



# Councillor Briefing Notes

Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 9.30 am

273 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875

## Attendance

### Mayor

Cr Jodie Ashworth

### Deputy Mayor

Cr Tom Crook

### Councillors

Cr Arthur Allen

Cr Sonia Buckley

Cr Joanne Eastman

Cr Bernie Farquhar

Cr Ian Trevaskis

Cr John White

### Council Officers

Fiona Weigall

Stuart McConnell

Sarah Johnston

Chris Stephenson

Wayne Richards

Chief Executive Officer

General Manager Assets and Environment

General Manager Business Excellence

General Manager Projects and Planning

Executive Manager Place and Community

## Recognition of Traditional Custodians

Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of this land and pays deep respect to all First Nations peoples and communities with enduring cultural connections to East Gippsland, who have cared for and nurtured Country for tens of thousands of years.

We honour and celebrate the rich diversity, living cultures, and ongoing contributions of all First Nations peoples who live, work, visit, and play across East Gippsland.

We also acknowledge the many First Nations communities who, together, continue to shape and contribute to the region we know as East Gippsland. The place where we, as Local Government, deliver services and support to our community.

## Apologies

Cr Barry Davis (Leave of Absence)

## Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

## Councillor Briefing Session

### Officer Briefings and Workshops

#### 1.1 Community Satisfaction Survey Results 2026

Councillors were briefed on the results of the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey.

The brief outlined an overall improvement in community perceptions of Council's performance, continuing a positive trend from recent years. Strong results were seen in areas such as libraries, waste and emergency management, while there is opportunity for further improvement in areas such as decision-making, planning processes and local road conditions. The results will be placed on Council's website in accordance with our standard practice.

#### 1.2 Enterprise Project Management Update

Councillors were provided with an update on the recent review and changes made to Council's project management framework (PMF) The framework now has several categories for differing project types and will support more consistent management of projects. Roll out of the framework internally has commenced.

## Reports to Future Council Meeting

#### 2.1 Draft Council Budget 2026/27

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Council Budget 2026/27. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which reflects the discussions with Councillors at multiple workshops over the past six months and which will be submitted to the **23 June 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

#### 2.2 Draft 10-Year Financial Plan 2026/27 - 2035/36

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, 10-Year Financial Plan 2026/27 - 2035/36. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which reflects the discussions with Councillors at multiple workshops over the past six months and which will be submitted to the **23 June 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

#### 2.3 Draft Four-Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2026/27 to 2029/30

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Four-Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2026/27 to 2029/30. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which reflects the discussions with Councillors at multiple workshops over the past six months and which will be submitted to the **23 June 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

## 2.4 Raymond Island Ferry Passes

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Raymond Island Ferry Passes. The report reflects the feedback from community members and ferry users. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be submitted to the **23 June 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

## 2.5 Draft Revised Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Draft Revised Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy, which included some small changes based on legal advice. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be submitted to the **23 June 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

## 2.6 Personnel Matter

### Confidentiality Notice

The information contained in this report and all attachments is confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it relates to: (f) Personal Information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

Pursuant to section 66(5)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, if released, the information discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item would unreasonably disclose personal information about the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), including performance expectations and employment-related matters.

## Meeting Close

**Meeting closed at:** 3:33 pm

**Approved by:** Fiona Weigall Chief Executive Officer