

Candidate Information

A snapshot of Ballarat



122,002
Population in 2024
Source: forecast.id



9.4%
Population growth 2018-2023
Source: profile.id



155,971
Population forecast for 2041
Source: forecast.id



11.3%
Population born overseas
Source: ABS 2021 Census



1.8%
Population who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Source: profile.id



9,952
Businesses in 2023
Source: economy.id



62,005
Jobs in 2023
Source: economy.id



\$7.693B
Gross Regional Product in 2023
Source: economy.id



Wards

1. North Ward
2. Central Ward
3. Wendouree Ward
4. Brown Hill Ward
5. Golden Point Ward
6. Buninyong Ward
7. Sebastopol Ward
8. Delacombe Ward
9. Alfredton Ward

Indicative first weeks as a councillor

Friday 15 November 2024 12pm	Meet and greet Issuing Council equipment
Saturday 16 November 2024 9am – 4pm	First Councillor-Elect workshops Setting the scene and 'housekeeping' for your term on Council Get to know your fellow Councillors
Monday 18 November 2024	Councillor-Elect workshop First Council meeting, swearing in and Mayoral Election
Thursday 21 November 2024 10am – 4pm	Introduction to Governance and the Local Government Act 2020
Wednesday 27 November 2024 9am – 4pm	Organisational service overviews in the strategic context of Council Council meeting held
Thursday 28 November 2024	Optional post-Council meeting debrief
Wednesday 4 December 2024 10am – 1pm 6pm onwards	Introduction to Planning (Council's role as a planning authority under the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>) Media training First Planning Delegated Committee meeting held (6pm)
Wednesday 11 December 2024 1pm – 4pm 6pm onwards	Strategic planning workshop – start considering the Council Plan Council meeting held (6pm)
Thursday 12-13 December 2024	Mayor and Deputy Mayor orientation and training

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Indicative meeting and briefing cycle

Council meetings, Planning Delegated Committee meetings, briefings are currently held on a repeating cycle each month. This is subject to some minor changes (for example, meetings aren't held on public holidays). Meetings and briefings commence for Councillors at 5.30pm, except in week 3, which commences at 5pm.

MONTHLY MEETING CYCLE							
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Week One	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week Two	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week Three	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week Four	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Week Five	29	30					

Briefing meetings. Held for Councillors to informally discuss and gain an understanding of Council matters.

Planning Delegated Committee meeting. Council formally meets as a planning authority to make decisions on planning related matters.

Council meeting. Council formally meets to make decisions on matters on the agenda.

Recommended reading and viewing

City of Ballarat is a complex organisation, which provides a lot of different services, functions, and facilities for the municipal area. The following resources are recommended to provide insight into the operations of Council.

What to read:

- City of Ballarat Council Plan 2021 – 2025
- Community Vision 2021-2031
- City of Ballarat Annual Report 2022/2023
- City of Ballarat Budget 2024/25

What to watch:

- City of Ballarat Council Meeting (28 August, 11 September)
- City of Ballarat Planning Delegated Committee Meeting (14 August, 4 September)

Come along to Town Hall at 6:30pm on the above dates to watch a Council or Planning Delegated Committee meeting or visit webcast.ballarat.vic.gov.au to watch the live broadcast or view recordings of past meetings.

Other resources:

- Local government elections are run by the Victorian Electoral Commission. Visit their website at vec.vic.gov.au or call 131 832 for information
- Local Government Victoria is a state government body which oversees Councils. Visit their website at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/elections-2024 for information about the election.
- Municipal Association of Victoria is a peak body for local government in Victoria. Visit their website at mav.asn.au