

MAV ADVISORY PANELS BACKGROUND AND FAQs

BACKGROUND

In March 2024 the MAV, launched the *Strategic Plan 2024-2027 'Shaping our Future'* to help Victorian councils innovate, adapt and thrive as we work to build a more resilient and sustainable Victoria. To support the development and implementation of the Strategy, Advisory Panels will be formed.

The MAV is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for five Advisory Panels as follows:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Futures
- Future Gen
- Connected Places
- Intergenerational Infrastructure

Members of the Panel will be selected through an open EOI process and appointed by the MAV Board. This document provides additional background and answers to frequently asked questions to support those seeking to apply for membership on a Panel.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

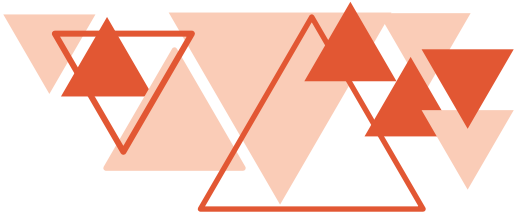
What is the role of the Advisory Panel?

The Advisory Panel brings together elected members, sector leaders, and experts to share knowledge and provide strategic, expert advice and guidance to the MAV. They will collaborate on the development of agreed strategies, policies, and initiatives to deliver the MAV's [Strategic Plan 2024-2027](#).

What is the scope of the Advisory Panel?

The Advisory Panels will cover:

- Health & Wellbeing: to provide expert advice on health and wellbeing and place-based services.
- Climate Futures: to provide expert advice on responding, planning, risk and design for climate change and resilience.



- **Future Gen:** to provide expert advice on re-imagining local democracy to improve outcomes and long-term change for future generations and young people.
- **Connected Places:** to provide expert advice on urban planning, transport, public realm design, built forms, place making and collaborative processes.
- **Intergenerational Infrastructure:** to provide expert advice on infrastructure delivery models, policy reform and asset management.

Panel members play a key role in monitoring research, advising on policy implications, and identifying advocacy priorities. They will ensure that the views and interests of partners and related networks are conveyed to the MAV, facilitating a robust evidence basis on relevant issues. Through regular meetings and input, the Panel helps the MAV develop broad and innovative perspectives to strengthen its leadership role and address the evolving needs of the local government sector. The Panels also advise the MAV on related issues, activities, and opportunities within the local government sector.

Who will be on the Advisory Panel?

The Advisory Panel will consist of both elected members and subject matter experts. Collectively, the Advisory Panel will have expertise and experience with a range of service systems and policy settings.

Who will decide who is on the Advisory Panel?

The Board of the MAV will appoint members to the Panel, following the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process.

How long will EOI applications be open? Will late applications be accepted?

Applications close on 12 August 2024 at 11:59pm.

How often will the Advisory Panel meet?

Panels are expected to meet three times per year. A joint induction meeting of all Advisory Panels is proposed on 3 September 2024.

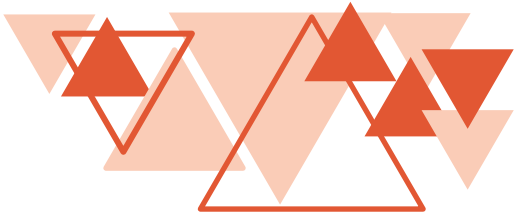
Panel members may be asked to comment on documents, provide input and take part in engagement activities between meetings.

How long is the term of a member?

Eligible members will be appointed for a period of three years. If an eligible member no longer meets the criteria during their term, their membership will be revoked, and a new member appointed in accordance with the selection process for the remainder of the term of the person who becomes ineligible. An elected member of the Advisory Panel must qualify and hold the office of a Councillor.

Will members be paid for their time?

The MAV may pay members, other than elected members, a sitting fee of no more than \$300 for each meeting they attend. Panel members may be reimbursed out-of-pocket



expenses incurred by attending the meetings such as payment for reasonable transport expenses.

When will I find out if I'm chosen for the Advisory Panel?

After applications close, the MAV will write to the selected nominees to offer a position on the Panel and confirm further information on the role and responsibilities.

Can I participate in the work of the MAV if I am not appointed to the Advisory Panel?

Yes. The local government sector can participate and contribute to the work of the MAV through various channels including through their MAV delegate and Board. We will always seek to hear from a variety of voices through a range of consultation methods, such as via written submissions, roundtables, and other engagement events.