



Councillor Briefing Notes

Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 9.30 am

273 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875

Attendance

Mayor

Cr Jodie Ashworth

Deputy Mayor

Cr Tom Crook

Councillors

Cr Arthur Allen (Online)

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

We would like to acknowledge the First Nation people from the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

Apologies

Cr Barry Davis

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Councillor Briefing Session

Officer Briefings and Workshops

1.1 Financial Sustainability Strategy Follow Up

Councillors received a briefing on the draft Financial Sustainability Strategy.

1.2 Road Safety Group

Councillors were provided with an overview of Council's current arrangements for the Local Community Road Safety Group and the proposed approach to road safety advocacy. Discussions focused on opportunities to strengthen the Group, improve community participation and support road safety outcomes across East Gippsland. Officers will now finalise an approach using the Councillors feedback.

Reports to Future Council Meeting

2.1 Sale of Council Owned Land

Councillors were briefed on a draft report, Sale of Council Owned Land. Councillors noted the draft Council report, proposing the sell land that is considered surplus to council and community requirements. Noting the number of properties being considered, Officers will break this into a series of reports for Council's formal consideration.

2.2 Councillor Gift Policy

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Councillor Gift Policy. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be submitted to the **17 September 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

2.3 CON2027 1738 Schedule of Rates Contract for Bituminous Sealing in East Gippsland

Confidentiality Notice

The information contained in **Confidential Attachment 1 - CON2027 1738 Contract Award Summary, Confidential Attachment 2 - CON2027 1738 Tender Evaluation Report** and **Confidential Attachment 3 – CON2027 1738 Probity Report** is confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it relates to: (g) Private Commercial Information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

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 expose tenderers to disadvantage by disclosing commercially sensitive pricing and evaluation information.

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, CON2027 1738 Schedule of Rates Contract for Bituminous Sealing in East Gippsland. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be submitted to the **17 September 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

2.4 Omeo and Swifts Creek Structure Plans - Adoption

Councillors were briefed on the draft report, Omeo and Swifts Creek Structure Plans - Adoption. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be submitted to the **17 September 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

2.5 Planning Application 5.2025.361.1 - 236 Bullumwaal Road Wy Yung - Use and Development of a Medical Centre

Councillors were briefed on the draft report and the processes surrounding it for Planning Application 5.2025.361.1 - 236 Bullumwaal Road Wy Yung - Use and Development of a Medical Centre. Councillors noted the draft Council report, which will be re-submitted to the **17 September 2026** Council Meeting for consideration.

Meeting Close

Meeting closed at: 4.13 pm

Approved by: Fiona Weigall Chief Executive Officer