



Minutes

Council Meeting

Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 3:30 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 and John White

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 Purpose of Meeting

In accordance with Rule 4.3(3) of Council's Governance Rules, Fiona Weigall Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor Cr Tom Crook and Councillors, has called an unscheduled Council meeting to consider an item relating to Council business.

Fiona Weigall Chief Executive Officer, as required under Rule 4.3(6) of East Gippsland Shire Council Governance Rules, has given notice on the Council website of the unscheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 3.30 pm.

1.3 Apologies

Nil

1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

1.5 Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

2 Officer Reports

2.1 Business Excellence

2.1.1 Annual Financial Statements 2023/24 and Performance Statement 2023/24

Authorised by General Manager Business Excellence

Election Period Statement

The recommended decision is not a Prohibited Decision as defined in section 69(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, or a Major Decision as defined by Council's Election Period Policy.

Motion

That Council, having considered a recommendation from the East Gippsland Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. provides 'in principle' approval to the Financial Statements 2023/24 as provided at Attachment 1, subject to the Victorian Auditor - General's review;***
- 2. provides 'in principle' approval to the Performance Statement 2023/24 as provided at Attachment 2, subject to the Victorian Auditor - General's review; and***
- 3. appoints Councillors Tom Crook and Mark Reeves to certify the Financial Statements 2023/24 and the Performance Statement 2023/24 in their final form.***

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Mendy Urie

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

3 Close of Meeting

Mayor Cr Tom Crook declared the Council Meeting closed at 3.47 pm.