



Unconfirmed Minutes Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 6.00 pm

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

Councillors

Jodie Ashworth (Mayor), Tom Crook (Deputy Mayor), Arthur Allen, Sonia Buckley, Barry Davis, Joanne Eastman, Bernie Farquhar (Online), Ian Trevaskis, and John White

Attachments referenced in these minutes can be located in the meeting agenda on East Gippsland Shire Council's [website](#).

Vision

To foster inclusive, connected, communities and places where all East Gippslanders prosper, and endeavour not to leave anyone behind.

Our Strategic Themes

1. Community Wellbeing and Social Responsibility
2. Prosperity
3. Making the Most of What We've Got
4. Managing Council Well

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1 Procedural

1.1 Recognition of Traditional Custodians

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth welcomed all to the Council meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians.

East Gippsland Shire Council acknowledges the Gunaikurnai, Monero and Bidawel 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 values 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

Sarah Johnston, General Manager Business Excellence declared a conflict of interest in relation to items 5.1.2 CON2026 1794 - *Supply of Plant and Equipment for Emergency Response and Recovery Works*, and item 5.1.3 CON2026 1795 - *Supply and Delivery of Granular Pavement Materials*, as a general interest due to a family member connection with one of the tenderers.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Motion

That the minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 17 March and Unscheduled Council Meeting 31 March 2026 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Barry Davis

Seconded: Cr John White

Spoke for the motion: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

1.5 Next Meeting

The next scheduled Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19 May 2026 at the Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street Bairnsdale commencing at 6.00 pm.

1.6 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Procedural Note

At this point in proceedings, Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth acknowledged the following students who observed the meeting from the public gallery as part of their Junior Rotary Community Awards program:

- Evie Walsh from St Mary's Primary School;
- Milla Morgan from St Mary's Primary School;
- Arielle Halligan from St Mary's Primary School; and
- Francesco Villa from St Mary's Primary School.

To acknowledge their participation in this community program, the Mayor presented each student with a Council pin.

1.7 Condolences

1.7.1 Condolences

Motion

That Council notes the recent passing of Mrs. Phillipa (Pippa) Riley who was a partner in one of the local contracting businesses with whom Council has an ongoing association and extends its condolences to her family.

Moved: Cr Barry Davis

Seconded: Cr John White

Spoke for the motion: Cr Barry Davis, Cr John White and Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

1.8 Open Forum

1.8.1 Petitions

Nil

Procedural Note

Council acknowledges that a petition relating to the Bairnsdale Outdoor Pool has been received. As it was not received in time for inclusion in this agenda, the petition will be presented to the next available Council Meeting.

1.8.2 Questions of Council

Nil

1.8.3 Public Submissions

Nil

1.9 Items for Noting

Nil

2 Notices of Motion

Nil

3 Deferred Business

Nil

4 Councillor Delegate Reports

4.1 Cr Arthur Allen

17/03 - 21/04/26

20/03/26 - Opening of an Exhibition at the East Gippsland Art Gallery

24/03/26 - Official opening of Quest Apartments in Bairnsdale

25/03/26 - Immersive and Creative Summit at the Mechanics Hall, Lakes Entrance

27/04/26 - Due to adverse weather, I was unable to attend the Snowy River Campus end of term Community Learning Project presentation and the same weather system also caused the cancellation of the Noorinbee Harvest Festival.

11/04/26 - East Gippsland Field Days

4.2 Cr Jodie Ashworth

18 March 2026 - 21 April 2026

18/03/25 - Informal catch-up Paynesville Classic Boat Rally Committee

21/03/26 - Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance – Pink Patrol

23/03/26 - CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee Meeting

24/03/26 - Councillor Briefing Session

24/03/26 - Opening celebration for Quest Bairnsdale

25/03/26 - Career Expo

25/03/26 - Lincoln Place - Groundbreaking event

25/03/26 - Planning Consultation Meeting

27/03/26 - Creative Summit on Tour, Bairnsdale

27/03/26 - Meeting with Bairnsdale Senior Citizens Club

28/03/26 - Final Creative Summit

28/03/26 - Opening Australian Wood Design Exhibition

29/03/26 - Councillor Briefing Session & Unscheduled Council Meeting

07/04/26 - Councillor Briefing Session

10/04/26 - One Gippsland Local Government Meeting

11/04/26 - East Gippsland Field Days

12/04/26 - Visit to Friends of Paynesville Library Inc.

13/04/26 - Councillor Briefing Sessions

17/04/26 - Site Visit - Lakes Entrance

20/04/26 - Youth Ambassador Meeting

4.3 Cr Tom Crook

During the period covered between our most recent Council meeting and 21 April 2026, I have continued to fulfil my responsibilities and obligations as a Council member. This has included meeting with various community members to discuss matters of local importance.

I have also continued to support our Mayor and Councillor group by providing advice, assistance, and support on procedural and governance matters, helping to ensure we work effectively as a team for the benefit of the broader municipal community.

Key Activities and Engagements

23 March 2026

I attended the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee meeting to assist in setting the Key Performance Criteria for our CEO, Fiona Weigall. It was a productive

meeting, and the committee continues to work well collaboratively to ensure our organisational leadership is both accountable and appropriately supported.

24 March 2026

I attended the opening event for the Quest Apartments in Bairnsdale. The event was well attended and recognised the significance of the project as an important accommodation provider. The organisation also demonstrated a strong sense of local pride in their product and a commitment to developing partnerships with other local businesses.

25 March 2026

I attended a planning consultation meeting with the developer and objecting community members regarding Planning Application 5.2025.361.1 — *236 Bullumwaal Road, Wy Yung*. The application relates to the use and development of a medical centre, removal of vegetation, display of business identification signage, and the creation of access to a road within a Transport Road Zone 2.

28 March 2026

I attended the opening night of the Australian Wood Design Exhibition at the Orbost Arts Centre. This exhibition is the centrepiece of the Centre's annual program, celebrating the beauty and craftsmanship of contemporary wood design. It brings together talented exhibitors whose work showcases the richness of our region's timbers and the creativity of Australian makers.

It was pleasing to see continued support from local businesses and organisations, including the Orbost Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which sponsored ten awards judged by visiting experts in the field. Their involvement highlights the strong community spirit and shared appreciation for design and craftsmanship in our region. The Arts Centre has become a vibrant destination and an important visitor economy asset for Orbost.

13 April 2026

I attended the Australian Coastal Councils Association meeting as one of two Victorian representatives. Matters discussed included how councils are managing coastal hazard risks such as storm surge and coastal erosion. Of particular interest was the committee's work with the Federal Government to help develop a national coastal risk management framework.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the details available on Council's website.

4.4 Cr Joanne Eastman

17/03/ 2026 - 21/04/26

I joined Councillors across Australia at an excellent training webinar on understanding and managing finances in local government. The training was provided by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and held an excellent training session on what every Councillor should understand about Financial Sustainability and ensuring that Councils fund services from revenue, renew assets fast enough, have enough liquidity to manage shocks and use debt strategically for long life infrastructure. It stressed the importance of ensuring Councils run manageable deficits so that future communities don't have to pay for what we are benefiting from today, i.e. that what we do doesn't create intergenerational inequity.

Councillors and Officers met with the Bairnsdale Senior Citizens to discuss plans for upgrading their accommodation if the \$500,000 election promise is honoured. The Bairnsdale Senior Citizens are a very active group with more than 50 members and regular biweekly attendance of more than 40 people.

I attended the opening of the Australian Wood Design Exhibition at the Orbost Arts Centre with Mayor Ashworth and Councillor Crook and former Councillor Jane Greacen. What a credit to the hardworking artists and volunteers the Art Centre is, with its exceptional permanent displays. The quality of the pieces in the exhibition was outstanding, and it was wonderful to see so many young artists entering their pieces.

I attended the Symposium on Land Management and Fire Risk at the end of March. The Symposium was held to launch John Mulligan's book 'Our Mismatched Forests'. John is a long-time observer and historian of the bush and has been actively involved in bushfire management policy through the East Gippsland Wildfire Taskforce. The Symposium brought together a number of interesting speakers including Russell Mullett (how pollen cores show the changes in structure since European settlement and the increasing flammability of forests as eucalypts have become more prolific), Ian Cane, (deteriorating forests structures and impact on forest health, and the rapid expansion of invasive species such as gorse and the need to act before it is too late) and Melina Bath (importance of forests to Gippslanders, and the impacts on community safety and rural and remote settlements with the inexcusable loss of front line workers in forested areas like East Gippsland).

The Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (OVIC) is running a series of sessions on information access. I attended a very interesting webinar on the importance of proactive and informal release of information in building trust. The session looked at transparency obligations under public transparency policy and principals. The importance of decision-making processes being transparent and council information being clear, understandable, accessible to the community and publicly available was stressed. It also reiterated the limited exceptions that apply for information to be declared confidential and the times when even confidential information can be made publicly available. It also stressed how redactions should be used only as strictly necessary to facilitate release.

The Shire's stand at the East Gippsland Field Days was excellent and had a constant stream of interested visitors, eager to talk about different aspects of Shire work. The free vouchers for a family session at the Indoor Pool were a unique touch and sparked quite a bit of animated conversation from visitors.

4.5 Cr John White

17/03/2026 - 21/04/2026

I attended all briefings, Council Meeting and Unscheduled Council Meeting. Also gave time to be on Council stand on Friday morning at the East Gippsland Field Days.

5 Officer Reports

5.1 Assets and Environment

5.1.1 Addition of Roads to Council's Register of Public Roads

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Motion

That Council:

- 1. declares the sections of road listed below as Public Road and be added to Council's Register of Public Roads under the classifications shown;**

Road Name	Locality	Land Tenure	Principle Places of Residence	Approx. length (Km)	Classification
Beynons Road	Ellaswood	Road Reserve	2	0.530	Rural Access Major
Ocean View Parade	Lakes Entrance	Road Reserve	1	0.050	Urban Access Major

- 2. determines not to add the below listed roads to the Register of Public Roads; and**

Road Name	Locality	Land Tenure	Principle Places of Residence	Approx. length (Km)	Classification
Kookaburra Lane	Cobungra	Road Reserve	0	3.072	N/A
Private Access Estourts Road (Yellow Waterholes Creek Road)	Buchan	Road Reserve	0	0.792	N/A

- 3. authorises Council's Register of Public Roads to be updated accordingly as required by the Road Management Act 2004.**

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke for the motion: Cr Arthur Allen

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.1.2 **CON2026 1794 - Supply of Plant and Equipment for Emergency Response and Recovery Works**

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Confidentiality Notice

The information contained in the Confidential Attachment 1 – **Contract Award Summary and Attachments 2, 3 and 4 – Tender Evaluation Report (CON2026 1794 Supply of Plant and Equipment for Emergency Response and Recovery Works)** and Appendix 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 includes financial and commercial information, the disclosure of which would unreasonably expose the businesses to disadvantage, including by revealing information to competitors.

Conflict of Interest

Sarah Johnston General Manager Business Excellence, having declared a conflict of interest in relation to items 5.1.2 and 5.1.3, left the meeting at 6.17 pm and was absent during the discussion on these items.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. accepts the tenders submitted by the nominated suppliers and endorses the establishment of a panel of suppliers for Contract CON2026 1794 Supply of Plant and Equipment for Emergency Response Recovery Works, for the tendered Schedule of Rates (exclusive of GST) as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1 and 2, for an initial term of three years, inclusive of annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments, comprising the following panel:**
 - a. Bairnsdale Road Services Pty Ltd**
 - b. BATT Brothers Pty Ltd trading as Batt Brothers Vegetation Management**
 - c. Middleton Lee Pty Ltd trading as CAL Civil**
 - d. Brunts Harvesting Pty Ltd trading as Cann Quarries**
 - e. D&L High Country Earthworks Pty Ltd**
 - f. LJ & J Holdings Pty Ltd trading as Eastern Vegetation Contracting**
 - g. Flannagan Contracting Pty Ltd**
 - h. Goldsmith Civil & Environmental Pty Ltd**
 - i. Ground Technique Pty Ltd**
 - j. Jamie V Ingram Pty Ltd**
 - k. Orbost Civil & Civic Pty Ltd**
 - l. Riley Earthmoving Proprietary Limited**
 - m. Tree Limits Pty Ltd**
 - n. Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd**
 - o. C&D Willox Pty Ltd trading as Willox Earthmoving & Transport Bairnsdale**
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to exercise two contract extension options, each for a period of up to twelve months, inclusive of annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments, at Council's sole discretion;**
- 3. notes that engagement of suppliers from the panel will occur on an as-needed basis, with selection determined at the time of engagement based on the combination of supply and cartage rates that represents best value for Council for each specific application, in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy provisions for panel arrangements;**
- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to finalise the terms of and to execute the necessary contract documents;**
- 5. notes that the successful tenderers and contract details will be published on Council's website following execution of the contract documents and after unsuccessful tenderers have been formally notified; and**
- 6. resolves that the Confidential Attachments to this report and all discussions relating to them remain confidential.**

Moved: Cr Ian Trevaskis

Seconded: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke for the motion: Cr Barry Davis, Cr Ian Trevaskis and Cr John White

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White
Against: Nil
Abstained: Nil

5.1.3 CON2026 1795 - Supply and Delivery of Granular Pavement Materials

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Confidentiality Notice

The information contained in **Confidential Attachment 1 – Contract Award Summary and Attachment 2 – Tender Evaluation Report (CON 2026 1795 Supply and Delivery of Granular Pavement and Quarry Rock Materials)** 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 includes detailed tender evaluation and pricing information, the disclosure of which would unreasonably expose the businesses to disadvantage.

Motion

That Council:

1. *accepts the tenders submitted by the nominated suppliers and endorses the establishment of a panel of suppliers for Contract CON2026 1795 – Supply and Delivery of Granular Pavement and Quarry Rock Materials, for the tendered Schedule of Rates (exclusive of GST) as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1 and 2, for an initial term of three years, inclusive of annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments, comprising the following panel:*
 - a. *Bairnsdale Road Services Pty Ltd*
 - b. *Brunts Harvesting Pty Ltd trading as Cann Quarries*
 - c. *CASACIR Pty Ltd*
 - d. *D&L High Country Earthworks Pty Ltd*
 - e. *Eastern Quarries Pty Ltd*
 - f. *J&B Skeen Pty Ltd*
 - g. *Jamie V Ingram Pty Ltd*
 - h. *Orbost Civil & Civic Pty Ltd*
 - i. *Bairnsdale Quarries Pty Ltd ATF Bairnsdale Quarries Trust*
 - j. *Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd*
2. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to exercise two contract extension options, each for a period of up to twelve months, inclusive of annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments, at Council’s sole discretion;*
3. *notes that engagement of suppliers from the panel will occur on an as-needed basis, with selection determined at the time of engagement based on the combination of supply and cartage rates that represents best value for Council for each specific application, in accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy provisions for panel arrangements;*
4. *authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to finalise the terms of and to execute the necessary contract documents including any additional clauses required to include a fuel and petroleum product price adjustment mechanism;*
5. *notes that the successful tenderers and contract details will be published on Council’s website following execution of the contract documents and after unsuccessful tenderers have been formally notified; and*
6. *resolves that the Confidential Attachments to this report and all discussions relating to them remain confidential.*

Moved: Cr Sonia Buckley

Seconded: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke for the motion: Cr Sonia Buckley and Cr Barry Davis

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

Attendance

Sarah Johnston General Manager Business Excellence returned to the Council Chamber at 6.30 pm.

5.1.4 Fuel Price Adjustment - Variation to Various Contracts to Address Fuel Price Risk

Authorised by General Manager Assets and Environment

Confidentiality Notice

The information contained in the **Confidential Attachment 1** is confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it relates to: (a) Council Business Information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations, if prematurely released.

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 if released, the information discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item may compromise contract negotiations that are likely to be necessary in response to the current fuel price impacts.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. notes the significant impact fuel price increases may have contract service delivery and project completion (continuity), and on the viability of, and employment provided by, local contractors;*
- 2. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to vary existing capital contracts to include a fuel and petroleum product price adjustment mechanism, where this is assessed as being in the best interests of Council or the wider East Gippsland community;*
- 3. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to vary existing operational contracts to include a fuel and petroleum product price adjustment mechanism, or vary existing adjustment mechanisms, where this is assessed as being in the best interests of Council or the wider East Gippsland community;*
- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make a public statement, if required, in relation to Council's position and response to fuel price impacts on contracts and service delivery;*
- 5. provides confidential updates to Council on an at least a monthly basis that document the contracts to which a fuel and petroleum product price adjustment mechanism has been introduced; and*
- 6. resolves that Confidential Attachment 1 to this report and all discussions relating to it remain confidential.*

Moved: Cr Arthur Allen

Seconded: Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke for the motion: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Joanne Eastman and Cr Sonia Buckley

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.2 Business Excellence

5.2.1 S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation Planning and Environment Act 1987

Authorised by General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council:

- 1. in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, resolves that Karl Tracksdorf Strategic Planner be appointed as an Authorised Officer for the purposes of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the regulations made under that Act;*
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to remake and execute the S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation to reflect the above changes to Authorised Officers; and*
- 3. notes that the Instrument will come into force immediately following resolution of Council and will remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it, or until the Officer ceases to be employed by East Gippsland Shire Council.*

Moved: Cr Barry Davis

Seconded: Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke for the motion: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.2.2 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

Authorised by General Manager Business Excellence

Motion

That Council notes the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held Monday 23 February 2026, as presented at Attachment 1.

Moved: Cr Joanne Eastman

Seconded: Cr Arthur Allen

Spoke for the motion: Cr Joanne Eastman and Cr Arthur Allen

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.3 Place and Community

5.3.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C165egip - Corrections Amendment (Adoption)

Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council:

- 1. adopts Amendment C165egip with post exhibition changes, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 4, in accordance with section 29 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;*
- 2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to submit adopted Amendment C165egip as per Attachment 1 together with prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;*
- 3. having formally considered all written submissions received to Amendment C165egip, notes the issues raised by the submissions and the officer's response to those issues, as outlined in Attachment 3; and*
- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to advise those persons who made written submissions to Amendment C165egip of Council's decision.*

Moved: Cr Sonia Buckley

Seconded: Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke for the motion: Cr Sonia Buckley and Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook, Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

5.3.2 Agriculture Sector Advisory Committee Unconfirmed Minutes 26 February 2026

Authorised by General Manager Place and Community

Motion

That Council receives and notes the Unconfirmed Minutes from the Agricultural Sector Advisory Committee (ASAC) meeting held on 26 February 2026.

Moved: Cr Joanne Eastman

Seconded: Cr Barry Davis

Spoke for the motion: Cr Joanne Eastman

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

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 Barry Davis

Spoke for the motion: Nil

Spoke against the motion: Nil

Closed the debate: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: Cr Arthur Allen, Cr Jodie Ashworth, Cr Sonia Buckley, Cr Tom Crook,
Cr Barry Davis, Cr Joanne Eastman, Cr Bernie Farquhar, Cr Ian Trevaskis and
Cr John White

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

The meeting was closed to the public at 7.00 pm.

7 Confidential Business

7.1 Planning Matter

The information contained in this report is confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* because it relates to: (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released; (c) Land Use Planning Information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values; and (e) Legal Privileged Information, being information to legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

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 could compromise the integrity of compulsory acquisition processes, prejudice Council's commercial and legal position, and encourage speculative behaviour in the land market.

7.2 Contract Matter

The information contained in this 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, 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 could impact a contractor.

8 Close of Meeting

Mayor Cr Jodie Ashworth declared the Council Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.