



Minutes

Council Meeting

Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 6:00 pm

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

Councillors Tom Crook (Mayor), Jane Greacen OAM (Deputy Mayor),
Arthur Allen, Sonia Buckley (Online), Mark Reeves, Trevor Stow, Mendy Urie,
Kirsten Van Diggele (Online) 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

Mayor Cr Tom Crook 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

Cr John White declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 5.1.1, *Planning Permit Application - 5.2018.32.3 - 550 Metung Road, Metung - Use and development of the land for racing dog husbandry (excluding racing dog training) - Amendment to permit* as a general interest due to the matter relating to a property owned in close proximity.

Fiona Weigall Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest in relation to items *7.2 Personnel Matter (1)* and *7.2 Personnel Matter (2)*, as a material and general interest due to the matter relating directly to her employment.

Sarah Johnston General Manager Business Excellence declared a conflict of interest in relation to items *7.1 Personnel Matter (1)* and *7.2 Personnel Matter (2)*, as a general interest due to the matter relating to her direct report at her place of employment.

Wayne Richards Acting General Manager Assets and Environment declared a conflict of interest in relation to item *7.1 Personnel Matter (1)*, as a general interest due to the matter relating to his direct report at his place of employment.

Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community declared a conflict of interest in relation to item *7.1 Personnel Matter (1)*, as a material interest due to the matter relating directly to his employment.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion

That the minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2023 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Trevor Stow

Seconded: Cr Mark Reeves

1.5 Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled be held on Tuesday 27 February 2024 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

1.7.1 Petitions

Nil

1.7.2 Questions of Council

1.7.2.1 Footpaths and Bairnsdale Water Tower

Mr Chris Wispleare submitted the following questions which were read out on his behalf by the Acting Chief Executive Officer Fiona Weigall:

Question 1 There is no footpath or bicycle path from Eastwood Road to Lomandra Boulevard along the Great Alpine Road, even though there is a school bus-stop midway. This stretch is thus very dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists. My children are forced to walk in a ditch to avoid the cars. When will a suitable footpath or bicycle path be built between Eastwood Road and Lomandra Boulevard, Bairnsdale?

Question 2 The grey concrete water-tower along Main Street, Bairnsdale is a huge eyesore, visible for miles around. Will Council consider embracing the silo art concept common elsewhere in Victoria and paint the water tower? It could become a tourist attraction and feature a rotation of local artists.

Wayne Richards Acting General Manager Assets and Environment provided a response to question one which is summarised below:

This section of footpath has been identified as a priority for future development. We keep a record of all requests for new paths and priority paths. I can assure Mr Wispleare that this section is recorded. However, I'm not able to provide a date for delivery as it is not yet identified within the capital program. I can advise though, that work is underway on a proposal to increase Council's capacity to deliver new footpaths and shared paths.

Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community provided a response to question two which is summarised below:

Good question and it is a question we receive from time to time. I would note that members of the community have the opportunity to put questions like this to Council officers at any time and receive an update. Certainly, the proposal to either paint a mural or projection on the water tower has been raised by a number of community members and a group of community members has formed to promote this.

The asset is an asset of East Gippsland Water and so your question is best directed to East Gippsland Water. I do note the water tower is heritage listed and so that also needs to be taken into account.

1.7.2.2 2024/25 Draft Budget Process

Mr John Butler-Cole on behalf of the East Gippsland Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc submitted the following questions which were read out on his behalf by the Acting Chief Executive Officer Fiona Weigall:

Question 1 The Local Government Act 2020 requires Council to consult with the community on its annual draft budget proposals. Can Council confirm in detail the improved consultation process it will adopt for the 24/25 budget so that it does not dismiss public submissions without clear and detailed discussion and debate?

Question 2 The Deputy Mayor has already declared by media release that the 2.75% rates cap will provide insufficient funds to meet the current requested budget from the administration. Can the community consultation process inform all stakeholders which services and expectations are being considered for reduction to demonstrate required fiscal restraint?

Sarah Johnston General Manager Business Excellence provided a response which is summarised below:

Question 1 response:

We are currently preparing the draft 2024/25 budget, however until the property valuations, used for determining the rate base, are provided by the Valuer-General Victoria it is difficult to finalise the budget parameters, which makes early consultation extremely difficult. These valuations are not expected to be received until sometime in March 2024.

Last year we had 4 weeks of public consultation, with the budget released at a Council meeting on 2 May 2023. This year we aim to release the budget early April at a Council meeting. The draft budget will then be available for comment on your say as well as printed copies available at the Corporate centre and all service centres.

Last year we received 59 submissions, with Council considering all feedback prior to adopting the budget on 27 June 2024. All submissions received an individual response to their submission. This year the same process will be followed with Council considering all feedback at the end of May prior to adopting the budget at the end of June taking into account any changes that may result from considering community feedback.

If members of the public have matters that they wish to see addressed in the budget, they can raise these matters with Council at any time during the year and do not need to wait for the release of the draft budget to put forward suggestions.

To reiterate - community consultation on the budget is essential for Council to meet its obligations, and we are committed to transparency. When Council can release the draft budget, after applying the property valuations, we look forward to receiving input from the community and considering that feedback prior to the adopting the 2024/25 budget in June 2024.

Question 2 response:

The media release was highlighting the fiscal environment that all Councils are working within and compared to increases in State Government service charges which were substantially higher, impacts of this are still being considered as part of the budget process.

As to services, Council has a Service Review Policy that guides the way in which services are reviewed. This policy is publicly available on Council's website and would be the basis for any potential changes to services on the basis of budget restrictions. This policy sets out the principles used to guide service reviews and clearly outlines that consultation will be undertaken with internal and external stakeholders that have a role in the delivery, funding, or receipt of the service.

1.7.3 Public Submissions

1.7.3.1 Planning Application – 550 Metung Road, Metung

Mr Patrick Carson addressed Council on the Planning Application at 550 Metung Road, Metung and spoke at item 5.1.1.

1.7.3.2 Planning Application – 550 Metung Road, Metung

Ms Jacqueline Kennon addressed Council on the Planning Application at 550 Metung Road, Metung and spoke at item 5.1.1.

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

08/01/24 - Following the tragic flooding event at Buchan on Boxing Day I, along with other Councillors, attended a recovery meeting at the Buchan Hall. In attendance were a number of agencies as well as community members and the aim of the meeting was to inform the community on what was happening to restore infrastructure and timelines for re-opening the area.

15/01/24 - I joined people from across the community in wishing departing Chief Executive Officer Anthony Basford farewell after five years in the position.

20/02/24 - I attended the Shire Australia Day Awards at the new facility at Eagle Point. Quite a number of people were present to witness our very worthy candidates presented and the eventual award winners. Well done to all involved.

26/01/24 - I had the honour of attending two events representing the Shire. The Paynesville event was supported by a big crowd and was very enjoyable. Congratulations to Paynesville Lions and Sea Scouts for the organisation and Gerry's band of musicians. Following that event, I attended the Twin Rivers event at Nicholson. While the turn out was smaller, it was still a very enjoyable get together. Once again, thank you to Twin Rivers for the organisation.

4.2 Cr Mendy Urie

Since our last meeting on 12 December 2023, it has been enjoyable to have somewhat of a break from Council activities over the summer period with briefings resuming 30 January 2023. I am sure many people have appreciated a milder summer than expected with reduced bushfire risk. However, some of our communities have been impacted by flash flooding and tragically, the loss of two lives in Buchan on Boxing Day as well as significant damage to Parks Victoria infrastructure. Council Officers have been heavily involved in recovery tasks in Buchan, as well as from a flooding event in Ensay.

It has been pleasing to see our communities busy with many locals and visitors enjoying all wonderful things East Gippsland has to offer over the summer break.

I was grateful that one of our Council Officers was able to join a short walk on Paynesville footpaths before Christmas to observe and record some areas in need of repair. Uneven or overgrown pathways provide challenges for people on foot (or in this case in a wheelchair). For me, this has provided a focus on the importance of regular maintenance of our pathways. I am also grateful to the community members who brought this to my attention, as a member of our Disability Advisory Committee to Council.

Also, just before Christmas break, I was provided with a tour of the newly completed Eagle Point Foreshore Hub. I have visited many times over the summer, and it is pleasing to see such strong interest in such a beautiful and valuable community asset, for current and future use.

On 15 and 16 January 2024, I attended farewell functions for our (now-former) Chief Executive Officer, Anthony Basford. A significant gathering of people from organisations outside Council as well as internal staff were provided with the chance to speak to and thank Anthony for his very significant contribution to East Gippsland during his five-year tenure.

Another Changemakers breakfast, facilitated by Nicola Watts, was held on 16 January 2024 and was a chance to connect with and hear from a range of people who are offering real and valuable opportunities in our communities. I love these discussions. I think they reflect really positive futures for our Shire.

The official opening of the Off the Wharf Café on Bullock Island on 24 January 2024 on a gorgeous summer morning was a great opportunity to appreciate this new and expanding destination which makes best use of the position with superb water and boat viewing but also (with Councillors Reeves and Allen and Acting Chief Executive Officer) to advocate to the Minister about our ongoing priorities.

There is a wonderful exhibition on at the Butter Factory Art Space. With a focus on our heating planet and the science behind it this exhibition, hosted by East Gippsland Climate Action Network, is a must-see for individuals who support our brilliant local artists as well as anyone who wants to find out more about this seriously urgent issue. I joined with quite a crowd of people for the opening on 25 January 2024. It will be on until 2 April 2024. Highly recommended.

4.3 Cr Jane Greacen OAM

December 2023

13/12/23 - I attended part of the Bairnsdale Basketball finals at the BARC, McKean St. They were exciting games – different age groups, male and female games. During the match there was a sudden severe rain event, that led to a number of leaks in the rooves over two of the courts. These were reported to relevant Council Officers with the expectation that repairs would be undertaken quickly. Also, discussions will commence with the new President, Daniel Miller, about the fact that these multipurpose courts are no longer sufficient, nor do they meet standards required to attract region-wide or national competitions.

14/12/23 - The East Gippsland Marketing Christmas Soiree was held at the Riversleigh. It was well attended and enjoyable. The Mayor and I left this event to attend the Bairnsdale Secondary College Awards held at the Riviera Christian Centre. This venue was packed. This is a very large school, and the awards celebrations were well orchestrated, and there were many proud award recipients and their families.

20/12/23 - A meeting with Dr Rob Phair and General Manager Assets and Environment about his concerns about active transport, safe bicycle routes and speed limits in residential areas. Rob will be invited to join the East Gippsland Road Safety Committee, where his experience and expertise will be welcome.

29/12/23 - I attended the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) Relief and Recovery Committee Meeting about the Buchan Boxing Day Storm. From this meeting, I contacted the GP clinics in the towns where Buchan community are likely to have their GP's and requested that they be prepared to respond to their Buchan patients who need help.

January 2024

02/01/24 - I visited Buchan and spent the morning at the Bush Nursing Centre discussing the flood event and its impact on the community. I was also taken to see a site that the town community had identified as their second most important priority – where they want to build a Nature Park and Pump Track. There are two purposes for this proposed park – to provide an alternate to the Buchan Caves Reserve for the young people of the town, and for tourists. Also, the towns people prefer this site to where Council has built public toilets and placed a children's playground at the other end of town.

07/02/24 - I visited Buchan again to attend their Buchan Bounce Back Event held at the oval. They had a great musician there from Rosedale who evidently played guitar and sang for 3 hours. The CFA came and cleaned off the pitch, and a cricket game kept many people entertained.

08/02/24 - I returned to Buchan to attend the Buchan Boxing Day Storm Community Update that was facilitated by Council. This was well attended, and we all heard from Parks, the local policeman, DEECA, Council and others. On the same day, I attended George Neophytou's burial at Paynesville. George had stood as a candidate for the most recent Council elections, was president of Newlands Arm Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc and the Romawi Landcare Group and was very active in the community. He established the Paynesville Swan's Facebook site, and he and Karen named every swan in Paynesville.

12/01/24 - I attended another Relief and Recovery Committee meeting – update on the Buchan flood event.

15/01/24 - The Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee met to initiate recruitment for our next CEO. On the same day, the Chief Executive Officer, Anthony Basford had his formal community farewell at the Riversleigh. It was well attended, and many plaudits for our excellent departing Chief Executive Officer.

16/01/24 - Changemaker Breakfast at the Stables. About 20 people attended to talk about different approaches to progressing change in East Gippsland. Facilitated by Dr Nicola Watts.

19/01/24 - Another Chief Executive Officer Remuneration and Employment Committee meeting.

20/01/24 - Council's 2024 Australia Day Awards Event Celebration was held at the Eagle Point Foreshore Hub. I was Acting Mayor. It was a great day and a great celebration, at a beautiful venue. The Bairnsdale Brass Band played on the lawn, and the flag raising ceremony was also held on the lawn – able to be seen by everyone from the deck of the building. The award nominees and winners are all extraordinary people who give so much to our world.

25/01/24 - The What's Their Future Art Exhibition was held at the Butter Factory on MacLeod Street Bairnsdale. There were good speeches and truly excellent art on display.

26/01/24 - I officiated as Acting Mayor for the Citizenship Ceremony at St Mary's Parish Centre. I love these events. They are so moving, and it is so good that people are making such a profound commitment to Australia, and that Australia is making an equally profound commitment to them. Because this event was held on 26 January, it was appropriate in my opinion to give some history of the terrible impact of the way Australia was colonised on the First Nations People of this country. Auntie Glenys Watts made a deep and strong speech in her Welcome to this Country speech.

February 2024

01/02/24 - I attended the Marina Consultative Committee.

02/02/24 - A wonderful yacht was in Lakes Entrance for a few days, on its way to Tasmania: the Arka Kinari. I went to have a look.

05/02/24 - The Mayor and I met with the Inspector-General of Emergency Management. This was very interesting, and he agreed to take back a message that State Government needs to provide the resources for addressing coastal inundation. He will be retiring in two weeks. I and other Councillors met with residents of Eastern Beach who are concerned about the proposed Krauatunglung Walk. The group presented some other options which may be more palatable to them. We hope to be able to reach agreement to the alignment of the walk as it will be a lovely walk on a beautiful shoreline.

06/02/24 - Some Councillors met with a local resident at Fort King Foreshore to talk about his concerns about how the foreshore was being managed, and some hoon behaviour in a couple of sites. A way forward to address mowing and minor works to place bollards and signage where cars have driven over the footpath onto lawn was discussed. Also, the Paynesville Foreshore Plan will be brought to Councillors for discussion. A lot of people who live in the houses on the foreshore reserve came out to talk with us.

On the same day we visited the East Gippsland Family History Group in Bairnsdale. Most impressive work being done there and great facilities for people to search their family history, or research material for writing books. They are in need East Gippsland Shire Council support.

Cr Tom Crook

Reporting Period: Up to 6th February 2024

During the reporting period, I, Cr. Tom Crook, have actively participated in various engagements and meetings, demonstrating a dedication to fostering community connections, collaborating regionally, and addressing significant issues impacting our area. Below are some highlights of my activities:

13.12.2023: Attended the Nowa Nowa transition group's Nature Tourism forum, where I engaged with the community and learned about their innovative ideas to drive future economic prosperity in the area.

14.12.2023: Met with Darren Chester to discuss the Council's capital works program and explored opportunities for collaboration. In the evening, I attended the East Gippsland Marketing - Christmas Soiree networking event, followed by the Bairnsdale Secondary College awards presentation night. I was deeply impressed by the school's inclusive environment and had the honour of presenting an award on behalf of the Council.

19.12.2023: Paid my respects at the funeral service for Richard Rijs, the founder of Patties Pies, in Lakes Entrance. The service was well attended, reflecting the impact of his contributions to the community.

20.12.2023: I held a meeting with Tim Bull to discuss various issues, with a focus on collaborative efforts to address local challenges.

8.1.2024: I toured Buchan to assess the damage and recovery efforts following a devastating storm and flooding. Engaged with community members to understand their needs and how the Council could provide support during the recovery process.

15.1.2024: Attended the farewell function for the departing Chief Executive Officer, Anthony Bashford, where I delivered a speech wishing him the best in his future endeavours.

16.1.2024: Participated in a breakfast gathering for East Gippsland Changemakers, emphasising the importance of community-driven initiatives.

18.1.2024: Participated in a briefing organised by the Rural Councils Victoria on the latest round of the national disaster-ready fund, underscoring our commitment to disaster preparedness and response.

30.1.2024: Recovered from a bout of illness caused by contracting COVID-19. Recorded a radio advertisement with TRFM on school crossing safety and supported the domestic violence phones program, which provides emergency communication for victims of domestic and family violence by collecting old mobile phones.

5.2.2024: Met with the Inspector General for Emergency Services and engaged with concerned community members from Lakes Entrance regarding the Krauatungalung Walk, demonstrating a proactive approach to addressing community concerns.

These engagements reflect my ongoing commitment to community engagement, partnership building, and addressing critical issues facing our region.

5 Officer Reports

5.1 Place and Community

Conflict of Interest

Cr John White, having declared a conflict of interest related to 5.1.1, left the meeting at 6.15 pm and was absent during the discussion on this item.

Request to Speak

Mr Patrick Carson
Ms Jacqueline Kennon

5.1.1 Planning Permit Application - 5.2018.32.3 - 550 Metung Road, Metung - Use and development of the land for racing dog husbandry (excluding racing dog training) - Amendment to permit

Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

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 5.2018.32.3 to amend Permit 5.2018.32.2 (formerly 32/2018/P/A) for Use and development of the land for racing dog husbandry (excluding racing dog training) at 550 Metung Road, Metung is inconsistent with the requirements and objectives of the East Gippsland Planning Scheme and therefore resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Amend a Permit by:**
 - including a second secure kennel building (shed) for up to 24 dogs (restricted by overall limit imposed by permit condition);**
 - modifying permit conditions 12 and 14 to permit increasing the number of dogs permitted from 16 to 34, excluding puppies up to 6 months of age; and**
 - revised landscape plan, management plan, and waste management plans to be considered;**

for the following reasons:

- a. the proposal is inconsistent with the planning policy framework, specifically 13.05 Noise and 13.07 Amenity, human health and safety;**
- b. the proposal is considered likely to increase amenity impacts on residents of the locality;**
- c. the proposal to expand the use and development is considered to be incompatible with adjoining and nearby sensitive land uses (residential development); and**
- d. the proposal is considered likely to increase negative effects on human health.**

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Mark Reeves

CARRIED

Attendance

Cr John White dialled back into the meeting at 6:54 pm.

5.1.2 Application for Planning Permit - Use and Development of a Solar Energy Facility - 910 Princes Highway, Bairnsdale

Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and***
- 2. provides a submission to the Minister for Planning in relation to the proposed use and development of a renewable energy facility and battery storage facility, utility installation and the removal of native vegetation at 910 Princes Highway, Bairnsdale, indicating support for the proposal with conditions as outlined in Attachment 1.***

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Mendy Urie

CARRIED

5.1.3 East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery Final Progress Report

Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this; and***
- 2. recognises the recovery activities outlined in the East Gippsland Bushfire Recovery Final Progress Report January 2024 (Attachment 1) and the significant role of community leadership and funding support from the Victorian and Commonwealth governments.***

Moved: Cr Mark Reeves

Seconded: Cr Trevor Stow

CARRIED

**5.1.4 Economic Development Advisory Committee Unconfirmed
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Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report.

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Trevor Stow

CARRIED

**5.1.5 Agricultural Sector Advisory Committee Council Briefing
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Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report.

Moved: Cr Sonia Buckley

Seconded: Cr John White

5.2 Chief Executive Officer

5.2.1 Interim Appointment to the Destination Gippsland Limited Board

Authorised by Chief Executive Officer

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report;***
- 2. authorises the interim appointment of Stuart McConnell as a Director on the Destination Gippsland Ltd Board;***
- 3. notes that a further report will be presented to Council, after the appointment of an ongoing Chief Executive Officer in relation to their appointment to the Destination Gippsland Ltd Board; and***
- 4. advises Destination Gippsland Ltd of Council's decision.***

Moved: Cr Trevor Stow

Seconded: Cr Arthur Allen

CARRIED

5.3 Assets and Environment

5.3.1 Capital Works and Major Projects - Quarter Two 2023/24

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Motion

That Council receives and notes the Capital Works and Major Projects (Landfill Rehabilitation Projects) Report 2023-24 for Quarter Two period ended 31 December 2023 and all attachments pertaining to this report.

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

CARRIED

6 Urgent Business

Nil

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 Mark Reeves

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest

Fiona Weigall Acting Chief Executive Officer, having declared a conflict of interest to Items 7.1 *Personnel Matter (1)* and 7.2 *Personnel Matter (2)*, left the Council Chamber at 7.44 pm.

Wayne Richards Acting General Manager Assets and Environment and Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community, having declared a conflict of interest to Item 7.1 *Personnel Matter (1)*, left the Council Chamber at 7.44 pm.

Attendance

All Officers left the Council Chamber at 7.44 pm.

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.44 pm

7 Confidential Business

7.1 Personnel Matter (1)

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 confidential because it contains personal information that would, if released, result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about personal affairs.

7.2 Personnel Matter (2)

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 discussed in this meeting is confidential because it contains personal information that if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about personal affairs.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 8.41 pm.

Attendance

Fiona Weigall Acting Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Richards Acting General Manager Assets and Environment, Stuart McConnell General Manager Place and Community and Officers returned to the Council Chamber at 8.41 pm.

8 Close of Meeting

Mayor Cr Tom Crook declared the Council Meeting closed at 8.42 pm