



Minutes

Council Meeting

Tuesday 30 April 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),
Sonia Buckley (Online), Mark Reeves, Trevor Stow, Mendy Urie (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

Cr Arthur Allen
Cr Kirsten Van Diggele

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion

That the minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 9 April 2024 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr John White

Seconded: Cr Mendy Urie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

1.5 Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 21 May 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

Nil

1.7.3 Public Submissions

Nil

Procedural Note

At this point in proceedings, Mayor Cr Tom Crook acknowledged Master Harper Wootton, Miss Charlotte Moore, and Miss Jade Smith from St Mary's Primary School who observed the meeting from the public gallery as part of their Rotary Junior Community Awards program. To acknowledge the student's participation in this community program, the Mayor presented them with a Council pin.

1.8 Items for Noting

Nil

2 Notices of Motion

Nil

3 Deferred Business

Nil

4 Councillor and Delegate Reports

4.1 Cr Jane Greacen OAM

10/04/24 - Meeting with TAFE Gippsland Chief Executive Officer Laura Macpherson and Board Chair Darren McCubbin.

General discussion about where TAFE Gippsland is engaged. Agreement that Council and TAFE Gippsland should meet regularly and engage with each other on matters such as workforce and economic development and how to drive demand and create supply – eg building construction, agriculture, local businesses. TAFE Gippsland has key performance indicators for social welfare – socially disadvantaged, and Koori.

150 people have engaged with TAFE Gippsland as result of transition out of native forest logging. There are emerging opportunities in the renewable energy sectors. As well as conservation and nature-based tourism.

They now have a Koori Advisory Committee.

10/04/24 - Preparing Australian Communities - Community Vulnerability Mapping Project by Gippsland Primary Health Network.

Looking at disaster ready funding and considering algorithms for using data (mainly Polar) for health outcomes. They have identified an organisation that will map the vulnerable cohort data.

14/04/24 - Opening of Metung Bowling Green. Delightful event - well attended.

15/04/24 - Discussion on New Energy.

16/04/24 - Affordable Housing project for Swifts Creek.

Cr Stow and I met with Duncan at Dynamic Windows. He described the progress being made for this venture which is for elderly people needing accommodation close to their people in Swifts Creek. It arose from Sue Carroll at the Bush Nurse Centre. There has been a lot of pro bono contribution from the big businesses in Bairnsdale. It is progressing well.

18/04/24 - Unashamedly Human Tale by Juliette Aukema at Forge Theatre.

19/04/24 - One Gippsland and Municipal Association of Victoria Gippsland Regional Meeting.

This meeting of the Gippsland Mayors was informal and information sharing.

- For example, evidently Minister Catherine King will not fund more than 50% of any project in Victoria, whereas other states she will go as high as 80:20.
- The new waste levies along with the 2.75% rate cap was considered unsustainable. There is concern about a new environmental overlay looking at potential contamination audits. There are 125 blocks impacted in Bass Coast.
- The Gippsland Regional Plan needs each Council to do it.
- Discussion about forestry transition – no information forthcoming. One issue is proposed expansion of plantations into farmland. This is a change in land use. Farmers are pushing back.

- VicGrid made a presentation about their role coordinating the transition infrastructure offshore – multiple businesses involved. Vic Grid was established 3 years ago. Their study area includes Traralgon to Loy Yang to Flynn's Creek to Willung to Gifford. They are looking to hide transmission lines in plantations and avoid major towns. 500,000 volts by the time gets to Latrobe Valley. This is more future proof. The infrastructure is very big and can be screened to some extent. They have not commenced talking with land holders yet about shore crossings. The actual path has not been determined yet. They are running alongside Basslink as much as possible. Corridor 2kms wide. It will take another 2 years of planning. Costs are \$1.5B if overhead, and \$4.5B underground. This is partly because overhead is steel and aluminium and can be supplied by locals, whereas underground is niche market cables that are imported. The infrastructure needs to be storm proof. The next 20 – 50 years is electrification of everything. It is not just about replacing coal.
- Supply chain issues – the whole world is doing this now and Australia needs to get in the queue.
- Wellington, South Gippsland and Latrobe Councils are meeting regularly about this – not specifically impacted by the transmission lines, but the supply chains and opportunities. The region as a whole, needs to benefit – direct community benefit. There is opportunity for income from transmission lines – in Europe they are paying \$10,000 per 100 mega volts.

20/04/24 - Bairnsdale 2050 Co-Design Workshop. Well attended, lively contribution from wide range of people.

23/04/24 - Paynesville Planning Scheme, meeting with Tom Camp and RESI Ventures. This meeting was to keep us informed of progress. They were pleased with their discussions and support from Council's Planning Department. They are wanting their development plan to run in parallel with Council's Planning Scheme amendments and rezoning the land.

24/04/24 - 2024 Nagle College ANZAC Event. Attended with Mayor Cr Tom Crook. A lovely event, well-orchestrated by the students. Very impressive.

25/04/24 - Lakes Entrance ANZAC Day event at the Cenotaph. Many hundreds of people attended, and the RAAF flew overhead at the right moment. Lovely ceremony.

26/04/24 - Outward Bound Snowy River. This event was to launch the reconstruction of the infrastructure that was lost during the fires at the Snowy River. Also, three new composting toilets. Outward Bound has had a presence at the Snowy River since the 1970s. They first established in 1956. I attended with the Hon. Darren Chester MP.

29/04/24 - Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network (GELLEN) 2024 Annual General Meeting. GELLEN is doing well with some programs attracting hundreds of participants.

29/04/24 - Leading Healthy Communities interview with Vic Health and the Municipal Association of Victoria. This is a series of interviews with Councillors (Cr Tom Crook and I) being run by Vic Health with the Municipal Association of Victoria. It is to ascertain the involvement of Local Government organisations with health and what could help.

4.2 Cr Mendy Urie

Bairnsdale 2050: It is pleasing to see the level of interest and input into this important project. I was delighted to host a kitchen table type event at home on 12 April 2024 as a way of inviting input from a group of people who may not usually engage through other means. Acting General Manager Place and Community was able to attend to provide expert information. Lots of positive feedback about the project and this method of small-group engagement (including cake).

I attended the final presentations of the very impressive MBX Downhill state competitions at Mount Taylor to represent Council on Sunday 14 April 2024. This very well attended event in perfect weather, it was a re-run from late last year when bad weather caused its cancellation (and lots of associated bookings from visitors). Huge credit to the local club and all their volunteers for achieving this most successful weekend, to the skilled and courageous riders and their ever-alert supporters and our Council Officers who worked hard to ensure the event could be run (Council also provided funding). Wonderful boost to many local businesses and this developing sport.

It was a pleasure to meet with Maria, Danny, Isabella, and Giordano in Lakes Entrance on Monday 15 April 2024. Visitors to our area and on a wonderful fundraising journey in their little Fiat 500 to raise money for Mercy Palliative Care. To help them reach their fundraising goal, head to <https://fundraise-mercyhealthfoundation.raisely.com/...>

In a week when there has been a lot of focus on the terrible incidents of gender-based violence around the country and a horrifying increase in the occurrence of intimate partner murders (worse for Indigenous women). I have had cause to reflect on our own Council role in this space. While I am currently on leave, on return I will seek a review of Council's current advocacy and gender-equality work and a discussion on how we can act more effectively.

4.3 Cr Mark Reeves

11/04/24 - The Health Minister, Mary-Anne Thomas, MP came to announce endoscopic funding of some \$2 million for Orbost Regional Health Services and the hospital. I was able to join this announcement. This is an important development and use of underutilised clinical facilities. It was also an opportunity to consider the impacts of any consolidation of health services across the region with an impending white paper on the matter at hand.

There was also an opportunity as Council to convey these views to Tom McIntosh, MP Upper House Member for Eastern Victoria at Council recently as well with his visit to the Chamber on 23 April 2024.

19/04/24 - Monash University School of Rural Health launched their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Framework at the Bairnsdale Campus. This important framework aims to focus on four pillars of impact including embedding indigenous ways of knowing into the science of medical knowledge.

20/04/24 – I attended an excellent co-design workshop on the 2050 Bairnsdale project. It was well attended and the method of managing convergent thinking was well facilitated.

24/04/24 - Included an online Orbost P13+ working group meeting. The intersection of Higher Education, Training, and Research is the opportunity for Orbost and District.

25/04/24 - ANZAC Day. I attended the Orbost RSL Dawn and 1100 am services. 400 people attended the dawn service, 100 joined the Orbost Club Hotel for a gunfire breakfast afterwards.

We congratulate the Orbost RSL Sub-Branch for their excellent organisation. Wing Commander Wayne Donchi, Orbost born, was the Australian Defence Force guest and spoke beautifully.

The final event for the day, which I was unable to attend, was a sunset service at the Jarrahmond Cenotaph memorial site.

5 Officer Reports

5.1 Business Excellence

5.1.1 Advertise Draft Budget 2024/25

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

1. *receives and notes this report and the attachment pertaining to this report;*
2. *advertises its draft Budget 2024/25 as provided at Attachment 1 (including the schedule of fees and charges) in accordance with section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020;*
3. *seeks community feedback on the draft Budget 2024/25 until 12 noon on Wednesday 29 May 2024;*
4. *notes the following declarations are proposed for formal adoption at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 6.00 pm:*
 - (a) *an amount of \$71,481,748 be declared as the amount that Council intends to raise by general rates, municipal charge and waste collection charges, which is calculated as follows:*

CATEGORY	INCOME
General Rate	\$39,924,272
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 5,797,064
Farm Rate	\$ 5,930,649
TOTAL RATES	<u>\$51,651,985</u>
 Municipal Charge	 \$ 8,185,716
 Waste Charges	
Waste Levy	\$ 1,656,582
Kerbside Waste/recycling collection (120 litre bin)	\$ 1,339,800
Kerbside Waste/recycling/green waste collection (120 litre bin)	\$ 8,482,384
Additional household waste bin	\$ 49,735
Additional Green/Recycling waste bin	\$ 5,124
Rural Waste Collection Charge	\$ 110,422
Total Waste Charges	<u>\$11,644,047</u>
 TOTAL CHARGES	 <u>\$19,829,763</u>
 TOTAL RATES AND CHARGES	 <u>\$71,481,748</u>

(b) The general rate be declared for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025:

i) It be further declared that subject to paragraph (iii) of this Part, the general rates be raised through the application of differential rates.

ii) The following rates in the dollar apply to property classifications:

Category	% of General rate	Rate in the \$
General/Residential Rate	100	0.00265479
Commercial/Industrial Rate	135	0.00358397
Farm Rate	75	0.00199110

iii) Differential rates apply to rateable properties with the following characteristics:

(a) General

General land is any land that is:

- **Used primarily for residential purposes; or**
- **Unoccupied but zoned Residential, Township or Rural Living under the East Gippsland Shire Council Planning Scheme; or**
- **Any land that is not defined as Farm Land or Commercial/Industrial Land.**

(b) Commercial and Industrial

Commercial and Industrial Land is any land used primarily for:

- **The manufacture, or production of, or trade in, goods or services; or**
- **Obviously adapted for the primary use of commercial or industrial purposes; or**
- **Occupied primarily for the purpose of service delivery for tourism leisure and/or accommodation; or**
- **Unoccupied but zoned Business, Industrial, Mixed Use, Special Use or Comprehensive Development Zone under the East Gippsland Shire Council Planning Scheme; or**
- **Conforming to East Gippsland Shire Council guidelines for the classification of property as Commercial/Industrial Land.**

(c) Farm Land

Farm land is defined as any land which:

- Is used primarily for a farming or agricultural business; and**
- Conforms to the definition of “farm land” as specified within the Valuation of Land Act 1960; and**
- Conforms to East Gippsland Shire Council guidelines for the classification of property as “farm land” as stipulated within East Gippsland Shire Council’s “Application for Farm Rate”; and**
- The ratepayer has Primary Producer status with the Australian Taxation Office and be located in a Farm Zone in accordance with Council’s planning scheme or have a permit from Council to operate a farming business.**

- iv) Council has determined that the application of a differential rate for Farm and Commercial/Industrial Land will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions.**
- v) Council has determined it will provide a rate rebate equivalent to \$64.19 to eligible properties in the ownership of pensioners who qualify for a Victorian Government approved pension rebate. This rebate is provided in accordance with section 169(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1989 and supports the development of the municipality in that it helps support pensioners to keep and stay in their own homes.**

(c) Municipal Charge

- i) A municipal charge be declared for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025.**
- ii) A municipal charge be declared for the purpose of covering some of the administrative costs of Council.**
- iii) The municipal charge be the sum of \$252.00 per each rateable property in respect of which a municipal charge can be levied.**

(d) Waste Levy Charge

- i) An annual service charge Waste Levy of \$51.00 be declared for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding 30 June 2025 to cover the increased costs levied by the Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills as well as the increased compliance costs required for the operation of landfills.**
- ii) The charge to be levied on each property to which a municipal charge is applied.**

(e) Waste Collection Charge

- 1. A charge for kerbside collection of waste with recycling, and for kerbside collection of waste with recycling and green waste, and a rural waste collection charge be declared for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025 as follows:**

Kerbside Waste/recycling collection (120 litre bin)	\$406.00
Kerbside Waste/recycling/green waste collection (120 litre bin)	\$464.00
Additional household waste bin	\$245.00
Additional Green/Recycling bin	\$183.00
Rural Waste Collection Charge	\$274.00

- (f) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to levy and recover the general rates, municipal charge, waste levy, kerbside waste with recycling collection charge, kerbside waste with recycling and green waste collection charge and rural waste collection charge as per section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989;**

- (g) Council allows the following payment options in accordance with section 167 of the Local Government Act 1989; and**

<i>In Full</i>	<i>Four Instalments</i>
<i>15 February 2025</i>	<i>30 September 2024</i>
	<i>30 November 2024</i>
	<i>28 February 2025</i>
	<i>31 May 2025</i>

- (h) Interest on unpaid rates and charges will be charged in accordance with section 172 of the Local Government Act 1989.**

Moved: Cr Mark Reeves
Seconded: Cr Sonia Buckley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.2 Advertise 10 Year Financial Plan and Four Year Revenue and Rating Plan

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and the attachment pertaining to this report;***
- 2. advertises its draft 10 Year Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2033/34 provided at Attachment 1;***
- 3. advertises its draft Four Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28 provided at Attachment 2; and***
- 4. seeks community feedback on the draft 10 Year Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2033/34 and the draft Four Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28 until 12 noon on Wednesday 29 May 2024.***

Moved: Cr Mark Reeves

Seconded: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
 Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.3 Finance Report Period Ended 31 March 2024

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and***
- 2. adopts the Finance Report for the nine-month period ended 31 March 2024, as outlined in Attachments 1 to 7.***

Moved: Cr Mendy Urie

Seconded: Cr Trevor Stow

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.4 Council Policies

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and the attachment pertaining to this report;***
- 2. adopts the Privacy Policy, as provided at Attachment 1; and***
- 3. rescinds the:***
 - a. Information Privacy Policy;***
 - b. Information Privacy Guidelines;***
 - c. Service Provision and Fire Danger Rating Policy;***
 - d. Access to Information (Record) Policy;***
 - e. After Hours On-Call / Callout Policy;***
 - f. Timber Encouragement Policy; and***
 - g. Drone (Remote Piloted Aircraft) Policy.***

Moved: ***Cr Trevor Stow***

Seconded: ***Cr Jane Greacen OAM***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
 Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.5 Election Period Policy

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report;*
- 2. adopts the updated Election Period Policy as presented at Attachment 1;*
- 3. notes that the Election Period Policy forms part of the Governance Rules as required under section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020; and*
- 4. notes that the amount referred to in section 4.2.1 of the Election Period Policy as being one per cent of Council's income from general rates, municipal charges, and service rates and charges for the 2023/24 financial year (being \$688,000) is a forecast amount only and if required, will be updated administratively following the end of financial year processes.*

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Mendy Urie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.6

Council Meeting Resolution Register

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

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

Moved: Cr Mark Reeves

Seconded: Cr Trevor Stow

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
 Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.7 Amendment to the Contents of East Gippsland Shire Council's Meeting Minutes

Authorised by Acting General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report;***
- 2. notes that the Chief Executive Officer has implemented an administrative change to the Council meeting minutes to record how Councillor's vote on each agenda item. As such, there is no need to amend the Governance Rules for this purpose; and***
- 3. notes that Council's Governance Rules will be revised in due course, informed by the model Governance Rules, once released, and as required by legislative reforms.***

Moved: Cr Mark Reeves

Seconded: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
 Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.2 Assets and Environment

5.2.1 Capital Works and Major Projects - Quarter Three 2023/24

Authorised by Acting 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 Three period ended 31 March 2024 and all attachments pertaining to this report.

Moved: Cr Trevor Stow

Seconded: Cr Mendy Urie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.2.2 CON2024 1627 Provision of Arboriculture - General Tree Services - Panel of Suppliers

Authorised by Acting General Manager Assets and Environment

Confidentiality Notice

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 **Confidential Attachment 1** to this report is confidential because it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.

Motion

That Council:

1. *receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report;*
2. *accepts the tendered Schedule of Rates for CON2024 1627 – Provision of Arboriculture – General Tree Services:*
 - *Batt Brothers Pty. Ltd. ATF Batt Family Trust trading as Batt Brothers Vegetation;*
 - *Management for categories A, B, C, D and E;*
 - *Drouin Tree Services Pty Ltd for categories A, B, C, D and F;*
 - *ENSPEC Pty. Ltd for category F;*
 - *Roots 2 Leaves Tree Services Pty Ltd for categories A, C, D, E and F;*
 - *TD Tree Services Pty Ltd for categories A, B, C and D;*
 - *Tonkin, Rachael Trading as Uber Abor Girl for category F;*
 - *Tree Limits Pty Ltd for categories A, B, C, D, E and F;*

for CON2024 1627 – Provision of Arboriculture – General Tree Services – Panel of Suppliers for a three-year term, as provided in Appendix 1 of Confidential Attachment 1;
3. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to finalise the terms and to sign the contract in the form proposed;*
4. *delegates the power to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the one extension option of twelve months, inclusive of annual CPI adjustment if the contractor has met all contractual requirements; and*
5. *resolves that Confidential Attachment 1 to this report and all discussions relating to that attachment remain confidential.*

Moved: **Cr Jane Greacen OAM**

Seconded: **Cr Mark Reeves**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
 Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.2.3 CON2024 1609 Road Safety Upgrades - Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance

Authorised by Acting General Manager Assets and Environment

Confidentiality Notice

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 **Confidential Attachment 1** is confidential because it contains private commercial information, which if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage by disclosing financial information to competitors.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes this report and all attachments pertaining to this report;***
- 2. accepts the tender submitted by Cranes Asphaltting & Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd for CON2024 1609 Road Safety Upgrades – Marine Parade, Lakes Entrance, for the contract amount of \$1,664,679.25 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.***

Moved: Cr Jane Greacen OAM

Seconded: Cr Mark Reeves

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Jane Greacen OAM, Cr Mark Reeves,
Cr Trevor Stow, Cr Mendy Urie and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

6 Urgent Business

Nil

7 Confidential Business

Nil

8 Close of Meeting

Mayor Cr Tom Crook declared the Council Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.