



Unscheduled Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 4:00 pm
Council Chambers (and by video conferencing)
East Gippsland Shire Council Corporate Centre
273 Main Street, Bairnsdale 3875



Acknowledgement of Country

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Council information

East Gippsland Shire Council live streams, records and publishes its meetings via webcasting (youtube.com/c/EastGippyTV) to enhance the accessibility of its meetings to the broader East Gippsland community.

These recordings are also archived and available for viewing by the public or used for publicity or information purposes. At the appropriate times during the meeting, any members of the gallery who are addressing the council will have their image, comments or submissions recorded.

No other person has the right to record Council meetings unless approval has been granted by the Chair.

In line with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Councillors are able to attend Council meetings electronically or in person and the meetings will be open to the public via livestreaming.

Members of the public are invited to view the Council Meeting livestreamed by following the link on Council's website or Facebook page.

Councillors

Cr Tom Crook (Mayor)
Cr Jane Greacen OAM (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Arthur Allen
Cr Sonia Buckley
Cr Mark Reeves
Cr Trevor Stow
Cr Mendy Urie
Cr Kirsten Van Diggele
Cr John White

Executive Leadership Team

Stuart McConnell Acting Chief Executive Officer
Wayne Richards Acting General Manager Assets and Environment
Fiona Weigall Acting General Manager Business Excellence
Martin Richardson Acting General Manager Place and Community

Purpose of Council meetings

- (1) Council holds scheduled meetings and, when required, unscheduled meetings to conduct the business of Council.
- (2) Council is committed to transparency in decision making and, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council and Delegated Committee meetings are open to the public and the community are able to attend.
- (3) Meetings will only be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66 of the Act, if:
 - (a) there are clear reasons for particular matters to remain confidential; or
 - (b) a meeting is required to be closed for security reasons; or
 - (c) it is necessary to enable the meeting to proceed in an ordinary manner.
- (4) A meeting closed to the public for the reasons outlined in sub-rule 3(b) or 3(c) will continue to be livestreamed. In the event a livestream is not available:
 - (a) the meeting may be adjourned; or
 - (b) a recording of the proceedings may be available on the Council website.

Governance Rules

A copy of East Gippsland Shire Council's governance rules can be found at
<https://www.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/council/council-policies>

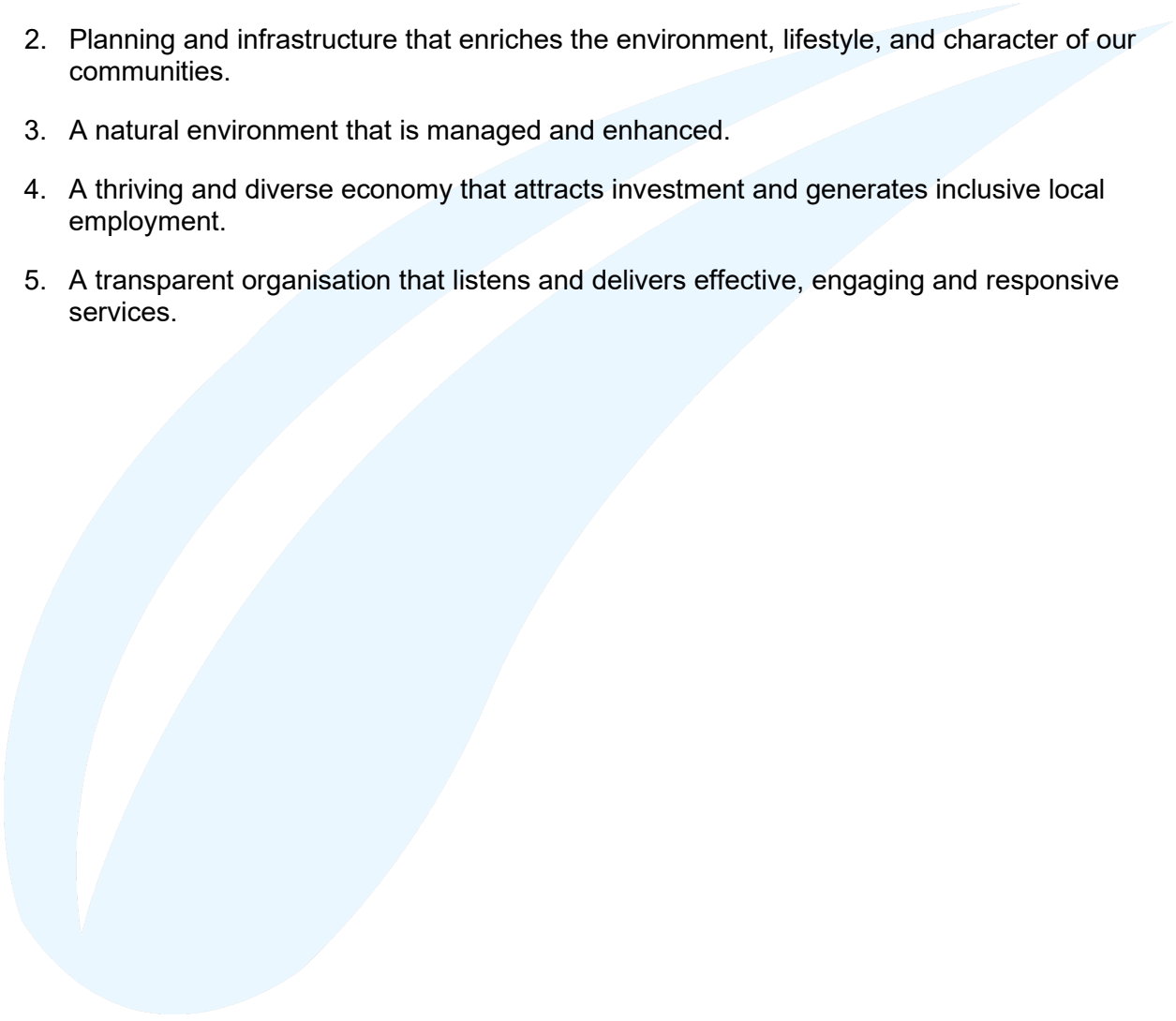
Councillors pledge

As Councillors of East Gippsland Shire Council, we solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will consider each item on this agenda in the best interests of the whole municipal community.

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

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1.2 Purpose of Meeting

In accordance with Rule 4.3 of East Gippsland Shire Council Governance Rules, Mayor Cr Tom Crook, in consultation with Councillors, has called an unscheduled Council meeting to consider an item relating to Council business.

Mayor Cr Tom Crook, as required under Rule 4.3 of East Gippsland Shire Council Governance Rules, has given notice on the Council website of the unscheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 4.00 pm.

1.3 Apologies

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

1.5 Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

2 Confidential Business

2.1

Personnel Matter

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.



3 Close of Meeting

