



Expression of Interest (EOI) Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee

Expressions of Interest for the position of Member of the East Gippsland Shire Council, Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee (ASAC) are sought from interested and suitably experienced community members.

There are currently three positions available, with membership being for a period of two years from appointment.

Expression of Interests (EOI's) will open on the 5 May and need to be received by no later than 24 May 2023.

Background Information

A strong, competitive and sustainable economy is essential for the future of rural and regional areas. East Gippsland Council recognises the importance of a strong and resilient agriculture sector.

The Victorian Government has identified the food and fibre sector as one of the growth areas vital to the future economic prosperity of Victoria and one of the fundamental drivers of East Gippsland's economy is food manufacturing and production.

The East Gippsland Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee formed in 2021 provides a valuable forum through which Council can gain timely and informed insight into the issues that are impacting on the agriculture sector.

Since the formation of the committee, the members have provided advice and information into the Economic Development Strategy, Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Road Safety Strategy, written submissions for the Sustainable Water Strategy and Rural Land Use Strategy, advocated to the EPA, contributed to the design of the 2021 Farmer Survey Feedback report, visited and toured innovative farms in Orbost region and formed a Rates Working Group.

Membership

The East Gippsland Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee will include a maximum of 16 members, as follows:

- Two (2) East Gippsland Shire Councillors, one of whom will be the Mayor;
- One (1) representative of each of the following organisations Agriculture Victoria, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and Food & Fibre Gippsland;
- Eleven (11) Committee members, representative of the Agriculture Sector.



Council will actively seek out broad representation to the Committee that will be representative of a diverse knowledge base including;

- a. Companies / businesses / family or individual Agriculture Sector practitioners;
- b. Nature of operation (e.g. retail, manufacturing, horticulture, fishing/aquaculture, cropping, animal agriculture, apiary, viticulture, dairy, etc.)
- c. Location of operation and size of operation (e.g. large, medium, small) and
- d. Other considerations e.g. Board/Committee membership/experience

Purpose of the Committee

The primary role of the Committee is to provide advice to Council on the delivery of initiatives, funds and programs that support the agricultural sector in East Gippsland.

Term of Membership

Committee membership is for two years, with the option to extend for a further 2 year term. Committee meetings are held quarterly or as required.

For comprehensive information about the Committee, see the “Charter” on Councils [website](#) for further information.

To submit your Expression of Interest please complete the following details and email an electronic copy to economic.development@egipps.vic.gov.au by no later than 24 May 2023.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Home/Business: _____ Mobile: _____

Please list your experience in Agribusiness or Industry related committees on which you currently hold a position or have held within the last five years.

Insert text

Please list any Companies / businesses / family or individual practitioners you have been involved in including the nature of the operation.

Insert text

What additional skills and/or attributes do you feel you can bring to the Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee that will assist in achieving the Committee's objectives? (see draft charter attached)

For example:

Business ownership or management, Marketing, New Business and/or Investment Development, Business Management, Strategic planning, business planning, financial management:

Insert text

Please describe the location, nature and size of Agricultural operations you have been involved in.

Insert text

Please attach any documentation that would help support your application, eg your resume.



DECLARATION STATEMENT

I have listed this information as a true and correct record of my experience in the agriculture industry.

Date: / / 2023

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Please forward your completed EOI to:

East Gippsland Shire Council
Agribusiness Development Officer
Kaylene Wickham
PO Box 1618,
Bairnsdale VIC 3875, or

Email: economic.development@egipps.vic.gov.au

For further information contact Kaylene Wickham on Ph: 5153 9500