



# Statutory Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 6:00 pm**  
Council Chambers (and by video conferencing)  
East Gippsland Shire Council Corporate Centre  
273 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875



## Acknowledgement to country

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## Council information

East Gippsland Shire Council live streams, records and publishes its meetings via webcasting ([youtube.com/c/EastGippyTV](https://youtube.com/c/EastGippyTV)) to enhance the accessibility of its meetings to the broader East Gippsland community.

These recordings are also archived and available for viewing by the public or used for publicity or information purposes. At the appropriate times during the meeting, any members of the gallery who are addressing the council will have their image, comments or submissions 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.

Members of the public are invited to view the Council Meeting livestreamed by following the link on Council's website or Facebook page.

## Councillors

Cr Arthur Allen  
Cr Jane Greacen OAM  
Cr John White  
Cr Kirsten Van Diggele  
Cr Mark Reeves  
Cr Mendy Urie  
Cr Sonia Buckley  
Cr Tom Crook  
Cr Trevor Stow

## Executive Leadership Team

Anthony Basford Chief Executive Officer  
Fiona Weigall General Manager Assets and Environment  
Peter Cannizzaro General Manager Business Excellence  
Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community

## Purpose of Council meetings

- (1) Council holds scheduled meetings and, when required, unscheduled meetings to conduct the business of Council.
- (2) Council is committed to transparency in decision making and, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council and Delegated Committee meetings are open to the public and the community are able to attend.
- (3) Meetings will only be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66 of the Act, if:
  - (a) there are clear reasons for particular matters to remain confidential; or
  - (b) a meeting is required to be closed for security reasons; or
  - (c) it is necessary to enable the meeting to proceed in an ordinary manner.
- (4) A meeting closed to the public for the reasons outlined in sub-rule 3(b) or 3(c) will continue to be livestreamed. In the event a livestream is not available:
  - (a) the meeting may be adjourned; or
  - (b) a recording of the proceedings may be available on the Council website.

## Governance Rules

A copy of East Gippsland Shire Council's governance rules can be found at  
<https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/council/council-policies>

## Councillors pledge

As Councillors of East Gippsland Shire Council, we solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will consider each item on this agenda in the best interests of the whole municipal community.

## 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 Chief Executive Officer presiding

In accordance with section 25(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Anthony Basford, will chair the meeting until the election of the Mayor.

## 1.2 Recognition of Traditional Custodians

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## 1.3 Apologies

Cr Sonia Buckley

## 1.4 Next meeting

The next Council Meeting of Tuesday 8 November 2022 to be held at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

## 2 Term of Office of Mayor

Section 26(3) of the Act requires that before the election of the Mayor a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for 1 or 2 years.

In addition, section 26(1) requires the election for the next Mayor to be held on a day that is close to the end of the term, decided as reasonably practicable.

### Recommendation

***That Council resolves to determine that the term of office of the Mayor will be for a one year or two-year term.***

## 3 Election of Mayor

The Act pursuant of section 25(1) requires at a Council meeting that is open to the public the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

Section 25(4) of the Act stipulates that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors. An absolute majority as defined by section 25(7) of the Act means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council. Governance Rule 6.4 requires that the election of the Mayor must be carried out by show of hands.

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations from Councillors for the position of Mayor.

### ***Required wording of nomination:***

***I, Cr \_\_\_\_\_, nominate Cr \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.***

***Or***

***I, Cr \_\_\_\_\_ nominate myself for the position of Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.***

### **Procedural note**

The newly elected Mayor will assume the Chair at this juncture and may make a ceremonial speech to outline priorities for the year ahead.

## 4 Election of Deputy Mayor

Council traditionally elects a Deputy Mayor as this provides clarity to all Councillors regarding who steps in for the Mayor if they are unavailable. The Act, in section 21, provides that the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any powers of the Mayor if:

- a) the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting; or
- b) the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason including illness; or
- c) the office of Mayor is vacant.

### Recommendation

***That Council resolves to establish the office of the Deputy Mayor or that Council does not establish the office of the Deputy Mayor.***

The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted by the Mayor in accordance with section 25 of the Act and the Governance Rules 6.4. Governance Rule 6.4 requires that the election of the Deputy Mayor must be carried out by show of hands.

The Mayor will call for nominations from Councillors for the position of Deputy Mayor.

### ***Required wording of nomination:***

***I, Cr \_\_\_\_\_, nominate Cr \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of Deputy Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.***

***Or***

***I, Cr \_\_\_\_\_ nominate myself for the position of Deputy Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.***

## 5 Close of Meeting