



Minutes Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 8 November 2022 at 6:00 pm

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

Councillors

Crs Mark Reeves (Mayor), Arthur Allen, Tom Crook, Jane Greacen OAM,
Trevor Stow, Mendy Urie, Kirsten Van Diggele and John White

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

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.

1.2 Apologies

Cr Sonia Buckley

1.3 Next meeting

The next Council Meeting of Tuesday 8 November 2022 to be held at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.30 pm.

2 Election of Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor role provides clarity to all Councillors about who steps in for the Mayor if the Mayor is unavailable. The *Local Government Act 2020* (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.

Governance Rule 6.3(3) states that the term of office for the Deputy Mayor is identical to the term of office for the Mayor. On Tuesday 25 October 2022, Council resolved that the term of office of the Mayor will be for a one-year term.

The election of the Deputy Mayor was 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.

Mayor, Cr Mark Reeves called for nominations from Councillors for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Trevor Stow nominated Cr Arthur Allen for the position of Deputy Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.

Cr Arthur Allen accepted the nomination.

Cr Mendy Urie nominated Cr Tom Crook for the position of Deputy Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council.

Cr Tom Crook declined the nomination.

As there was only one accepted nomination, in accordance with section 25(6) of the Act, Cr Arthur Allen was declared Deputy Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council for a one-year term.

Procedural Note

The newly elected Deputy Mayor Cr Allen made a ceremonial speech, and congratulatory statements were made by Councillors.

3 Close of Meeting

Cr Mark Reeves declared the Council Meeting closed at 6:10 pm.