



Minutes

Council Meeting

Tuesday 23 May 2023 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 (Online), Tom Crook, Jane Greacen OAM, Trevor Stow,
Mendy Urie, Kirsten Van Diggele and John White (Online)

*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

The Mayor, Cr Mark Reeves welcomed all to the Council meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners.

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

Nil

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community declared a conflict of interest in item 5.2.1 *Planning Application 19/2023/P -25A Wellington Street Paynesville- Buildings and works for two dwellings and two-lot subdivision including common property*, as a material interest due to owning property in close proximity of the proposed subdivision.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion

That the minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 2 May 2023 be confirmed with the following administrative amendment to the report presented at item 1.7.1.1 Petition – Cease Construction of Fence, Raymond Island:

The original report be amended from:

The petition included 48 signatures, 41 of which met the governance requirements. to:

The petition included 60 signatures, 53 of which met the governance requirements.

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Tom Crook

CARRIED

1.5 Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

1.6 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

1.7 Open Forum

At this point in proceedings, Cr Mark Reeves Mayor acknowledged the following guests:

Council's Youth Ambassadors, a group of young people aged 12 to 25 living, studying and working across East Gippsland who are committed to create change in their community. The Youth Ambassadors have a unique opportunity to influence, lead change and to assist Council in understanding the needs of young people; and

Miss Annabel Brazzale who observed the meeting from the public gallery as part of her Rotary Junior Community Awards program. To acknowledge their participation in this community program, the Mayor presented Miss Brazzale with a Council pin.

1.7.1 Petitions

Nil

1.7.2 Questions of Council

1.7.2.1 55 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance

Ms Miriam Basset submitted the following question:

"I would like to enquire what the Corporate Centre at 55 Palmers Road (Lakes Entrance) is being used for?"

Peter Cannizzaro General Manager Business Excellence provided a response which is summarised below:

55 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance, is not Council's Corporate Centre. Council's Corporate Centre is located at 273 Main Street, Bairnsdale. The property at 55 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance houses office-based Staff, which includes functions from the Business Excellence and the Assets and Environment Directorates.

1.7.3 Public Submissions

1.7.3.1 Draft Rural Land Use Strategy and Draft Housing and Settlement Strategy

Ms Joanne Eastman spoke on Council's Draft Rural Land Use Strategy and Draft Housing and Settlement Strategy.

1.7.3.2 Draft Housing and Settlement Strategy

Ms Jeanette Wagner spoke on Council's Draft Housing and Settlement Strategy.

1.8 Items for noting

Nil

2 Notices of Motion

Nil

3 Deferred Business

Nil

4 Councillor and Delegate Reports

4.1 Cr Arthur Allen

Cr Arthur Allen spoke to his written report at page 7.

4.2 Cr Trevor Stow

Cr Trevor Stow provided a verbal update.

4.3 Cr Tom Crook

Cr Tom Crook spoke to his written report at page 8.

4.4 Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

Cr Kirsten Van Diggele spoke to her written report at page 10.

4.5 Cr Sonia Buckley

Cr Sonia Buckley provided a verbal update.

4.6 Cr John White

Cr John White provided a verbal update.

4.7 Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Cr Jane Greacen OAM spoke to her written report at page 10.

4.8 Cr Mendy Urie

Cr Mendy Urie spoke to her written report at page 12.

4.9 Cr Mark Reeves

Cr Mark Reeves spoke to his written report at page 13.

Councillor Reports

Cr Arthur Allen

It has been a busy three (3) weeks since our last meeting.

05/05/23 - I attended the Rail Freight Alliance meeting in Melbourne where we were updated on rail projects across the eastern states and heard of the progress on the Victorian section of the Inland Rail Project. I also used the opportunity to bring the Gippsland rail freight challenges to the fore.

06/05/23 - Cr Greacen OAM and I attended the awakening of the dragon boat ceremony at Paynesville, and despite the rain, what a fantastic event. Highlight of the morning was the Lion Dance. Not a Stetson in sight but rather two fantastic Chinese lions, amazing. Well done to everyone involved. That afternoon, I attended the presentations for the Lakes Entrance Surf Lifesaving Clubs 11th Paddle Challenge. Over 150 entries participated in the event and all finished, an achievement in itself.

07/05/23 - Once again calling on my athletic abilities, I attended the presentation of the X-Marathon Adventure that was run over Saturday and Sunday with a 24, eight (8) and four (4) hour events. Again, a strong number of entries in this Shire sponsored event.

Our visit to Wellington Shire Council was a very useful excursion with briefings on a number of issues of mutual interest. Thank you to Wellington for their hospitality.

11/05/23 - I attended the South East Australian Transport Strategy quarterly meeting at Morwell for Victorian members. It was a good opportunity to focus on Victorian issues and also to hear from a range of speakers including the Forest Industry Association, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, the Renewable Energy Authority, and the Commonwealth Games Committee, each outlining their role or needs within the freight industry.

15/05/23 - Cr Stow, Cr Greacen OAM, acting Chief Executive Officer Peter Cannizzaro and I visited Mark Norlings property and heard his vision for agriculture in the shire. Thank you, Mark, for your time and positive outlook.

17/05/23 - On Wednesday at Johnsonville, then Thursday at Paynesville and finally Friday at Marlo, I joined fellow Councillors and Officers in paying tribute to some of our many volunteers throughout the shire. Well done to all those nominated for the honour roll and all our volunteers, our communities appreciate you all greatly. Special mention to the bacon and egg rolls at Johnsonville, Gilly's scones at Paynesville and the Marlo Primary School children for their singing.

20/05/23 - I had the pleasure of opening Sunrise Rotary's Electric Vehicle Exhibition at St Mary's Parish Centre. Well done, Sunrise.

Rail Freight Alliance Meeting (5 May 2023)

This was the first meeting where attendance was in person only and was attended by about 15 delegates. Reid Mather advised at the meeting that funding for regional rail projects will become harder to source however, the Federal Government remains committed to the inland rail project. Graeme Middlemiss advised at the meeting that not only is the connection from Morwell to Maryvale feasible but is necessary for freight from East Gippsland, particularly if the proposed sand mine goes ahead. Other delegates reported that sand mine projects in their Shires are being forced to use road transport because their rail networks are not of the required standard.

Mr Christian Rogers of the Australian Rail Transport Commission Inland Rail gave a presentation on the progress of the project to date. Much work has been happening in New South Wales but work is now focusing on Victoria where a number of bridges need to be raised or rail lowered to allow double stacked trains passage. As well major rebuilds are taking place at Wangaratta and Euroa stations that will not only benefit trains but the local communities

South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc Meeting (11 May 2023)

In opening the conference, Greg Pullen pointed to East Gippsland Shire as the benchmark in how to apply for grants, referring particularly to the bridge replacement program just allocated. Greg said the reference to economic benefit in the applications was unusual but vital. Discussion on how to proceed with getting access into Maryvale for freight from East Gippsland centred on how to present the case to the Minister. I have spoken to Fenning Timbers requesting they contact Greg to go into detail. Baw Baw Shire Council spoke of an agreement with their sand mine quarries to cover the cost of road damage. agreements between the operators and the Shire were in place before final approvals were given.

Guests speakers included Victorian Forest Industries with an informative presentation of the freight task undertaken by the industry and opportunities to off road it. We also heard from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulation Authority and their roll out across Australia with the exception of Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

The Latrobe Authority gave an overview on the wind farm development and the potential for the region out of these projects and finally Beth Liley gave an overview of the Commonwealth Games and the requirements for transport. Over 900 additional busses will be required for the Latrobe Valley part of the games

Cr Tom Crook

I have had a busy few weeks' meeting with locals, acting on matters of concern and contributing to various Council plans and strategic documents.

Last Wednesday 17 May 2023, I attended the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDHOBIT) day flag raising in Bairnsdale where a small but concerned group meet with members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and gender diverse, Intersex, Queer and questioning (LGBTIQ+) community to raise the rainbow flag in solidarity with peoples aspiration to build inclusion and respect for diversity around gender and sexuality in our community.

As part of my own journey in this space, I have learnt how important pronouns are: It isn't always possible to know what pronouns someone uses, especially for trans and non-binary people. This is also true when meeting anyone for the first time or in online communication such as email and voice calls.

Like all language people use to describe their identity, pronouns can look different for everyone and can change over time. Taking steps to learn and use someone's correct pronouns is an essential part of showing respect and inclusion in the workplace.

Under the *Sex Discrimination Act* 1984 in Australia, it's unlawful to discriminate against someone based upon their gender identity. This includes the deliberate use of the incorrect pronouns. More information from the Australian Government can be found [here](#).

Workplaces in Australia have a legal obligation to not only respond to discrimination when it occurs, but also to demonstrate proactive measures to prevent it from occurring in the first place. Education on gender diversity and respectful pronoun use is one part of this process.

The following Thursday I met with residents of Raymond Island (RI) to hear their concerns around the use of public land on the RI foreshore. While there was a diversity of opinions expressed over the proposed fencing of native vegetation, all parties seem agreed that further revegetation is needed and that a fence is not desirable, if such works are appropriately managed. The meeting highlighted the need to inform residents understanding of the different view in the community on management of public space and the variety of management objectives council is tasked with delivering on behalf of the community. I remain confident we can chart a pathway forward that all residents can live with, which caters of their different needs while meeting our obligations to protect and enhance the local environment we all love.

National volunteer week celebrations at the Paynesville Men's Shed, where I spoke to a large group of gathered residents about the important contribution volunteers make to many aspects of our lives and also how Council has established a volunteers 'honour role' to formalise this recognition. I sincerely thank all those in our community who continue to dedicate their time to a wide variety of issues to improve the wellbeing of those around us and congratulate them on their efforts.

On Saturday, I attended the East Gippsland Electric Vehicle Exhibition organised by Bairnsdale Sunrise Rotary and others, and what a great job they did. While the sun didn't shine or the wind blow, all the vehicles were all fully charged and the day was a great success. Including the official opening of Councils first round of electric vehicle charging stations by the Deputy Mayor who did an excellent job letting the people gathered know how rapid the transition to electrification is and how our Council is helping drive this change to cleaner and cheaper transport.

We've also heard confirmation today that the State Government have announced an end to native forest logging by January next year. With an additional \$200 million to support workers and affected communities. Making a total of around \$800 million available state wide to assist in this transition. This is big announcement but also not unexpected. While this is a big change in the dominant use of our forests, the forests themselves will continue to present a range of opportunities and challenges for our communities and it will continue to be Council's role to advocate for sound land use planning for conservation, fire, carbon, water and feral species management. It's a new chapter for our region, change is never easy.

Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

It's good to be back on deck after going away on my honeymoon for four weeks. Unfortunately, in the first week of coming back, I was quite unwell and missed out on some events that I really would have liked to attend, including the Youth Ambassador meeting and the Citizenship Ceremony.

When I was finally better, I was able to get back into getting out and about into the community. I attended the IDAHOBIT flag raising event at the flag poles opposite the Council Corporate Centre and had the honour of raising the flag alongside LGBTIQ+ Advocate and 2021 Young Citizen of the Year, James Bush. May 17th was chosen as the date for IDAHOBIT as it marks the day in 1990 when the World Health Organisation (WHO) removed homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10) at the 43rd World Health Assembly. While we have come a long way, there are still many cases of discrimination, inequality, and sadly even violence faced by the LGBTIQ+ community, across the globe and locally. I am proud that our Council is active in supporting events like IDAHOBIT and ensuring our community are aware that we stand as allies with our LGBTIQ+ community members.

On Saturday, I attended the Electric Vehicle Expo put on by Sunrise Rotary. Given the cold temperatures, I think there was a good turn out of community members to be part of the official opening of the charging station near McDonalds in Bairnsdale. It was great to see a range of electric cars on display but also electric bikes for sale. I nearly considered buying an e-bike once I saw them all on display!

Cr Jane Greacen OAM

03/05/23 - Cr Crook and I travelled to Cann River to meet with the new Working Group to discuss the best site for a new transfer station. The meeting was cordial and constructive. Agreements reached included inviting Traditional Owners to future discussions; having recycle bins in town; understanding that it will take 18 to 24 months to complete the new transfer station; there is some life left in the current tip; an interim service needs agreement about location, hours of opening, having general and recycle waste, and proper signage and information for residents and travellers. Guidelines and legislation were discussed as well as a number of preferred places and distances from town.

04/05/23 – I attended the Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee Meeting (LAJAC) which was held at Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Operative Ltd (GEGAC).

Council's Aboriginal Engagement Officer, Courtney Pettersen, was introduced to LAJAC. Djeera representatives talked about the services they offer for women in family violence situations. Their new resident lawyer, Heidi was introduced.

The Victorian Aboriginal Education Association (VAEAI) representative, Jennae, talked about a big Koori Day happening in Bairnsdale, promoting education; focusing on non-engaged students. Aiming to get the schools involved. It will happen in June. Moogji was represented by Cara Cray who has started there recently. She talked about some of Moogji's activities, including taking school students to Canberra with Elders. Their next trip will be to Uluru. Anglicare is focussing on intervention work. The Victoria Police announced the appointment of their new Koori Liaison Officer, Thomas Hood. They are very excited about this appointment.

05/05/23 - Cr Urie and I met with Bevan Kearsley who is riding his wheelchair around Australia to raise funds for Disabled Access. His wheelchair is in fact adapted to fit into a three (3) wheel motor bike. He is accompanied by two support people who drive the combi.

I was pleased to open the Three Artists Exhibition at East Gippsland Art Gallery (EGAG). Glenys Mann's Yugen, Deidre Jack's Of Mountains and Ponds and Lee Nichless's high tech art. Another wonderful exhibition put on by the inimitable Crystal Stubbs and her team.

06/05/23 – I attended the awakening the dragon on Paynesville foreshore, with Cr Allen. This was a cold, blustery morning in the rain. However, there were many people there for the celebration and festivities. The ceremony associated with awakening the dragon is wonderful, everyone must wear something red. The eye of the dragon must be dotted with red paint, then its heart and then its tail. The lion dances came up from Melbourne and they were magical.

Essentially, this was the ceremony for the launch of the new dragon boat that was donated by the Palm Lake Resort, Paynesville, who attended from Brisbane as well as locally in Paynesville. The name of this boat is Freedom.

10/05/23 – I visited Wellington Shire Council.

11/05/23 – I attended the Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee meeting.

15/5/23 - Cr Stow arranged for a visit to Mark Norling's farm. This was a most informative visit, which gave me many insights into farming lamb, as well as the viability of farming in East Gippsland; the importance of land being looked after well and ways of doing this; and the need to change the way farming is done.

17/05/23 - National Volunteers Week. I attended the event held in Johnsonville Hall, which was addressed by Deputy Mayor Arthur Allen. There was a good number of people there, and Marion Dawson spoke passionately and fluently about the importance of volunteering. The Inner Wheel regional and local Presidents were also there with a number of their members.

I attended the Youth Agritech Exhibition at the Hub in Bairnsdale. This was facilitated by Council. School students were taken on tours on local farms and facilities over a day, and then attended sessions on farm safety, given demonstrations of soil testing by the Gippsland Agri Research Group. There were drones to look at, and demonstrations of composting by Coen's Famers, as well as a presentation by a Food Futurist, which was a bit spooky and troubling.

IDAHOBIT Flag Raising ceremony outside the Council Chambers. IDAHOBIT means International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. There was a wonderful speech made, and then people walked to the Bairnsdale library for further entertainment.

18/05/23 – I visited Raymond Island to look at a disputed revegetation area. We met with a number of residents who had petitioned Council to facilitate full consultation with residents about the plans for the revegetation of areas that had been cleared and mown for many years, but are threatened salt marsh country important to the stability of that coastal area. It was very helpful to see the place and talk to the people there.

19/05/23 - I was pleased to launch the Nungurner Firewise Garden Program. This is a six-week program pulled together by the Nungurner Landcare/Coastcare Group, the Nungurner Primary School, Wildseed Nursery, Catherine van Wilgenburg and the people who live in Nungurner, Metung and Swan Reach. The aim of the program is to teach and learn about planting gardens that are fire resistant.

20/05/23 - I attended the Sunrise Rotary Electric Vehicle Exhibition at St Mary's Parish Hall in Bairnsdale. This displayed cars, bicycles, dirt bikes. Talked about batteries, the capacity of the electricity grid, carbon footprint, business benefits, battery recycling, charging points and Costs etc. There were a lot of excited people there, and superb presentations by two Grade five (5) girls from Gippsland Grammar.

Cr Mendy Urie

04/05/23 - With Deputy Mayor and Senior Officers, I attended the very busy Wy Yung Recreation Reserve Training night to understand from the Committee of Management some of the current issues that are being faced with outdated facilities and to explore ways Council can help.

05/05/23 – I attended the EGAG opening night with Cr Greacen OAM. Another wonderful exhibition now showing, features work by three (3) very different artists, Glenys Mann ('Yugen'), Deirdre Jack ('Of Mountains and Ponds') and Lee Nickless ('Vivid'). The caliber of our local artists always amazes me, and I again commend Crystal Stubbs and the team at EGAG for showcasing their talents so brilliantly.

08/05/23 – I attended the community consultation session on Draft Housing and Settlement Strategy in Paynesville, which has been one of several sessions offered by our Officers in different communities to seek feedback and commentary on this important Strategy. I commend our Staff for their time and effort to do this and I look forward to hearing reports back on how successfully they were able to engage local residents. Personally, I found the session welcoming and interesting.

10/05/23 - Along with most other Councillors and Senior Officers, I attended a day-visit to our colleagues at Wellington Shire Council. Great relationship-building exercise as we continue to collaborate on a number of shared programs.

14/05/23 - I attended the community meeting at the old Geriatric site.

Over many years I have witnessed a shift in Council's relationship with our many and varied communities across East Gippsland. Council is working to listen better, dictate less, encourage self-determination and reconsider what consultation really means ('to provide the conditions for communities to thrive' - vision of our Council Plan). While this is a slow and sometimes bumpy process, it is a healthy one and we see the benefits in what we call 'resilient' and 'strong communities' in planning for disruption and changing futures while optimizing opportunities.

The small group of people who invited Councillors to join them at this meeting on May 14 2023, epitomised this shift and I think are to be congratulated and supported in what they are working towards. While their focus is partly (currently) in exploring the opportunities an old building may offer, their principle interests are in community-led regenerative opportunities which allow wholeness and inclusion.

17/05/23 – I attended the breakfast launch at Johnsonville Hall for Volunteers Week. It was a wonderful opportunity to say 'thank you' to the huge number of people who make East Gippsland a friendlier, safer, more joyful and more connected place to live. '

Youth Agritech Exhibition at The Hub in Bairnsdale: An excellent opportunity provided to showcase the very many aspects of an adapting rural industry. I spent time with the mobile Gippsland Tech School people who were offering microscopes, virtual experiences of forestry, and a myriad of innovative Food and Fiber career options, drone demonstrations as well as Gippsland Agricultural Group doing core sampling and testing to improve production and soil health. Huge number of partners involved in this Exhibition including our Council. All to be congratulated for this event which supports innovation and adaption in a forward-looking agricultural industry which faces many challenges, but also many opportunities.

IDAHOBIT flag raising. An important event to show that diversity and inclusion in our community is welcomed and valued. Stands for International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

20/0523 - With Deputy Mayor, Crs Crook, Van Diggele and Greacen OAM, I attended Sunrise Rotary Electric Vehicle Exhibition including the launch of Council's Electric Vehicle charging points across the shire with electric cars and bikes on display and available for test driving and expert talks on many aspects of the emerging exciting revolution. So important for people to have the opportunity to learn and ask questions. Congratulations to Sunrise Rotary (in particular Carina Turner), Gippsland Climate Change Network (in particular the CEO Darren McCubbin as MC), our Sustainability Officers and those providing exhibits.

It was a really great day, attended by approx. 400 people. Our Council can be very proud of its achievements in rolling out four (4) 50KW chargers (with three (3) more destination chargers to come). We are ahead of some of our neighbours in this and using 100% renewable energy in our chargers is wonderful. The chargers encourage the 'big switch' to Electric Vehicle's by reducing range anxiety and promote visitation both short and longer stays of the Electric Vehicle owners.

22/05/23 – I attended my first Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting. I am pleased to be joining this group as one of the Councillor representatives with Cr Van Diggele chairing. It was an engaging meeting and I look forward to supporting the group however I can. Major reports presented: our capital works program, with discussion about which projects would benefit most from DAC input and draft road safety strategy, with discussion about how members can input critical views. A motion was moved to seek new members mid-term to maintain maximum effectiveness.

Cr Mark Reeves

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Thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Cr Allen for acting and being present in a number of settings over the past couple of weeks while I attended to important other matters.

TRFM radio ad recording and REG interviews - We have recorded several radio advertisements that focus on some of the shire strategic work at present. Live radio chat with Triple M Gosford regarding a spurious and unusual Bairnsdale Community Map in the town. This was a fun and rather frivolous interview. We think that there was a mistake with the towns of Wy Yung and Wyong!

A meeting with Wellington Shire Council - Most Councillors travelled to Sale and a vibrant and useful discussion ensued.

Youth Ambassadors meetings - We welcome that they have been with us today at Council.

Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee Meeting - This is an important Committee and has provided great insight into a range of key strategic documents including the Rural Land Use Strategy.

Citizenship Ceremony – Nine (9) new Australian Citizens were conferred last Thursday week ago.

We presented at the Public Hearing Inquiry into the implications of severe weather events on the national regional, rural and remote road network. This was conducted by the Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport, Department of the House of Representatives. I acknowledge the excellent report that was developed by Ms. Weigall General Manager Assets and Environment and Officers that enabled us to make a valuable submission.

IDAHOBIT day flag raising - Thanks to those able to attend and participate in this event.

Acknowledge National Volunteers Week and congratulate the East Gippsland Community members who have been added to our Honour Roll. We have added many names to our honour roll and salute those hard-working volunteers.

We attended Municipal of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting - As well as the 100 motions that were moved, the day included a facilitated strategic workshop session focusing on MAV's strategic plan. 70 of 79 LGAs were represented. While there was debate and discussion on some motions that were put, in the time the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Peter Cannizzaro and I were in attendance all motions were carried. The strategic forum that we participated in was useful and vibrantly facilitated. I would hope that the workshop provides MAV with some strategic useful direction.

5 Officer Reports

5.1 Assets and Environment

5.1.1 Draft East Gippsland Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2033

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and*
- 2. adopts the draft Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2033 as presented as Attachment 1.*

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Sonia Buckley

CARRIED

5.1.2 CON2023 1570R Cann River Roadside Rest Area – Station and Central Street and Baum Street, Cann River

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Attendance

Cr Jane Greacen OAM left the Council Chamber at 7.09 pm and returned to the Council Chamber at 7.11 pm.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report;***
- 2. accepts the tender submitted by Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd for CON2023 1570R Cann River Roadside Rest Area Station Central and Baum Street, Cann River for the contract amount of \$1,044,470.56 exclusive of GST;***
- 3. authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to finalise the terms and to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed; and***
- 4. resolves that Confidential Attachment 1 and all discussions regarding this attachment remain confidential under sections 3(1) and 66(5) of the Local Government Act 2020, the information contained in this attachment is confidential because it contains private commercial information, which if released would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.***

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Tom Crook

CARRIED

5.2 Place and Community

Conflict of Interest

General Manager Place and Community, having declared a conflict of interest to item 5.2.1, left the Council Chamber at 7.19 pm.

5.2.1 Planning Application 19/2023/P -25A Wellington Street Paynesville- Buildings and works for two dwellings and two-lot subdivision including common property

Authorised by Manager Planning

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and*
- 2. being the Responsible Authority and having considered all the relevant planning matters, determines that Planning Permit Application 19/2023/P is consistent with the requirements and objectives of the East Gippsland Planning Scheme and therefore resolves to grant a Planning Permit for Buildings and works for two dwellings and two-lot subdivision including common property at 25A Wellington Street Paynesville, subject to conditions in Attachment 1.*

Moved: Cr Trevor Stow

Seconded: Cr Tom Crook

CARRIED

6 Urgent Business

Nil

Attendance

Cr Trevor Stow left the Council Chamber at 7.27 pm.

Motion

That Council resolves to move into confidential business pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020.

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.27 pm.

7 Confidential Business

7.1 Draft Council Managed Caravan Park Policy

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 and all attachments are confidential because they contain:

- Council business information being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations; and
- personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

7.2 CON2023 1505 Electronic Document and Records Management Solution

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, as per section 3(1)(g), confidential because it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that:

- (i) relates to trade secrets; or
- (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The grounds for designation under section 3(1)(g) have been made as the information is deemed commercial-in-confidence to protect the privacy of the contractor's tender information submitted for consideration.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 7.46 pm.

8 Close of Meeting

Cr Mark Reeves closed the meeting at 7.47 pm.