

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Cr Steve Abboushi elected Mayor of the City of Melton

Councillor Steve Abboushi has been elected Mayor of the City of Melton, and Cr Lara Carli, Deputy Mayor for the 2024/25 term at a Council meeting held tonight.

This follows the recent Council election which saw Melton City Council welcome 10 Councillors after moving to a single-councillor ward structure.

Cr Abboushi brings a wealth of experience to the role, with this being his third term on Council and having served as Deputy Mayor in 2019/20 and 2023/24.

In his acceptance speech Cr Abboushi paid tribute to his family and to key people who have helped guide him throughout his life.

Cr Abboushi also acknowledged his fellow Councillors, welcoming the three new Councillors, and paying tribute to former Councillors Kesic and Farrugia for their service over the last term.

### **Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi**

"Thank you for placing your trust in me to lead our vibrant and diverse community into the next chapter."

"I promise to lead with integrity and determination and ensure that Melton is a city that not just grows, but one that thrives and where every resident feels a sense of belonging and pride.

"As we look ahead at the challenges of a rapidly growing community, it also comes with tremendous opportunity.

"We will ensure that we continue to provide access to quality council services with a significant advocacy platform where we continue to pursue the great needs of our community and make Melton a city of opportunity for all.

"The young people in the City of Melton are our next generation of leaders and changemakers and it's our duty to invest in their potential. My mission is to inspire young people especially to rise up and meet their dreams."

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