



MEMORANDUM

To: **AFL Central Victoria Leagues for the information of Clubs and Umpire Association**

Cc: **AFL Vic Management, AFL Central Vic Management**

From: **John O'Donohue AFL Vic Community Football Manager** Date: **7 June 2024**

Re: **AFL Central Victoria Region Councillor announcement**

AFL Victoria is pleased to inform Leagues, Clubs and Umpire Groups that the reset of the AFL Central Victoria Region has continued as proposed with 4 inaugural Region Council members being appointed.

Following the Expression of Interest process, 4 candidates from across the Region were selected to form the inaugural Council which shall provide leadership on a range of strategic issues that arise in the administration of Football within the Central Victoria Region. Selected for their individual and collective professional skills, expertise and football knowledge from a broad range of backgrounds, the appointment of the Region Council is a significant step in resetting the Regions direction following the resignation of the Commission in March.

The AFL Central Victoria Council must have a minimum of 3 Councillors and with a plan to increase the numbers and the diversity of the group in time, it has been decided to make 4 initial appointments holding additional candidates in waiting.

The inaugural AFL Central Victoria Region Council members are:

- **Gavin Hore** (Swan Hill – CFA Workshop Manager)
- **Lincoln Fitzgerald** (Castlemaine – CEO Loddon Shire Council)
- **Ben Murphy** (Bendigo – CEO Kilmore Racing Club)
- **Nicholas Falconer** (Bendigo - Credit Policy Analyst/Manager Bendigo Bank)

As the AFL Central Victoria jurisdiction stretches across several population and competitions bases, it was desirable to appoint Council members who are connected to the Regions communities and pleasingly, that has been achieved.

Recently appointed Region Manager, Cameron Tomlins, will host an inaugural Council meeting in the coming weeks where a Chairperson shall be elected ahead of the June 19th, Heads of Leagues meeting in Bendigo where the Council shall be introduced formally to League representatives.

With community football administration commencing planning for the 2025 season and with several local matters to be discussed and determined in the coming months, the appointments are timely as we look forward to working collaboratively with all Central Victoria stakeholders for the benefit of the game.

Regards

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