement and 20 postal ballot envelopes returned by voters with a Council entitlement each day and to check the signature on postal ballot envelope against the signature on the records held by the VEC or the Council. No evidence of fraud was detected through this process.

2. DEEMED REPRESENTATIVES OF CORPORATIONS

Corporations that solely owned or occupied rateable property within the City of Melbourne were entitled to appoint two representatives to vote on its behalf. Those corporations that failed to appoint voting representatives had company secretaries or directors appointed by the Council Chief Executive Officer – these were the first two names taken in alphabetical order from those listed with the Australian Securities

and Investment Commission for that corporation. Melbourne City Council then wrote to those corporations, advising the corporation of the names of the company secretaries/directors who had been 'deemed' to be on the roll.

After the mailing of the ballot packs for the City of Melbourne, a significant number of individuals contacted the VEC by phone or email (in particular those who lived interstate or overseas), querying why the VEC had sent them ballot packs for the election when they neither lived nor owned property within the area. They felt a serious mistake had been made. Council may wish to consider writing to these individuals directly in future, rather than relying on the corporation to provide this advice to avoid confusion and encourage a greater participation rate.

3. **MANUAL SORT OF LEADERSHIP TEAM BALLOT PAPERS TO FIRST PREFERENCES**

A candidate for the Leadership Team election requested that a manual sort to first preferences be undertaken prior to entering the votes into the computer. The Returning Officer advised the candidate that he would not undertake a manual sort as there would be no benefit to be gained by adding this step to the process and it would significantly delay the calculation of the election result. The Local Government Act provides for the electronic counting of votes and the Returning Officer ensured that all requirements of the Act and regulations in regard to the electronic counting were met. This included making a document outlining the process and validation procedures available to candidates and scrutineers.

4. **THREAT TO DISRUPT AND DELAY COMPUTER COUNT**

A threat was made by a person who attended the computer count information session on 27 November to disrupt and delay the computer count.

The Electoral Commissioner advised all candidates by email on 28 November that anyone acting in this way would be removed from the scrutiny room and that arrangements had been made for an appropriate security and police presence.

POST ELECTION

Storage of Election Material

All ballot papers and forms used at the election were sealed in security boxes and delivered to the Council in the week ending Friday, 5 December.

Refund of Nomination Fees

Nomination fees were refunded on 15 December to all eligible candidates. Candidates for the Leadership Team who were elected or received at least four per cent of the total first preference votes cast were eligible for a refund of their nomination fee. Candidates for the election of Councillors who were elected or were members of a group that received at least four per cent of the total first preference votes cast were eligible for a refund of their nomination fee.

A cheque for \$2,000 representing the forfeited fees of eight candidates was sent to Council on 15 December.

Municipal Electoral Tribunal

There were no applications lodged for an inquiry into these elections.

Non-voters

The VEC has been contracted to implement the enforcement of compulsory voting. As such, the Electoral Commissioner has appointed a Prosecution Officer in accordance with Section 40(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

A list of persons on the voters rolls who did not vote was being prepared at the time of printing this report. The names of people who did not vote and were aged 70 years or over, non-residents, or known to be exempt under the legislation have been removed from this list which will be certified by the Returning Officer before being forwarded to the Prosecution Officer. The VEC will continue to communicate with Council during the management of compulsory voting.

POST-ELECTION DEBRIEFINGS

Debrief with Council

The VEC's debriefing proforma was emailed to Council on 16 December for feedback on how the VEC met the key objectives for the conduct of these elections.

Suggestions from Council for improvement at future elections include:

1. Larger rooms required at computer count venue for the data entry of the ballot papers.
2. Ideally the election office, location for the extraction and sorting of ballot papers and the computer count should be located in the same building.
3. Increased knowledge for election office staff and media staff on the unique provisions of City of Melbourne voter entitlements.
4. Review staff loads in the week leading up to and during the election weekend.
5. Consider TV advertising in metro area.

Debrief with Returning Officer

The Returning Officer attended two debriefing sessions on the conduct of these elections on Friday, 12 December (general session) and Wednesday, 17 December (City of Melbourne session) at the Victorian Electoral Commission, Level 8, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council should write to all deemed representatives of corporations and inform them of their enrolment on the voters roll (refer Issue No 2 on page 29).

APPENDIX 1: CANDIDATES - LEADERSHIP TEAM

DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor)

ACTIVATE MELBOURNE

RILEY, Susan (Deputy Lord Mayor)

NG, Catherine (Lord Mayor)

C MELBOURNE GROW - CATHERINE NG

MAKINGS, Terry (Deputy Lord Mayor)

TOSCANO, Joseph (Lord Mayor)

SHIFTING THE BURDEN

ELY, Margaret (Deputy Lord Mayor)

COLUMB, Nick (Lord Mayor)

PASSION FOR MELBOURNE

CALWELL, Sue (Deputy Lord Mayor)

BANDT, Adam (Lord Mayor)

THE GREENS

MALTZAHN, Kathleen (Deputy Lord Mayor)

CRAWFORD, Robert King (Lord Mayor)

MELBOURNE SUPERCITY. WORLD

KENNEDY, Michael (Deputy Lord Mayor)

ROBERTS, Shelley (Lord Mayor)

RESIDENTS EQUITY - AFFORDABLE RESIDENT RATES

FARAH, Abdiaziz (Deputy Lord Mayor)

SINGER, Gary (Lord Mayor)

TEAM MELBOURNE

PAINTER, Joanne (Deputy Lord Mayor)

FOWLES, Will (Lord Mayor)

FOWLES A FRESH VISION

WILSON, David (Deputy Lord Mayor)

McMULLIN, Peter (Lord Mayor)

McMULLIN-WILSON FOR MELBOURNE'S FUTURE

WILSON, Tim (Deputy Lord Mayor)

MORGAN, Gary (Lord Mayor)

MORGAN CLARKE - OUR CITY - YOUR COUNCIL

ANDERSON, Michele (Deputy Lord Mayor)

APPENDIX 2: CANDIDATES - COUNCILLORS

FOWLES A FRESH VISION

KANIS, Jennifer

MUSCATELLO, Lisa

MORGAN CLARKE - OUR CITY - YOUR COUNCIL

CLARKE, Peter

WATTS, Jackie

WOOD, Margaret

FORDE AND McEWEN - INDEPENDENT LOCALS

FORDE, Brian Michael

McEWEN, Sophie E.

THE GREENS

OKE, Cathy

LEPPERT, Rohan

AIR, Alister

LANCASTER, Donna

TEAM MELBOURNE

ONG, Ken

BORAZIO, Jerome

SMYTH, Trent

BISHOP, Marion

McMULLIN-WILSON FOR MELBOURNE'S FUTURE

LOUEY, Kevin

SHELTON, Jane

COATE, Celia

CHERRY, Rebecca

ACTIVATE MELBOURNE

JETTER, Carl

BINI, Luciano

DIAMANDIS, Michael

SWEETMAN, Fiona

PASSION FOR MELBOURNE

SNEDDEN, Fiona

RANKIN, Keith

CHALKER, Vernon

LEE, Wellington

C MELBOURNE GROW - CATHERINE NG

SHANAHAN, Brian

PAGLIANITI, Connie

DASTAN, Neslihan

CHRISTOPOULOS, Con

DAWSON, John

APPENDIX 3: ELECTION RESULTS

First Preference Votes

Leadership Team (election of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor Team)

Elected:	DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor)
Elected:	RILEY, Susan (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Votes for the Leadership Team were counted using [Preferential Voting](#).

Enrolment	97846
Formal Votes:	57962
Informal Votes:	2841 (4.67% of the total votes)
Voter Turnout:	60803 (62.14% of the total enrolment)

First preference votes

Candidates	Team	1st Pref Votes
DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor)	ACTIVATE MELBOURNE	15135
RILEY, Susan (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
NG, Catherine (Lord Mayor)	C MELBOURNE GROW - CATHERINE NG	6315
MAKINGS, Terry (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
TOSCANO, Joseph (Lord Mayor)	SHIFTING THE BURDEN	815
ELY, Margaret (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
COLUMB, Nick (Lord Mayor)	PASSION FOR MELBOURNE	2712
CALWELL, Sue (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
BANDT, Adam (Lord Mayor)	THE GREENS	8729
MALTZAHN, Kathleen (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
CRAWFORD, Robert King (Lord Mayor)	MELBOURNE SUPERCITY. WORLD	684
KENNEDY, Michael (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
ROBERTS, Shelley (Lord Mayor)	RESIDENTS EQUITY - AFFORDABLE RESIDENT	719
FARAH, Abdiaziz (Deputy Lord Mayor)	RATES	
SINGER, Gary (Lord Mayor)	TEAM MELBOURNE	6056
PAINTER, Joanne (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
FOWLES, Will (Lord Mayor)	FOWLES A FRESH VISION	5004
WILSON, David (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
McMULLIN, Peter (Lord Mayor)	McMULLIN-WILSON FOR MELBOURNE'S FUTURE	7267
WILSON, Tim (Deputy Lord Mayor)		
MORGAN, Gary (Lord Mayor)	MORGAN CLARKE - OUR CITY - YOUR COUNCIL	4526
ANDERSON, Michele (Deputy Lord Mayor)		

Councillors (7 vacancies)

Elected:	JETTER, Carl (1st elected)
Elected:	OKE, Cathy (2nd elected)
Elected:	LOUEY, Kevin (3rd elected)
Elected:	CLARKE, Peter (4th elected)
Elected:	ONG, Ken (5th elected)
Elected:	SHANAHAN, Brian (6th elected)
Elected:	KANIS, Jennifer (7th elected)

Votes for the Councillors were counted using [Proportional Representation](#).

Enrolment	97846
Formal Votes:	59315
Informal Votes:	1608 (2.64% of the total votes)
Voter Turnout:	60923 (62.26% of the total enrolment)
Quota:	7415

First preference votes

	Votes
FOWLES A FRESH VISION	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	5401
Below the Line Votes	
KANIS, Jennifer	606
MUSCATELLO, Lisa	74
GROUP TOTAL	6081
MORGAN CLARKE - OUR CITY - YOUR COUNCIL	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	5018
Below the Line Votes	
CLARKE, Peter	493
WATTS, Jackie	46
WOOD, Margaret	48
GROUP TOTAL	5605
FORDE AND McEWEN - INDEPENDENT LOCALS	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	738
Below the Line Votes	
FORDE, Brian Michael	126
McEWEN, Sophie E.	53
GROUP TOTAL	917
THE GREENS	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	10084
Below the Line Votes	
OKE, Cathy	746
LEPPERT, Rohan	50
AIR, Alister	18
LANCASTER, Donna	41
GROUP TOTAL	10939

TEAM MELBOURNE	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	6309
Below the Line Votes	
ONG, Ken	472
BORAZIO, Jerome	40
SMYTH, Trent	25
BISHOP, Marion	29
GROUP TOTAL	6875
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McMULLIN-WILSON FOR MELBOURNE'S FUTURE	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	7027
Below the Line Votes	
LOUEY, Kevin	435
SHELTON, Jane	30
COATE, Celia	21
CHERRY, Rebecca	18
GROUP TOTAL	7531
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ACTIVATE MELBOURNE	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	11294
Below the Line Votes	
JETTER, Carl	496
BINI, Luciano	28
DIAMANDIS, Michael	26
SWEETMAN, Fiona	30
GROUP TOTAL	11874
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PASSION FOR MELBOURNE	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	2937
Below the Line Votes	
SNEDDEN, Fiona	209
RANKIN, Keith	11
CHALKER, Vernon	7
LEE, Wellington	59
GROUP TOTAL	3223
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C MELBOURNE GROW - CATHERINE NG	
Above the Line Votes (Ticket Votes)	5656
Below the Line Votes	
SHANAHAN, Brian	507
PAGLIANITI, Connie	18
DASTAN, Neslihan	25
CHRISTOPOULOS, Con	34
DAWSON, John	30
GROUP TOTAL	6270

Details of preference distributions are contained on the attached CD.

APPENDIX 4: ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice of Entitlement Date

YOUR MELBOURNE. YOUR VOTE.

MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

ARE YOU ENROLLED TO VOTE?

You must be on the voters' roll by **4pm on Friday, 3 October 2008** to be eligible to vote in the Melbourne City Council elections in November.

You are already enrolled if you are 18 years or older on 29 November 2008 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 in the City of Melbourne but live in a different municipality, and you are the first or second-named person on Council's property records; or
- you were appointed as a corporation representative in the 2004 elections and still hold the position of company secretary or director of the corporation that owns or occupies rateable property.

HOW DO YOU ENROL?

You need to complete a state enrolment form if you are an Australian citizen aged 18 years or over on 29 November 2008 and:

- you are not on the State electoral roll; or
- you have lived at your present residential address for at least one month and not updated your enrolment details, including any changes to your postal address.

Download an enrolment form from www.vec.vic.gov.au or www.melbourne.vic.gov.au or pick one up at any post office, Centrelink office, Australian Electoral Commission office or Coles supermarket, and return it by 4pm on Friday, 3 October 2008.

You may apply to Council to enrol if you are 18 years or older on 29 November 2008 and:

- you are a new owner or business occupier of rateable property in the municipality; or
- you are an owner or occupier not on the State electoral roll and have lived at your present address within the municipality for a least one month (includes non-Australian citizens); or
- you are a director or company secretary of a corporation (or hold an equivalent position) that owns or occupies rateable property solely or jointly within the municipality*.

* If a corporation that solely owns or occupies rateable property in the City of Melbourne does not validly appoint two representatives to vote on its behalf by 4pm on 3 October 2008, the Council Chief Executive Officer 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 the council enrolment criteria and wish to enrol, contact the Elections Helpline on 1300 735 427 or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au for a council enrolment form.

CHECKING YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS

You can check your enrolment details by inspecting the exhibition roll during business hours from Monday, 29 September to 4pm on Friday, 3 October 2008 at the:

Front Desk, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Alternatively, you can check if you are enrolled online by visiting www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

You can object to errors in the exhibition roll until **4pm on Friday, 3 October 2008** by writing to:



The Registrar (Elections Office)
City of Melbourne
PO Box 1603
Melbourne VIC 3001

Faxing on (03) 9658 8765

Or emailing elections@melbourne.vic.gov.au

For information call 13 18 32 or visit www.vec.vic.gov.au

TTY 9299 0570 (text telephone for the speech and hearing impaired)

Victorian Electoral Commission

VOTING IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERYONE ON THE MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL VOTERS' ROLL.

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

(03) 9280 0716	Ἑλληνικά	(03) 9280 0720	Italiano
(03) 9280 0717	廣東話	(03) 9280 0721	國語
(03) 9280 0718	Ελληνικά	(03) 9280 0722	Soomaal
(03) 9280 0719	Bahasa Indonesian	(03) 9280 0723	Español
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		(03) 9280 0726	All other languages

Notice of Election

YOUR MELBOURNE. YOUR VOTE.

MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This November, there will be simultaneous elections to elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor (the Leadership Team) and seven councillors.

Voting

Ballot packs will be mailed to enrolled voters from Tuesday 11 November. Your completed ballot papers must be returned to the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on Friday 28 November.

If you will be away

If you will be away when ballot packs are mailed, or your address has changed since 3 October 2008, your ballot pack can be redirected by mailing a request to:

Returning Officer
Melbourne City Council elections
Reply Paid 66506
Melbourne VIC 3000

Please include the address for redirection. Each voter requesting redirection must sign the request. Your request must be received by 4.00pm on Tuesday 28 October.

If you do not have an address for redirection, telephone 9639 0046 from Monday 6 October to make other arrangements.

How to nominate as a candidate

The nomination form, together with a \$250 nomination fee, must be lodged with the Returning Officer between 9.00am on Thursday 23 October and 12 noon on Tuesday 28 October at:

Level 6, Council House
200 Little Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Candidates for the Leadership Team of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor must nominate in pairs, with one member of the pair nominating to be the Lord Mayor and the other member of the pair nominating to be the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Candidates nominating to stand for one of the seven councillor positions must nominate as individuals, but may request to be grouped with other candidates under a group name. To help reduce waiting time while applications are processed, prospective candidates standing for one of the councillor positions are encouraged to first complete their nomination form online at www.vec.vic.gov.au prior to lodging a nomination form with the Returning Officer.

Call the Returning Officer from Monday 6 October on 9639 0046 to make an appointment to lodge your nomination form.

Candidate information sessions

When:

- 7.00pm on Monday, 20 October 2008
- 12.30pm on Tuesday, 21 October 2008

Where: Council Meeting Room, Level 2, Town Hall Administration Building, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Nomination forms and other electoral information will be available at the information sessions.

Nominations close 12 noon on Tuesday 28 October

Bill Lang

Returning Officer

Level 6, Council House
200 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel: 9639 0046

Office opens to the public from 9.00am on Wednesday 22 October

For information, call the Returning Officer on 9639 0046 from 9.00am on Monday 6 October or visit www.vec.vic.gov.au

TTY 9299 0570 (text telephone for the speech and hearing impaired)



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Voting Details

YOUR MELBOURNE. YOUR VOTE.

POSTAL VOTING MAKES IT EASY

WATCH OUT FOR YOUR BALLOT PACK

The Melbourne City Council elections are under way. Ballot packs containing voting material are being posted to all enrolled City of Melbourne voters from Tuesday, 11 November 2008.

If you have not received your ballot pack by Wednesday, 19 November 2008, telephone 9639 0046.

When you receive your ballot pack, complete the ballot material and post it to the Returning Officer in the reply-paid envelope provided.

TWO ELECTIONS

You will be voting in two elections – one to elect the Leadership Team of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, and the other to elect seven councillors.

Lord Mayor and Deputy

Candidates are grouped in teams, with one candidate in each team standing for Lord Mayor, and the other candidate standing for Deputy Lord Mayor. Most teams have a group name. When you vote:

- write '1' in the box next to the name of the team you most want to see elected;
- then number all the other boxes in the order of your preference.

Councillors

Most candidates are in groups, with ungrouped candidates on the right-hand side of the ballot paper. There is a horizontal line across the ballot paper, with group names above the line and individual candidates' names below the line.

To vote, you either:

- vote '1' above the line for the group that you prefer; OR
- number all the boxes below the line in the order of your preference.

WHAT NEXT?

- After completing your ballot papers, place them in the ballot paper envelope. This has your details printed on it.
- Sign and date the ballot paper envelope.
- Place the ballot paper envelope in the reply-paid envelope.
- Post the reply-paid envelope as soon as possible.

Voting closes at 6.00 pm, Friday, 28 November 2008

Secured ballot boxes will be located in the following places for those voters wishing to hand deliver their completed ballot papers:

- Front Desk Foyer, Town Hall Administration Building, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne (7.30am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday); and
- Foyer of Council House, 200 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (7.00am-5.30pm, Monday to Friday).

Extended hours will apply on Thursday, 27 November (until 8.00pm) and Friday, 28 November (until 6.00pm).

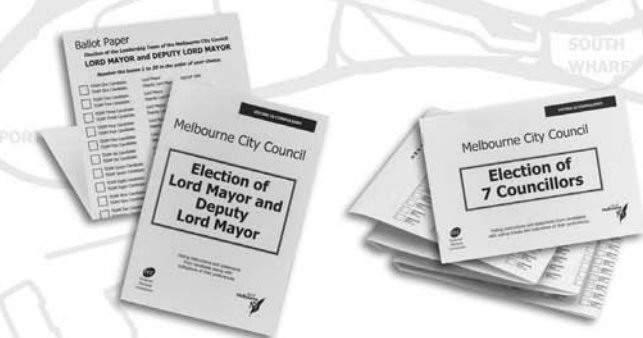
For your vote to count, your completed ballot material must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on Friday, 28 November 2008.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

Voting is compulsory for all voters on the voters' roll however, voters aged 70 or over will not be fined if they do not vote.

Bill Lang
Returning Officer
Level 6, Council House
200 Little Collins Street,
Melbourne VIC 3000

Information: 9639 0046
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Election Reminder

YOUR MELBOURNE. YOUR VOTE.

POSTAL VOTING MAKES IT EASY

VOTING CLOSSES AT 6.00PM ON FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

Make sure you vote in time.

Voters enrolled in the Melbourne City Council elections should have received a ballot pack containing voting material. If you have not received your ballot pack telephone the Returning Officer on 9639 0046 during business hours.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

Voting is compulsory for all voters on the voters' roll. Enrolled voters who fail to vote may be fined. However, voters aged 70 or over will not be fined if they do not vote.

HOW TO VOTE CORRECTLY

You are voting in two elections – one for the leadership team of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, and the other to elect seven councillors.

Complete both your ballot papers and post them in the reply-paid envelope.

If it is too late to post your vote, you can hand deliver it to one of the secure ballot boxes located in:

- Front Desk Foyer, Town Hall Administration Building, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne (between 7.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday); or

- Foyer of Council House, 200 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (between 7.00am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday).

Extended hours will apply on Thursday, 27 November (until 8.00pm) and Friday, 28 November (until 6.00pm).

RETURNING OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

Bill Lang
Returning Officer
Level 6, Council House
200 Little Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
9639 0046

YOUR VOTE MUST REACH THE RETURNING OFFICER BY 6.00PM ON FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER.

Information: 9639 0046 or www.vec.vic.gov.au

TTY: 9299 0570 (text telephone for the speech and hearing impaired)

VOTING IS COMPULSORY



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Declaration of Results

MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

At the election held on 29
November 2008, the following
Leadership Team was elected:

DOYLE, Robert (Lord Mayor)
RILEY, Susan (Deputy Lord Mayor)

At the election held on 29
November 2008, the following
Councillors were elected:

JETTER, Carl (1st elected)
OKE, Cathy (2nd elected)
LOUEY, Kevin (3rd elected)
CLARKE, Peter (4th elected)
ONG, Ken (5th elected)
SHANAHAN, Brian (6th elected)
KANIS, Jennifer (7th elected)

Bill Lang
Returning Officer
2 December 2008

The Victorian Electoral Commission
conducted these elections on
behalf of Melbourne City Council.



Victorian Electoral
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APPENDIX 5: STATEWIDE ADVERTISING SCHEDULES

Statewide press

To be invoiced to *all councils*, on a dollar per elector basis using certified roll figures.

Phase	Publication	Size	Publication date
Enrolment	<i>The Age</i>	15cm x 7col (242)	Sat 27-Sept-08
	<i>Herald Sun</i>	13cm x 7col (262)	Sat 27-Sept-08
	<i>Weekly Times</i>	13cm x 7col (262)	Wed 24-Sept-08
Voting	<i>The Age</i>	36cm x 7col (242)	Sat 22-Nov-08
	<i>Herald Sun</i>	38cm x 7col (262) - full page	Sat 22-Nov-08
	<i>Weekly Times</i>	38cm x 7col (262) - full page	Wed 19-Nov-08

Enrolment Advertisement

Local council elections November 2008
Your Community Your Opportunity



Changed address, turned 18 or just not on the roll?

All 79 Victorian local council elections will be held this November.
 To vote at your local council election, you need to be correctly enrolled by **4.00pm on Friday 3 October**.

You need to enrol if:

- you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over on Saturday 29 November; and
- you are not on the State electoral roll; or
- you moved to a new residential address at least a month ago and have not updated your enrolment details, including any changes to postal address.

How do you enrol?
 Download a form from www.vec.vic.gov.au, or pick one up at any local council, post office, Centrelink, Australian Electoral Commission office or Coles supermarket and return it by **4.00pm on Friday 3 October**.

You can also apply to enrol with your local council if you pay rates and are a non-Australian citizen, or occupy a property and have the written consent of the owner to vote in their place, or are a director or company secretary of a corporation that pays rates in the municipality. Contact your local council for more information.

Checking your enrolment
 You can check your enrolment details online at www.vec.vic.gov.au or call the Victorian Electoral Commission on 13 18 32.

If you have applied to your local council to enrol, you can check your enrolment details during business hours until **Friday 3 October** at locations listed at www.vec.vic.gov.au

Enrolment closes Friday 3 October at 4.00pm

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13 18 32 or www.vec.vic.gov.au Victorian Electoral Commission 

The Age, Sat 27-Sept-08

Voting Advertisement

Local council elections

Your community Your opportunity

Local council elections are now on



All Victorian local council elections are being held this month. Depending on where you are enrolled to vote, you should have either received your ballot pack in the mail, or you may be required to vote in person on Saturday 29 November.

Voting by post
Ballot packs containing voting material were mailed to voters enrolled for councils marked P for 'postal elections' below from 11 November. If you have not received your ballot pack, call the election office for your local council during business hours (Monday to Friday). For your vote to count, your completed ballot paper must be in the hands of the Returning Officer for your local council election by **6.00pm on Friday 28 November**.

Voting in person
EasyVote cards were mailed to voters enrolled for councils marked A for 'attendance voting' below from 14 November. Voting for these councils will take place from 8.00am to 6.00pm on **Saturday 29 November**. Voting centre locations and information about early and postal voting alternatives are on your *EasyVote* card and at www.vec.vic.gov.au

Who are you voting for?
You are voting to elect councillors who will represent you on your local council. The councillors you elect will serve until the next local council elections in November 2012.

How to vote correctly
For your vote to count, you must fill out your ballot paper correctly. 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. For Melbourne City Council's election of councillors only, you can either number one box above the line on the ballot paper or number all boxes below the line.

Voting is compulsory
Voting at your local council election is compulsory if you were on the voters roll on Friday 3 October 2008. **This includes homeowners and tenants. You may be fined if you do not vote.** You will not be fined for failing to vote if you are aged 70 or over, or do not live in the municipality in which you are entitled to vote. The latter excludes people on the Melbourne City Council voters roll. If you are on the Melbourne City Council voters roll and are under 70 years of age, you **MUST** vote - even if you do not live in the City of Melbourne.

Questions? Contact your election office:

Alpine Shire Council	P	5721 2335	Hindmarsh Shire Council	P	5381 0783	Port Phillip City Council	A	9645 1303
Ararat Rural City Council	P	5358 1023	Hobsons Bay City Council	A	9315 0058	Pyrenees Shire Council	P	5331 1182
Ballarat City Council	P	5331 1182	Horsham Rural City Council	P	5381 0783	Queenscliffe Borough Council	P	5261 4151
Banyule City Council	A	9432 0198	Hume City Council	P	9744 1563	South Gippsland Shire Council	P	5662 0828
Bass Coast Shire Council	P	5662 0828	Indigo Shire Council	P	02 6056 4753	Southern Grampians Shire Council	P	5571 1186
Saw Saw Shire Council	P	5622 0171	Kingston City Council	P	9583 0063	Stonnington City Council	P	9804 3071
Bayside City Council	P	9596 0115	Knox City Council	A	9752 2072	Strathbogie Shire Council	P	5762 1251
Benalla Rural City Council	P	5762 1251	Latrobe City Council	P	5133 3105	Surf Coast Shire Council	P	5261 4151
Boroondara City Council	P	9815 3209	Loddon Shire Council	P	5442 2137	Swan Hill Rural City Council	P	5032 0015
Brimbank City Council	A	9310 1086	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	P	5422 1029	Towong Shire Council	P	02 6056 4753
Buloke Shire Council	P	5032 0015	Manningham City Council	P	9840 1052	Wangaratta Rural City Council	P	5721 2335
Campaspe Shire Council	P	5480 0363	Mansfield Shire Council	P	5762 1251	Warrambool City Council	P	5660 5251
Cardinia Shire Council	P	5940 0018	Marbyomng City Council	P	9689 0438	Wellington Shire Council	P	5152 1109
Casey City Council	P	5995 0273	Maroondah City Council	P	9870 4795	West Wimmera Shire Council	P	5381 0783
Central Goldfields Shire Council	P	5470 5228	Melbourne City Council	P	9639 0046	Whitehorse City Council	P	9872 3298
Colac Otway Shire Council	P	5231 1105	Melton Shire Council	P	8746 2093	Whittlesea City Council	P	9401 5028
Corangamite Shire Council	P	5231 1105	Mildura Rural City Council	P	5021 0183	Wodonga City Council	P	02 6056 4753
Darebin City Council	P	9471 0103	Mitchell Shire Council	P	5784 1023	Wyndham City Council	P	8742 3803
East Gippsland Shire Council	P	5152 1109	Moira Shire Council	P	5721 2335	Yarra City Council	A	9415 1025
Frankston City Council	P	9770 5020	Monash City Council	P	9563 0118	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	P	9737 6059
Gannawarra Shire Council	P	5032 0015	Moonee Valley City Council	P	9372 1180	Yarriambiack Shire Council	P	5381 0783
Glen Eira City Council	A	9563 5053	Moorebank Shire Council	P	5331 1182			
Glenelg Shire Council	P	5571 1186	Moorland City Council	A	9350 1208			
Golden Plains Shire Council	P	5261 4151	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	P	5973 4350			
Greater Bendigo City Council	P	5442 2137	Mount Alexander Shire Council	P	5470 5228			
Greater Dandenong City Council	A	9701 3431	Moyness Shire Council	P	5560 5251			
Greater Geelong City Council	P	5223 1173	Murrindindi Shire Council	P	5784 1023			
Greater Shepparton City Council	P	5821 0262	Nilumbik Shire Council	P	9432 0136			
Hepburn Shire Council	P	5331 1182	Northern Grampians Shire Council	N	5358 1023			

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Victorian Electoral Commission **VEC**

Post Office Box Update Advertisement

Advertised at no cost to Council.

Publication	Size	Publication date
Leader group x 30 paper buy	2MW (90x130)	w/c 18-Aug-08
Leader group - Glossy	2MW (78x126)	w/c 18-Aug-08
Fairfax group buy - Glossy	4x3 (145x129)	w/c 18-Aug-08
Fairfax community newspapers	T22 (95x128)	w/c 18-Aug-08
<i>La Trobe Valley Express</i>	8cm x 4col (147)	Thu 21-Aug-08
<i>Albury Border Mail</i>	8cm x 4col (156)	Sat 23-Aug-08
<i>Geelong Advertiser</i>	8cm x 4col (150)	Sat 23-Aug-08
<i>Mildura Sunraysia Daily</i>	8cm x 4col (148)	Sat 23-Aug-08
<i>Warrnambool Standard</i>	8cm x 4col (148)	Sat 23-Aug-08
<i>Bendigo Advertiser</i>	10cm x 4col (130)	Sat 23-Aug-08
<i>Shepparton News</i>	8cm x 4col (148)	Fri 22-Aug-08
<i>Ballarat Courier</i>	8cm x 4col (150)	Sat 23-Aug-08

Local council elections
Have you changed address?



All 79 local council elections will be held this November.

If you have recently moved or changed your postal address, you must complete a new enrolment form so that you can vote.

This includes any change to your post office box (P.O. Box), *especially* if you are enrolled to vote in a council election conducted by post.

Postal addresses are important

Ballot packs will be mailed in November* to your **postal address** if it is different to your residential address.

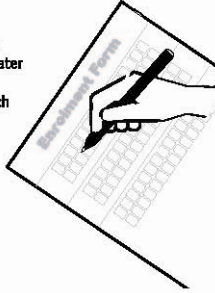
To check if you provided a postal address when you last enrolled, call 13 18 32 or check your enrolment details online at www.vec.vic.gov.au

If you need to complete a new form

Enrolment forms are available online at www.vec.vic.gov.au or at any local council, post office, Centrelink, Australian Electoral Commission office, or Coles supermarket.

Completed enrolment forms must be received by 4.00pm on Tuesday 3 October.

* This excludes elections for Banyule, Brimbank, Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Knox, Moreland and Yarra City Councils which will be conducted by 'attendance voting.'



13 18 32 or www.vec.vic.gov.au

Postal Ballot Fraud Advertisement

Advertised at no cost to Council.

Publication	Size	Publication date
<i>The Age</i>	13cm x 3col (103)	Sat 8-Nov-08 and Mon 10-Nov-08
<i>Herald Sun</i>	13cm x 3col (110)	Sat 8-Nov-08 and Mon 10-Nov-08

Report Postal Ballot Fraud

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is working with Crime Stoppers to protect the integrity of postal elections taking place this month for 70 of Victoria's 79 councils.


Ballot packs will be progressively mailed out from 11 November to electors on the roll in areas having postal elections.

If you know of any suspicious activity, such as persons removing items from letterboxes along your street or within your housing complex – you can ring Crime Stoppers without having to reveal your own identity on 1800 333 000.


If you see someone in the act of removing ballot packs from letterboxes and require immediate police attendance, call 000.

Fraudulent voting, theft of mail and falsely reporting crimes carry severe penalties.

The following councils will be having attendance elections and electors living within these areas will not be receiving ballot packs in the mail: Banyule, Brimbank, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Knox, Moreland, Port Phillip and Yarra.



CRIME STOPPERS
1800 333 000



Victorian Electoral Commission

Broadcaster	Duration	Placement	Spots	Broadcast date
104.3 GOLD FM	30 seconds	6.00am to 12.00 midnight	30	Tues-Fri 11-Nov-08
3AW	"	ROS = Run of station	25	"
3FOX FM	"		30	"

Metropolitan radio

To be invoiced to *metropolitan councils only*, on a dollar per elector basis using certified roll figures.

Phase	Broadcaster	Duration	Placement	Spots	Broadcast date
Enrolment	MIX 101.1 FM	30 seconds	6.00am to 7.00pm BMAD = Breakfast/ Morning/ Afternoon/Drive	30	Sun 21-Sept-08 to Sat 26-Sept-08
	104.3 GOLD FM			"	
	3AW			"	
	Magic 693			"	
	3FOX FM			"	
	Triple M			"	
	NOVA 100.3			"	
Voting	MIX 101.1 FM	30 seconds	6.00am to 7.00pm BMAD = Breakfast/ Morning/ Afternoon/Drive	30	Sun 16-Nov-08 to Sat 22-Nov-08
	104.3 GOLD FM			"	
	3AW			"	
	Magic 693			"	
	3FOX FM			"	
	Triple M			"	
	NOVA 100.3			"	

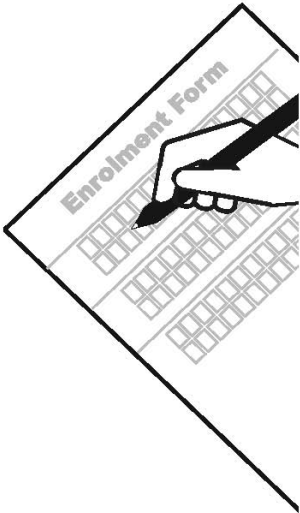
Ethnic press

To be invoiced to *metropolitan councils only*, on a dollar per elector basis using certified roll figures.

Phase	Publication	Size	Publication date
Enrolment	<i>Il Globo</i> Italian	12cm x 7col (260)	Fri 26-Sept-08
	<i>Neos Kosmos</i> Greek	12cm x 7col (260)	Thu 25-Sept-08
	<i>21st Century Chinese News</i>	13cm x 5col (225)	Wed 24-Sept-08
	<i>Melbourne Chinese Post</i>	12cm x 7col (250)	Fri 19-Sept-08
	<i>Tivi Tuan San</i> Vietnamese	15cm x 4col (175)	Wed 24-Sept-08
	<i>El Telegraph</i> Arabic	13cm x 5col (225)	Fri 26-Sept-08
	<i>An Nahar</i> Arabic	12cm x 7col (260)	Thu 25-Sept-08
	<i>Australian Macedonian Weekly</i>	12cm x 7col (260)	Tue 23-Sept-08
	<i>Yeni Vatan</i> Turkish	12cm x 7col (260)	Tue 23-Sept-08
	<i>Croatian Herald</i>	12cm x 7col (260)	Fri 26-Sept-08
	<i>Extra Informativo</i> Spanish	12cm x 6col (260)	Wed 24-Sept-08
	<i>Panorama</i> Russian	12cm x 7col (260)	Sept edition
	<i>World Serbian Voice</i>	12cm x 7col (260)	Fri 26-Sept-08
	<i>Ambassador</i> African community	12cm x 6col (240)	Sept edition
Voting	<i>Il Globo</i> Italian	30cm x 7col (260)	Fri 21-Nov-08
	<i>Neos Kosmos</i> Greek	37cm x 7col (260)	Thu 20-Nov-08
	<i>21st Century Chinese News</i>	38cm x 6col (270)	Wed 19-Nov-08
	<i>Pacific Times</i> Chinese	37cm x 7col (250)	Fri 21-Nov-08
	<i>Tivi Tuan San</i> Vietnamese	26cm x 4col (180)	Wed 19-Nov-08
	<i>El Telegraph</i> Arabic	37cm x 6col (275)	Fri 21-Nov-08
	<i>An Nahar</i> Arabic	38cm x 7col (260)	Thu 20-Nov-08
	<i>Australian Macedonian Weekly</i>	38cm x 7col (260)	Tue 18-Nov-08
	<i>Yeni Vatan</i> Turkish	40cm x 6col (260)	Thu 20-Nov-08
	<i>Croatian Herald</i>	40cm x 7col (260)	Fri 21-Nov-08
	<i>Extra Informativo</i> Spanish	38cm x 6col (258)	Wed 19-Nov-08
	<i>Panorama</i> Russian	38cm x 7col (260)	Nov edition
	<i>World Serbian Voice</i>	38cm x 7col (260)	Fri 21-Nov-08
	<i>Ambassador</i> African community	36cm x 6col (240)	Nov edition

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Các cuộc bầu cử hội đồng địa phương trong tháng 11 năm 2008



Thay đổi địa chỉ, mới được 18 tuổi hay chưa có tên trong danh sách cử tri?

Tất cả 79 cuộc bầu cử hội đồng địa phương tại Victoria sẽ được tổ chức vào tháng 11 này.

Để bỏ phiếu tại cuộc bầu cử hội đồng địa phương của mình, quý vị cần được ghi danh đúng cách trước hoặc trễ nhất vào lúc 4g00 chiều ngày thứ Sáu, 03 tháng 10.

Quý vị cần phải ghi danh nếu:

- quý vị là một công dân Úc tuổi từ 18 trở lên vào ngày thứ Bảy, 29 tháng 11; và
- quý vị không có tên trong danh sách cử tri của Tiểu Bang; hay
- quý vị đã chuyển tới một địa chỉ cư ngụ mới ít nhất một tháng trước đây và chưa cập nhật các chi tiết ghi danh của mình, bao gồm việc thay đổi địa chỉ thư tín.

Quý vị ghi danh bằng cách nào?

Tải xuống một mẫu đơn từ trang mạng www.vec.vic.gov.au, hoặc lấy đơn tại bất kỳ hội đồng địa phương, văn phòng bưu điện, Centrelink, văn phòng Ủy Hội Tuyển Cử Úc hay siêu thị Coles nào và gửi đơn lại trước hoặc trễ nhất vào lúc 4g00 chiều ngày thứ Sáu, 03 tháng 10.

Quý vị cũng có thể xin ghi danh với hội đồng địa phương của mình nếu quý vị có đóng thuế địa phương và không phải là công dân Úc, hoặc hiện đang cư ngụ trong một căn nhà và người chủ nhà có sự ưng thuận trên văn bản cho quý vị được bỏ phiếu tại địa chỉ của họ, hoặc quý vị là một giám đốc hay thư ký của một công ty vốn có đóng thuế địa phương trong thành phố. Xin liên lạc hội đồng địa phương của quý vị để biết thêm chi tiết.

Kiểm tra việc ghi danh của quý vị

Quý vị có thể kiểm tra các chi tiết ghi danh của mình trên mạng tại www.vec.vic.gov.au hoặc gọi điện thoại cho Ủy Hội Tuyển Cử Victoria qua số 13 18 32.

Nếu đã nộp đơn xin ghi danh với hội đồng địa phương, quý vị có thể kiểm tra các chi tiết ghi danh của mình trong giờ làm việc cho tới ngày thứ Sáu, 03 tháng 10 tại những địa điểm được liệt kê trong trang mạng www.vec.vic.gov.au

Thời hạn ghi danh chấm dứt vào ngày thứ Sáu, 03 tháng 10 lúc 4g00 chiều

Mọi thắc mắc bằng những ngôn ngữ khác tiếng Anh, xin gọi cho dịch vụ thông ngôn của chúng tôi:

- ግዛዝታ 9209 0190 Amharic • العربية 9209 0100 Arabic • Босански 9209 0191 Bosnian • ខ្មែរ 9209 0192 Cambodian • 粵語 9209 0101 Chinese (Cantonese)
- Hrvatski 9209 0102 Croatian • ڪري 9209 0193 Dari • Dinka 9209 0119 Dinka • Ελληνικά 9209 0103 Greek • Italiano 9209 0104 Italian • 한국어 9209 0194 Korean
- Македонски 9209 0105 Macedonian • 國語 9209 0108 Chinese (Mandarin) • ڀرسي 9209 0195 Persian • Русский 9209 0196 Russian
- Српски 9209 0107 Serbian • Somali 9209 0108 Somali • Español 9209 0109 Spanish • Türkçe 9209 0110 Turkish • Việt-ngữ 9209 0111 Vietnamese
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Victorian Electoral Commission

Tivi Tuan San, Vietnamese, Thu 25-Sept-08

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Τοπικές δημοτικές εκλογές Your community Your opportunity

Τώρα έχουν ξεκινήσει οι τοπικές δημοτικές εκλογές.

Όλες οι τοπικές δημοτικές εκλογές της Βικτώρια διεξάγονται αυτό το μήνα.

Ανάλογα με το πού είστε εγγεγραμμένοι για να ψηφίσετε, θα πρέπει είτε να έχετε παραλάβει το πακέτο ψηφοδελτίων σας με το ταχυδρομείο, είτε να είναι απαραίτητο να ψηφίσετε προσωπικά το Σάββατο 29 Νοεμβρίου.



Ψήφος μέσω ταχυδρομείου

Τα πακέτα ψηφοδελτίων που περιέχουν εκλογικό υλικό ταχυδρομήθηκαν από τις 11 Νοεμβρίου στους ψηφοφόρους οι οποίοι είναι εγγεγραμμένοι στους δήμους που σημειώνονται παρακάτω με το γράμμα P που σημαίνει «εκλογές ταχυδρομικές» (postal elections).

Εάν δεν έχετε παραλάβει το πακέτο ψηφοδελτίων σας, καλέστε το εκλογικό γραφείο του τοπικού σας δήμου αμέσως.

Για να μετρήσει η ψήφος σας θα πρέπει το συμπληρωμένο ψηφοδέλιό σας να βρίσκεται στα χέρια του αρμόδιου υπαλλήλου των τοπικών εκλογών του δήμου σας μέχρι τις **8.00μμ την Παρασκευή 28 Νοεμβρίου**.

Ψηφίζοντας αυτοπροσώπως

Ταχυδρομήθηκαν από τις 14 Νοεμβρίου κάρτες *EasyVote* στους ψηφοφόρους που είναι εγγεγραμμένοι σε δήμους οι οποίοι σημειώνονται παρακάτω με A που σημαίνει «ψηφοφορία αυτοπροσώπως» (attendance voting).

Η ψηφοφορία για τους δήμους αυτούς θα διεξαχθεί από τις 8.00πμ έως τις 6.00μμ το **Σάββατο 29 Νοεμβρίου**.

Οι τοποθεσίες των εκλογικών κέντρων, καθώς και πληροφορίες σχετικά με τις εναλλακτικές μεθόδους ψήφου μέσω ταχυδρομείου νωρίτερα, βρίσκονται στην *EasyVote* κάρτα σας και στο www.vec.vic.gov.au

Για ποιον ψηφίζετε;

Ψηφίζετε για την εκλογή των συμβούλων που θα σας αντιπροσωπεύουν στο τοπικό σας δημοτικό συμβούλιο. Οι σύμβουλοι που θα εκλέξετε θα θεμελιώσουν έως τις επόμενες τοπικές δημοτικές εκλογές τον Νοέμβριο του 2012.

Πώς να ψηφίσετε σωστά

Για να μετρήσει η ψήφος σας, πρέπει να συμπληρώσετε σωστά το ψηφοδέλιό σας. Βάλετε τον αριθμό 1 στο τετράγωνο δίπλα στον υποψήφιο που θέλετε περισσότερο να εκλεγεί, έπειτα αριθμήστε **ΟΛΑ** τα άλλα τετράγωνα με σειρά της δικής σας προτίμησης.

Πρέπει να αριθμήσετε **ΚΑΘΕ ΤΕΤΡΑΓΩΝΟ** και να χρησιμοποιήσετε κάθε αριθμό μόνο μια φορά.

Για την εκλογή των δημοτικών συμβούλων του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου της Πόλης της Μελβούρνης μόνο, μπορείτε είτε να αριθμήσετε ένα τετράγωνο πάνω από τη γραμμή στο ψηφοδέλιό, είτε να αριθμήσετε όλα τα τετράγωνα κάτω από τη γραμμή.

Η ψήφος είναι υποχρεωτική

Η ψήφος είναι υποχρεωτική στις εκλογές του τοπικού σας δημοτικού συμβουλίου εάν ήσαστε στον εκλογικό κατάλογο των ψηφοφόρων την Παρασκευή 3 Οκτωβρίου 2008.

Αυτό περιλαμβάνει τους ιδιοκτήτες και τους ενοικιαστές σπιτιών. Ενδέχεται να σας επιβληθεί πρόστιμο εάν δεν ψηφίσετε.

Δεν θα σας επιβληθεί πρόστιμο εάν είστε 70 ετών, ή παραπάνω, ή εάν είστε μη-Αυστραλός υπήκοος, ή εάν δεν ζείτε στον δήμο στον οποίο δικαιούστε να ψηφίσετε.

Από το τελευταίο εξαιρούνται όσοι βρίσκονται στον εκλογικό κατάλογο των ψηφοφόρων του Δήμου της Πόλης της Μελβούρνης.

Εάν είστε στον εκλογικό κατάλογο ψηφοφόρων του Δήμου της Πόλης της Μελβούρνης και είστε κάτω των 70 ετών, **ΠΡΕΠΕΙ** να ψηφίσετε, ακόμα και εάν δεν ζείτε στην Πόλη της Μελβούρνης.

Ερωτήσεις; Επικοινωνήστε με το εκλογικό γραφείο σας:

Alpine Shire Council	P 5721 2335	Hindmarsh Shire Council	P 5381 0783	Port Phillip City Council	A 9645 1303
Ararat Rural City Council	P 5358 1023	Hobsons Bay City Council	A 9315 0058	Pyrenees Shire Council	P 5331 1182
Ballarat City Council	P 5331 1182	Horsham Rural City Council	P 5381 0783	Queenscliffe Borough Council	P 5261 4151
Banyule City Council	A 9432 0198	Hume City Council	P 9744 1563	South Gippsland Shire Council	P 5662 0828
Bass Coast Shire Council	P 5662 0828	Indigo Shire Council	P 02 6056 4753	Southern Grampians Shire Council	P 5571 1186
Baw Baw Shire Council	P 5622 0171	Kingston City Council	P 9583 0083	Stonnington City Council	P 9804 3071
Bayside City Council	P 9596 0115	Knox City Council	A 9752 2072	Strathbogie Shire Council	P 5762 1251
Benalla Rural City Council	P 5762 1251	Latrobe City Council	P 5133 3105	Surf Coast Shire Council	P 5261 4151
Boroondara City Council	P 9815 3209	Loddon Shire Council	P 5442 2137	Swan Hill Rural City Council	P 5032 0015
Brimbank City Council	A 9310 1086	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	P 5422 1029	Towong Shire Council	P 02 6056 4753
Buloke Shire Council	P 5032 0015	Manningham City Council	P 9840 1052	Wangaratta Rural City Council	P 5721 2335
Campaspe Shire Council	P 5480 0363	Mansfield Shire Council	P 5762 1251	Warrambool City Council	P 5580 5251
Cardinia Shire Council	P 5940 0018	Manbyrnong City Council	P 9689 0438	Wellington Shire Council	P 5152 1109
Casey City Council	P 5995 0273	Maroondah City Council	P 9870 4795	West Wimmera Shire Council	P 5381 0783
Central Goldfields Shire Council	P 5470 5228	Melbourne City Council	P 9639 0046	Whitehorse City Council	P 9872 3298
Colac Otway Shire Council	P 5231 1105	Melton Shire Council	P 8746 2093	Whittlesea City Council	P 9401 5028
Corangamite Shire Council	P 5231 1105	Mildura Rural City Council	P 5021 0183	Wodonga City Council	P 02 6056 4753
Darebin City Council	P 9471 0103	Mitchell Shire Council	P 5784 1023	Wyndham City Council	P 8742 3803
East Gippsland Shire Council	P 5152 1109	Moira Shire Council	P 5721 2335	Yarra City Council	A 9415 1025
Frankston City Council	P 9770 5020	Monash City Council	P 9563 0118	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	P 9737 6059
Gannawarra Shire Council	P 5032 0015	Moonee Valley City Council	P 9372 1180	Yarriambiack Shire Council	P 5381 0783
Glen Eira City Council	A 9563 5053	Moorabool Shire Council	P 5331 1182		
Glennelg Shire Council	P 5571 1186	Moreland City Council	A 9350 1208		
Golden Plains Shire Council	P 5261 4151	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	P 5973 4350		
Greater Bendigo City Council	P 5442 2137	Mount Alexander Shire Council	P 5470 5228		
Greater Dandenong City Council	A 9701 3431	Moynie Shire Council	P 5560 5251		
Greater Geelong City Council	P 5223 1173	Murrindindi Shire Council	P 5784 1023		
Greater Shepparton City Council	P 5821 0262	Nullumbik Shire Council	P 9432 0136		
Hepburn Shire Council	P 5331 1182	Northern Grampians Shire Council	N 5358 1023		

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Ethnic radio

To be invoiced to *metropolitan councils only*, on a dollar per elector basis using certified roll figures.

Phase	Broadcaster	Language	Duration	Spots	Broadcast date	
Enrolment	3 CW	Chinese (Mandarin)	45 seconds	12	Mon-Sat 22-Sept-08	
		3KND	Indigenous	30 seconds	5	Mon-Fri 22-Sept-08
			Vietnamese	45 seconds	7	Mon-Sat 21-Sept-08
		3 WRB	Sinhalese	"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08
			Greek	45 seconds	12	Mon-Sat 22-Sept-08
		3 XY	Assyrian	45 seconds	2	Sun 21-Sept-08
			Croatian	"	1	Sun 21-Sept-08
		3 ZZZ	Turkish	"	3	Sun, Mon, Fri 21-Sept-08
			Sinhalese	"	3	Sun, Tues, Sat 21-Sept-08
			Spanish	"	1	Mon 22-Sept-08
			Maltese	"	2	Mon-Fri 22-Sept-08
			Croatian	"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08
	Polish		"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08	
	Albanian		"	2	Tues 23-Sept-08	
	Macedonian		"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08	
	Turkish		"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08	
	Spanish		"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08	
	Arabic		"	6	Tues, Wed, Sat 23-Sept-08	
	Russian		"	1	Wed 24-Sept-08	
	Polish		"	1	Wed 24-Sept-08	
	Spanish		"	2	Wed-Thurs 24-Sept-08	
	Serbian		"	1	Thurs 25-sept-08	
	Macedonian		"	1	Thurs 25-Sept-08	
	Russian		"	1	Fri 26-Sept-08	
	Albanian		"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08	
	Indonesian		"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08	
	Somali		"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08	
	Serbian		"	1	Sat 27-Sept-08	
	Maltese		"	1	Sat 27-Sept-08	
	Rete Italia		Italian	45 seconds	12	Mon-Sat 22-Sept-08
	SBS 93.1FM		Tamil	60 seconds	2	Sun 21-Sept-08
			Macedonian	"	1	Sun 21-Sept-08
			Greek	"	1	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Italian	"	1	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Vietnamese	"	3	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Turkish	"	5	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Greek	"	2	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Italian	"	2	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Vietnamese	"	4	Sun-Sat 21-Sept-08
			Cantonese	"	4	Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs 21-Sept-08
			Arabic	"	4	Sun, Tues, Thurs, Sat 21 -Sept-08
			Mandarin	"	2	Sun, Wed, Thurs 21-Sept-08
			Russian	"	2	Sun, Sat 21-Sept-08
			Mandarin	"	1	Mon 22-Sept-08
			Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Mon 22-Sept-08
		Croatian	45 seconds	1	Mon 22-Sept-08	
		Turkish	"	1	Mon 22-Sept-08	
		Russian	"	2	Mon-Tues 22-Sept	
	Macedonian	"	5	Mon-Fri 22-Sept		

Phase	Broadcaster	Language	Duration	Spots	Broadcast date
		Arabic	"	6	Mon-Sat 22
		Cantonese	"	4	Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 22-Sept-08
		Polish	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 22-Sept-08
		Maltese	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 22-Sept-08
		Spanish	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 22-Sept-08
		Serbian	"	2	Mon, Fri 22-Sept-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08
		Croatian	"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08
		Polish	"	1	Tues 23-Sept-08
		Spanish	"	2	Tues, Thurs 23-Sept-08
		Serbian	"	2	Tues, Thurs 23-Sept-08
		Albanian	"	2	Tues, Thurs 23-Sept-08
		Maltese	"	3	Tues, Thurs, Sat 23-Sept-08
		Mandarin	"	1	Tues, Fri, Sat 23-Sept-08
		Serbian	"	1	Wed 24-Sept-08
		Somali	"	2	Wed 24-Sept-08
		Croatian	"	3	Wed, Thurs, Sat 24-Sept-08
		Amharic	"	2	Thurs 25-Sept-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Thurs 25-Sept-08
		Indonesian	"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08
		Assyrian	"	2	Fri 26-Sept-08
		Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Fri 26-Sept-08
Voting	3 CW	Chinese (Mandarin)	45 seconds	12	Mon-Sat 10-Nov-08
	3KND	Indigenous	30 seconds	5	Mon-Fri 10-Nov-08
	3 WRB	Vietnamese	45 seconds	7	Sun-Sat 9-Nov-08
		Sinhalese	45 seconds	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
	3 XY	Greek	45 seconds	12	Mon-Sat 10-Nov-08
	3 ZZZ	Assyrian	45 seconds	2	Sun 9-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Sun 9-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	1	Sun, Mon, Fri 9-Nov-08
		Sinhalese	"	3	Sun, Tue 9-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	3	Mon 10-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	2	Mon-Fri 10-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	6	Tue, Wed 11-Nov-08
		Russian	"	1	Wed 12-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Wed 12-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	2	Wed-Thu 12-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Thu 13-Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	1	Thu 13-Nov-08
		Russian	"	1	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Somali	"	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Sat 15-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	1	Sat 15-Nov-08
	Rete Italia	Italian	45 seconds	12	Mon-Fri 10-Nov-08
	SBS 93.1FM	Tamil	60 seconds	2	Sun 9-Nov-08

Phase	Broadcaster	Language	Duration	Spots	Broadcast date
		Macedonian	45 seconds	1	Sun 9-Nov-08
		Greek	"	1	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Italian	"	1	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Vietnamese	"	3	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Turkish	"	5	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Greek	"	2	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Italian	"	2	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Vietnamese	"	4	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Cantonese	"	4	Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu 9-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	4	Sun, Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat 9-Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	2	Sun, Wed, Thu 9 Nov-08
		Russian	"	2	Sun-Sat 9 Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	1	Mon 10-Nov-08
		Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Mon 10-Nov-08
		Croatian	45 seconds	1	Mon 10-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	1	Mon 10-Nov-08
		Russian	"	2	Mon-Tue 10 Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	5	Mon-Fri 10-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	6	Mon-Sat 10-Nov-08
		Cantonese	"	4	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat 10-Nov-08
		Polish	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 10-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 10-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	3	Mon, Wed, Fri 10-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	2	Mon-Fri 10-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Tue 11-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	2	Tue-Thu 11-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	2	Tue-Thu 11-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Tue-Thu 11-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	3	Tue, Thu, Sat 11-Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	1	Tue, Fri, Sat 11-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Wed 12-Nov-08
		Somali	"	2	Wed 12-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	3	Wed, Thu, Sat 12-Nov-08
		Amharic	"	2	Thu 13-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Thu 13-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Assyrian	"	2	Fri 14-Nov-08
		Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Fri-14-Nov-08
Voting Reminder	3 CW	Chinese (Mandarin)	45 seconds	12	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
	3KND	Indigenous	30 seconds	5	Mon-Fri 24-Nov-08
	3 WRB	Vietnamese	45 seconds	7	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
	3 XY	Greek	45 seconds	12	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
	3 ZZZ	Assyrian	45 seconds	2	Sun 23-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Sun 23-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	3	Sun, Mon 23-Nov-08
		Sinhalese	"	3	Sun, Tue 23-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	1	Mon 24-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	2	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08

Phase	Broadcaster	Language	Duration	Spots	Broadcast date
		Turkish	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	6	Tue, Wed 25-Nov-08
		Russian	"	1	Wed 26-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Wed 26-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	2	Wed, Thu 26-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Thu 27-Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	1	Thu 27-Nov-08
		Russian	"	1	Thu 27-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Somali	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
	Rete Italia	Italian	45 seconds	12	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
	SBS 93.1FM	Tamil	60 seconds	2	Sun 23-Nov-08
		Macedonian	45 seconds	1	Sun 23-Nov-08
		Greek	"	1	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Italian	"	1	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Vietnamese	"	3	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	5	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Greek	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Italian	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Vietnamese	"	4	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Cantonese	"	4	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed 23-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	4	Sun, Tue, Thu 23-Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	2	Sun, Wed, Thu 23-Nov-08
		Russian	"	2	Sun-Thu 23-Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	1	Mon 24-Nov-08
		Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Mon 24-Nov-08
		Croatian	45 seconds	1	Mon 24-Nov-08
		Turkish	"	1	Mon 24-Nov-08
		Russian	"	2	Mon-Tue 24-Nov-08
		Macedonian	"	5	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Arabic	"	6	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Cantonese	"	4	Mon, Tue 24-Nov-08
		Polish	"	3	Mon, Wed 24-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	3	Mon-Wed 24-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	3	Mon, Wed 24-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	2	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Polish	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Spanish	"	2	Tue, Thu 25-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	2	Tue, Thu 25-Nov-08
		Albanian	"	2	Tue, Thu 25-Nov-08
		Maltese	"	3	Tue, Thu 25-Nov-08
		Mandarin	"	1	Tue 25-Nov-08
		Serbian	"	1	Wed 26-Nov-08
		Somali	"	2	Wed 26-Nov-08
		Croatian	"	3	Wed, Thu 26-Nov-08
		Amharic	"	2	Thu 27-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	1	Thu 27-Nov-08
		Indonesian	"	2	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Assyrian	"	2	Mon-Thu 24-Nov-08
		Indigenous	30 seconds	1	Thu 27-Nov-08

APPENDIX 6: STATEWIDE MEDIA COVERAGE EXAMPLES

Media release	Statewide coverage (examples only)
<p><i>Victorians enrol to vote for November's council elections</i></p> <p><i>Enrolment closes tomorrow for Victoria's council elections</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Herald Sun</i> – Friday, 3 October – page 15 • ABC 774 – Friday, 3 October – live-to-air interview 6.30am • ABC 774 – Friday, 3 October – morning news
<p><i>Nominations open Thursday for Victorian council elections</i></p> <p><i>Victoria votes in the state's largest ever council elections</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Age</i> – Tuesday, 21 October – page 13 • <i>Herald Sun</i>* – Tuesday, 28 October – page 9 • <i>The Age</i> – Saturday, 8 November – Insight, page 11
<p><i>Victoria gets ready for a huge council election weekend</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC 774 – Saturday, 29 November, live-to-air interview 7.00am • <i>The Age</i> online – Saturday, 29 November • Stateline – Friday, 28 November • 3AW – Friday, 28 November • Sport 927 – Friday, 28 November – 8.00am news • Gold 104.3 FM – Thursday, 27 November – 11.00am news • ABC 774 – Thursday, 27 November – 7.45am news • ABC 774 – Thursday, 27 November – live-to-air interview 10.55am • 3AW – Thursday, 27 November

* Appeared as part of the Melbourne City Council election coverage.

APPENDIX 7: ACCOUNT OF BALLOT PAPERS

LEADERSHIP TEAM

	Ballot Papers
Issued by Victorian Electoral Commission	102,156
Printed by Returning Officer	180
TOTAL PRINTED	102,336
Reconciliation	
Issued at general mailout	97,826
Issued to voters in special circumstances (early votes)	113
Issued to voters for replacement votes	2053
Issued to declaration voters	31
Not issued by Returning Officer	2,313
TOTAL	102,336

COUNCILLORS

	Ballot Papers
Issued by Victorian Electoral Commission	100,483
Printed by Returning Officer	180
TOTAL PRINTED	100,663
Reconciliation	
Issued at general mailout	97,826
Issued to voters in special circumstances (early votes)	113
Issued to voters for replacement votes	2053
Issued to declaration voters	31
Not issued by Returning Officer	640
TOTAL	100,663

I certify that the above is a true and correct account of ballot-papers used in the Melbourne City Council General Elections held in November 2008.

Bill Lang
Returning Officer

FINANCE ATTACHMENT

2008 MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – ELECTION REPORT

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

Joe Groher
Manager Financial Services

LEGAL ATTACHMENT

2008 MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – ELECTION REPORT

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

Kim Wood
Manager Legal Services