



Minutes Council Meeting

Thursday 26 May 2022 at 6:00 pm

**Council Chambers (and by video conferencing)
East Gippsland Shire Council Corporate Centre
273 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875**

Councillors

Crs Mark Reeves (Mayor), Arthur Allen (Deputy Mayor),
Sonia Buckley (via Microsoft Teams), Tom Crook,
Trevor Stow, (via Microsoft Teams) Mendy Urie, (via Microsoft Teams)
Kirsten Van Diggele and John White (via Microsoft Teams)

Attachments referenced in these minutes can be located in the meeting agenda on East Gippsland Shire Council's website.

Vision

East Gippsland is an inclusive and innovative community that values our natural environment, puts community at the centre of Council decision-making, and creates the conditions in which communities can thrive.

Our Strategic Objectives

1. An inclusive and caring community that respects and celebrates diversity.
2. Planning and infrastructure that enriches the environment, lifestyle, and character of our communities.
3. A natural environment that is managed and enhanced.
4. A thriving and diverse economy that attracts investment and generates inclusive local employment.
5. A transparent organisation that listens and delivers effective, engaging and responsive services.

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1 Procedural

1.1 Recognition of Traditional Custodians

Welcome to East Gippsland Shire Council's meeting of Thursday 26 May 2022.

East Gippsland Shire Council acknowledges the Gunaikurnai, Monero and the Bidawal people as the Traditional Custodians of this land that encompasses East Gippsland Shire, and their enduring relationship with country. The Traditional Custodians have cared and nurtured East Gippsland for tens of thousands of years.

Council value their living culture and practices and their right to self-determination. Council pays respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in East Gippsland, their Elders, past, present, and future.

The East Gippsland Shire Council live streams, records and publishes its meetings via webcasting. During the meeting, any members of the public who are addressing the Council will have their image and comments recorded.

No other person has the right to record Council meetings unless approval has been granted by the Chair.

In line with the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are able to attend Council meetings electronically or in person and the meetings will be open to the public via livestreaming.

If Council encounters technical difficulties with the livestreaming during the meeting, we will adjourn until the issue is resolved. If technical issues can't be resolved the meeting may be postponed to a later time or date.

A member's attendance can only be recorded as present at a Council meeting when the member can confirm that they meet all of these criteria:

1. They can hear proceedings;
2. They can see other members in attendance and can be seen by other members;
3. They can be heard (to speak).

I will now confirm with Councillors Stow, Urie, Buckley and White that they can see, hear and be heard and to note assurance that the location that they are participating from is secure to ensure deliberations are confidential.

- Can you see and hear us?
- Can you confirm that the location you are participating from is secure to ensure confidential items are dealt with in a confidential manner?

Councillors Stow, Urie, Buckley and White confirmed.

1.2 Purpose of Meeting

In accordance with Rule 3.3 of East Gippsland Shire Council Governance Rules, Anthony Basford Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor and Councillors, has called an unscheduled Council meeting to consider items relating to Council business.

The Chief Executive Officer as required under Rule 3.3 of East Gippsland Shire Council Governance Rules, has given notice on the Council website of the unscheduled Council Meeting on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 6.00 pm.

1.3 Apologies

Cr Jane Greacen OAM

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.5 Next meeting

The next Council Meeting of Tuesday 7 June 2022 to be held at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

2 Confidential Business

Cr Arthur Allen / Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

COUNCIL WILL NOW CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF SECTIONS 66(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 TO CONSIDER ITEM 2.1.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 6.04 pm.

Consideration of confidential matters under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. Deliberations of Council while in closed session are recorded in Council's Confidential Minute Book.

Reports and Attachments are located in Council's Confidential Minute Book.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 6.26 pm.

2.1 Property Matter

Under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* a meeting considering confidential information may be closed to the public. Pursuant to sections 3(1) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the information contained in this report is confidential because it contains Council business information being information that would, if released, prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations.

3 Close of Meeting

Cr Mark Reeves declared the Council Meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Reeves Mayor
7 June 2022