

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 19 August 2026



Council Chambers, Leongatha
Commenced at 2:00 PM



*South Gippsland
Shire Council*

OUR COUNCIL PLAN VISION STATEMENT

Our South Gippsland community is connected, resilient and empowered. We value our unique townships, our rural and coastal landscapes, while balancing growth.

A prosperous region, we draw strength from: visitor experience, emerging and creative industries, our agricultural sector and natural environment. We lead with purpose, are forward thinking, and deliver consolidated and sustainable services for our community.

The Council Agenda relates to the following Strategic Objectives of the Council Plan 2025-2029.



Leading with Integrity



Developing a Sustainable Future



Empowering Communities

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Allison Jones
Chief Executive Officer

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PRESENT

COUNCILLORS:	<i>Coastal Promontory Ward</i> Councillor Steve Finlay Councillor Scott Rae Councillor Sarah Gilligan <i>Strzelecki Ward</i> Councillor Nathan Hersey, Mayor Councillor John Kennedy Councillor Bron Beach <i>Tarwin Valley Ward</i> Councillor Brad Snell, Deputy Mayor Councillor John Schelling Councillor Clare Williams
NOT PRESENT:	
OFFICERS:	Allison Jones, Chief Executive Officer Taryn Macfarlane, Acting Executive Director Strategy and Integrity Lucas Gardiner, Executive Director Empowering Communities David Fice, Executive Director Infrastructure Sustainability Rhys Matulis, Manager Governance and Integrity Jodi Cumming, Coordinator Governance Ally Low, Governance Officer Thomas Hender, Senior Technology Support Officer Scott Johnstone, Technology Support Officer

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. LIVE-STREAMING COUNCIL MEETING DISCLAIMER

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Today's Meeting is being streamed live as well as recorded and published on Council's website.

Thank you

1.2. WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

Public Questions

In accordance with Council's *Governance Rules, clause 57.6 the submission of agenda public questions has now closed. Questions must be received by Council, 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting. Questions received within 24 hours of the commencement of the Meeting will be considered at the next Council Meeting.*

1.3. OPENING PRAYER

As we gather here from diverse backgrounds and beliefs, may we hold privilege with good care and trust. As we deliberate and discuss, may we be wise in our discernment, fair in our decisions and visionary in our planning. May we be guided by our common goal of a strong and united South Gippsland.

The Opening Prayer was read by Councillor Snell

1.4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

We acknowledge the Bunurong and Gunaikurnai people as the Traditional Custodians of South Gippsland and pay respect to their Elders, past, present, and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture, and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

The Acknowledgment of Traditional Custodians was read by Councillor Beach

1.5. APOLOGIES

Nil

1.6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the South Gippsland Shire Council Meeting held on 15 July 2026 in the Council Chambers, Leongatha be confirmed.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Gilligan

SECONDED: Councillor Beach

That the Minutes of the South Gippsland Shire Council Meeting held on 15 July 2026 in the Council Chambers, Leongatha be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR COUNCILLORS

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Division 2 sets out the requirements relating to declaring a Conflict of Interest. Disclosure of a conflict of interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting is required under section 130(1)(a) and specifically applies to a relevant person being a Councillor, member of a delegated committee who is not a Councillor and a member of Council staff.

Council's Governance Rules, Chapter 5 – Clause 2 - Disclosure of a Conflict of Interest at a Council Meeting sets out the prescribed manner required to disclose a conflict of interest at South Gippsland Shire Council.

Council's Governance Rules require a Councillor and/or staff member who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at a Council Meeting to announce before the matter is considered and disclose this in a written notice to the Chief Executive Officer. The details included in the disclosure, explain the nature of the conflict of interest, whether it is classified as general or material (s.127 and s.128), the name of the relevant person(s) and their relationship to them.

Failure to comply with disclosures of conflict of interest (s.130) may be subject to penalty points and/or other disciplinary measures depending on the nature of the conflict.

The *Local Government Act 2020* can be accessed from the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary documents website at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

Council's Governance Rules can be accessed from [Council's Policies](#) webpage.

Councillor John Schelling has declared a material Conflict of Interest for Agenda Item 5.3 Proposed Lease - Part 80 Lewis Street Port Welshpool, as the subject matter relates to his employer at Evans Petroleum.

1.8. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR STAFF

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Division 2 sets out the requirements relating to declaring a Conflict of Interest. Disclosure of a conflict of interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting is required under section 130(1)(a) and specifically applies to a relevant person being a Councillor, member of a delegated committee who is not a Councillor and a member of Council staff.

Council's *Governance Rules, Chapter 5, clause 6, 7 and 8* sets the prescribed manner required for staff to disclose a conflict of interest when:

- Preparing Reports for Meetings
- Exercise of Delegated Power
- Exercise of a Statutory Function

Council staff must immediately upon becoming aware of a conflict of interest provide a written notice to the Chief Executive Officer disclosing the conflict of interest, explain the nature of the conflict and how it will be managed. Upon becoming aware and declaring a conflict of interest, a staff member may not exercise a power or perform a function in the matter. All prepared reports will record that staff member(s) have considered a conflict of interest and include if any, the details of a disclosure.

Failure to comply with disclosures of conflict of interest (s.130) may be subject to penalty points and/or other disciplinary measures depending on the nature of the conflict.

The *Local Government Act 2020* can be accessed from the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary documents website at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

Council's *Governance Rules* can be accessed from [Council's Policies](#) webpage.

Nil

2. AGENDA PUBLIC QUESTIONS

2.1. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Petitions and Joint Letters are written requests that have been signed by a number of community members. According to the *Governance Rules Division 9 - clause 58 – Petitions and Joint Letters*, members of the community may submit a valid petition or joint letter to a Councillor or to Council addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

The Councillor presenting the petition or joint letter is responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with the contents and purpose of the petition or joint letter and that it does not contain language disrespectful to Council.

The requirements of the lead petitioner are detailed in the *Governance Rules*, available on Council's website.

Nil

2.2. ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS AGENDA PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answers to previous questions taken on notice at a former Council Meeting, may be included in the Minutes of this Meeting or alternatively responded to as a customer request inline with Council's *Customer Service Charter* and *Governance Rules*, available on Council's website.

Background material submitted with a question will not be recorded in the Council Meeting minutes.

Nil

2.3. SUBMITTED AGENDA PUBLIC QUESTIONS

All community member questions for Council Meetings are to be written and submitted 24 hours prior to the commencement of a Council Meeting to allow time for a response to be prepared. Reasonable efforts will be made to answer pre-submitted questions at the Meeting. Any question received after the closing time of 24 hours prior to the commencement of a Council Meeting, will be held over to the next scheduled Council Meeting.

When further time is required to prepare an answer, questions may be taken-on-notice and responses will be included in the minutes of the next Council Meeting or alternatively responded to as a customer request in line with Council's *Customer Service Charter* and *Governance Rules*, available on Council's website.

At the Meeting, the person submitting the question(s) may have the option to read out their question(s) and will be recorded in the minutes. Questions may not be allowed where the question(s) is deemed to be:

- is not relevant to any Council agenda topic
- relates to a matter outside the duties, functions and powers of Council;
- is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance;
- deals with a subject matter already publicly answered; or is repetitious or vexatious questions from the same *Questioner*;
- is aimed at embarrassing a Councillor or a member of Council staff;
- relates to personnel matters; personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- industrial matters; contractual matters; proposed developments; legal advice; law enforcement matters; or
- relates to confidential information as defined under the Act; or
- relates to matters affecting the security of Council property;
- is illegible, vague, not make sense or not be a question;
- relates to council business information and operational matters not specific to Council meeting agenda topics; and/or
- relates to any other matter which Council considers would prejudice Council or any person

A person may submit up to three (3) questions, this includes a combined total of three (3) questions for related parties or groups. The total word count of all questions submitted is to be 200 words or fewer. Background material submitted with a question will not be read out or recorded in the Council Meeting minutes.

The CEO, in consultation with the Mayor, may decide not to refer a question to a Council Meeting if there is a more appropriate way to respond. Questions and responses may be read out by the Chair or a nominated Councillor or Council staff.

Public question time in the agenda will not exceed 15 minutes in duration, unless extended by a further 15 minutes by a resolution of Council.

Nil

3. NOTICES OF MOTION AND/OR RESCISSION

3.0. NIL

4. URGENT BUSINESS

Normally no motion should be debated by Councillors unless the matter is already included as an item on the Agenda. However, in some circumstances it is possible to raise urgent motions.

Council's *Governance Rules 2020, clause 23 - Urgent Business*, allows for where a situation has not been provided for under the *Governance Rules*, the Council may determine the matter by resolution. Established practice has provided for urgent motions to be raised at Council provided the matter cannot be dealt with at the next Council Meeting or by Officers under delegation.

It is necessary for the Councillor wishing to raise a matter of urgent business to raise a motion similar to the following:

'That consideration of (the issue) be dealt with as a matter of urgent business and Councillor....be allowed a 'short period' to indicate the reason(s) why the matter should be considered as a matter of urgent business.' If the Chairperson accepts the motion as meeting the urgent business criteria, normal meeting procedures in Council's *Governance Rules 2020, clause 23* will apply.

If the motion to accept the item as a matter of urgent business is passed by Council, the motion relating to the specific issue can then be put and debated in the normal way.

Nil

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

5.1. ACCESS AND INCLUSION ACTION PLAN - FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Directorate:	Empowering Communities
Department:	Community, Customer and Visitor

Council Plan

Theme - Empowering Communities

An Access and Inclusion Action Plan (the Plan) aims to ensure that all people have access to necessary services and supports. The Plan assists Council achieve its Council Plan strategic themes of Leading with Integrity, Developing a Sustainable Future and Empowering Communities and supports actions within the South Gippsland Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the draft South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (the Plan) for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan 2026 to 2030 (Attachment [5.1.1]);
2. Writes to all submitters and thank them for their contribution to the South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Snell

SECONDED: Councillor Beach

That Council:

1. **Adopts the South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan 2026 to 2030 (Attachment [5.1.1]);**
2. **Writes to all submitters and thank them for their contribution to the South Gippsland Access and Inclusion Action Plan.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directorate:	Infrastructure Sustainability
Department:	Infrastructure Planning

Objective – Sustainable Growth



RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Gilligan

SECONDED: Councillor Schelling

That Council notes that the road discontinuance and proposed sale proposal at rear of 93 Lees Road, Venus Bay no longer proceeds, and the applicant will be advised of the conclusion of this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directorate:	Infrastructure Sustainability
Department:	Infrastructure Planning

Council ensures appropriate land management processes are undertaken.

This purpose of this report is to consider a submission that was received from the community engagement process and to determine if Council is to lease crown land that it manages, to Evans Petroleum for the purposes of fuel lines and tank at part 80 Lewis Street Port Welshpool. Refer to **Figure 1**.

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises in accordance with s.115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the lease of an area of land 851m² situated at 80 Lewis Street Port Welshpool (shown in Figure 1) being part crown allotment 35G section B parish of Welshpool to Evans Petroleum Pty Ltd for 21 years with a rental of \$15,000 per annum plus GST with CPI annually and market reviews every five years for the purposes of fuel lines and tank; and
2. Writes to the submitter in Confidential Attachment [10.1.1] indicating Council's decision and of the reason for that decision, that the fuel lines are to be installed underground and will therefore not impede parking, access or amenity in the vicinity of the site.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Rae

SECONDED: Councillor Gilligan

That Council:

1. **Authorises in accordance with s.115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the lease of an area of land 851m² situated at 80 Lewis Street Port Welshpool (shown in Figure 1) being part crown allotment 35G section B parish of Welshpool to Evans Petroleum Pty Ltd for 21 years with a rental of \$15,000 per annum plus GST with CPI annually and market reviews every five years for the purposes of fuel lines and tank; and**
2. **Writes to the submitter in Confidential Attachment [10.1.1] indicating Council's decision and of the reason for that decision, that the fuel lines are to be installed underground and will therefore not impede parking, access or amenity in the vicinity of the site.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Schelling returned to the meeting 2:14PM**5.4. 2025/26 BUDGET CARRY FORWARDS TO 2026/27**

Directorate:	Strategy and Integrity
Department:	Financial Strategy

Council Plan

Theme - Leading with Integrity

This update regarding 2025/26 Carry Forwards provides communication to the community and Council regarding projects or programs not fully completed on 30 June 2026 and assists to ensure Council's continued commitment to deliver on these initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council consideration to carry forward funds to enable the completion of key strategic projects and initiatives that are both capital and operating in nature and span multiple years.

Capital Works completion rates were high in 2025/26 with \$20.1 million of the program delivered, representing an impressive 93% completion of the original adopted budget figure (\$21.7 million) and 82% of the revised program (\$24.6 million), with over 42 capital projects completed at year-end.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the carry forward of operating funds of \$1.57 million (net) to 2026/27;
2. Endorses the carry forward of capital items of \$3.389 million (net) to 2026/27 to enable delivery of the committed Capital Works Program;
3. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$0.6 million (net) from the Carry Forward Projects Reserve to 2026/27 as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93);
4. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$0.057 million from accumulated surplus to the Asset Development Reserve as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93); and
5. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$3.577 million from the Carry Forward Projects Reserve to the Asset Development Reserve as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93).

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Beach
SECONDED: Councillor Gilligan

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the carry forward of operating funds of \$1.57 million (net) to 2026/27;**
- 2. Endorses the carry forward of capital items of \$3.389 million (net) to 2026/27 to enable delivery of the committed Capital Works Program;**
- 3. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$0.6 million (net) from the Carry Forward Projects Reserve to 2026/27 as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93);**
- 4. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$0.057 million from accumulated surplus to the Asset Development Reserve as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93); and**
- 5. Endorses the transfer of funds of \$3.577 million from the Carry Forward Projects Reserve to the Asset Development Reserve as per the Financial Reserves Policy (C93).**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5. SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL PARKING INFRINGEMENT FEES

Directorate:	Empowering Communities
Department:	Community, Health and Safety

Council Plan

Theme – Lead with Integrity

The proposed parking fees align with the Council Plan's commitment to financial sustainability, while also supporting equitable access to parking for all members of the community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council resolution to set the penalty for specified parking infringements at 0.5 penalty units, in place of the prescribed baseline of 0.2 penalty units, maintaining consistency with the penalty rates applied in previous years.

Under section 87(4) of the *Road Safety Act 1986 (Vic)*, Council may increase penalties for certain parking infringements from 0.2 to 0.5 penalty units. Any increase above 0.2 penalty units requires a Council resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves, pursuant to section 87(4) of the *Road Safety Act 1986 (Vic)*, to set the penalty amount for all 0.2 penalty unit offences to the maximum 0.5 penalty units.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Schelling

SECONDED: Councillor Rae

That Council resolves, pursuant to section 87(4) of the *Road Safety Act 1986 (Vic)*, to set the penalty amount for all 0.2 penalty unit offences to the maximum 0.5 penalty units.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.6. MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL MOTIONS - OCTOBER 2026

Directorate:	Strategy and Integrity
Department:	Regional Partnerships

Council Plan

Theme - Leading with Integrity

The report aligns with Strategy 1.6 in the 2025 – 2029 Council Plan: To partner with our community to advocate for our shared interests to the Victorian and Australian governments.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to submit a Motion for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting on 23 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following recommendation to the Municipal Association Victoria (MAV):

PART A

1. That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) call on the Victorian Government to provide a safe road environment for all users of Victoria's regional road network, by declaring and funding an urgent road restoration program that restores regional roads to a safer, higher and more resilient standard; and
2. The Program should include:
 - a. Full road pavement construction rather than temporary pothole repairs;
 - b. Regular cleaning and grading of roadside verges and drains; and
 - c. The removal or pruning of vegetation and trees encroaching on major transport routes.

That Council endorse the following recommendation to the Municipal Association Victoria (MAV):

PART B

1. That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) advocate to the Victorian Government to prioritise and develop a coordinated strategy to support the long-term protection and viability of agricultural land across Victoria. This will help to ensure Victoria's agricultural capacity is protected as a long-term strategic resource for national food production; and
2. The Strategy should include:
 - a. Mapping across Victoria that identifies agricultural land, taking into account historical data and future predictions such as water security, soil capability, availability of unfragmented farmland, climate impacts and regional production capacity;
 - b. Clear statewide criteria and planning tools that protect these identified high value regions, prioritising food production and restricting incompatible land use; and
 - c. Strengthened Victorian Planning Provisions and guidance to provide clarity and consistency in assessing applications on agricultural land, including:
 - i. Dwellings and accommodation use, including rural worker accommodation, camping and caravan parks and group accommodation; and
 - ii. Non-agricultural development, including data centres, renewable energy infrastructure, blanket revegetation and blanket carbon capture projects, and battery energy storage systems.

MOVED: Councillor Schelling

SECONDED: Councillor Gilligan

That Council endorse the following recommendation to the Municipal Association Victoria (MAV):

PART A

- 1. That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) call on the Victorian Government to provide a safe road environment for all users of Victoria's regional road network, by declaring and funding an urgent road restoration program that restores regional roads to a safer, higher and more resilient standard; and**
- 2. The Program should include:**
 - a. Full road pavement construction rather than temporary pothole repairs;**
 - b. Regular cleaning and grading of roadside verges and drains; and**
 - c. The removal or pruning of vegetation and trees encroaching on major transport routes.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Schelling Moved a Motion different to the recommendation for PART B

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Schelling

SECONDED: Councillor Gilligan

That Council endorse the following recommendation to the Municipal Association Victoria (MAV):

PART B

- 1. That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) advocate to the Victorian Government to prioritise and develop a coordinated strategy to support the long-term protection and viability of agricultural land across Victoria. This will help to ensure Victoria's agricultural capacity is protected as a long-term strategic resource for national food security; and**
- 2. The Strategy should include:**
 - a. Mapping across Victoria that identifies agricultural land, taking into account historical data and future predictions such as water security, soil capability, availability of unfragmented farmland, climate impacts and regional production capacity;**
 - b. Clear statewide criteria and planning tools that protect these identified regions, prioritising food production and restricting incompatible land use; and**
 - c. Strengthened Victorian Planning Provisions and guidance to provide clarity and consistency in assessing applications on agricultural land.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.7. SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC BRIEFINGS - 1 JUNE 2026 - 30 JUNE 2026

Directorate:	Strategy and Integrity
Department:	Governance and Integrity

Council Plan

Theme - Leading with Integrity

Council's transparency and governance is strengthened by regularly reporting on summaries of briefings held, that assist Council to make informed decisions in Council Meetings on behalf of the community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report to Council is to provide a summary of the information presented to Councillors between 1 June 2026 and 30 June 2026.

This aligns with the principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* and supports transparency around Council decisions and actions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes this report, the Summary of Strategic Briefings – 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Beach

SECONDED: Councillor Schelling

That Council receives and notes this report, the Summary of Strategic Briefings – 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.8. DOCUMENTS SEALED, CONTRACTS VARIED, AWARDED OR EXTENDED BY THE CEO - 1 JUNE - 30 JUNE 2026

Directorate:	Strategy and Integrity
Department:	Financial Strategy

Council Plan

Theme - Leading with Integrity

Council's transparency of financial decisions made and overall financial sustainability is strengthened by regularly reporting on documents sealed, contracts awarded, varied or extended under the CEO's delegation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report to Council is to document the following actions undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) which occurred during the period 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026. Council's *Procurement Policy (C32)*, *General Local Law 2024* and *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires the CEO to report to Council any of the following actions undertaken to the next appropriate Meeting:

- Documents sealed;
- Contracts awarded by Council after a public tender process;
- Contracts awarded after a public tender process within the CEO's delegation; and
- Contract variations approved by the CEO above contingency.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes this report Documents Sealed, Contracts Varied, Awarded or Extended by CEO – 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026 those being:

1. Documents Sealed:
 - a. Section 173 Agreement between South Gippsland Shire Council and the owner of 100 Victoria Street, Korumburra for an upgraded fire rating to the existing wall in the event of the development of a Class 2-9b building on the adjoining land. Seal applied 4 June 2026.
 - b. Section 173 Agreement between South Gippsland Shire Council and the owner of 18A Davis Street Nyora for a two-stage subdivision into 44 lots, creation of drainage easement, Road Zone Category 2 and removal of native vegetation. Seal applied 30 June 2026.

2. Contracts awarded by Council after a public tender process:
 - a. Nil
3. Contracts awarded after a public tender process within the CEO's delegation:
 - a. CON/464 for the Bridge Street Korumburra Road Reconstruction – Victoria Street to Princes Street was awarded to ACE Earthmoving (Victoria) Pty Ltd for a Lump Sum of \$1,277,715 excluding GST, signed by CEO 11 June 2026.
4. Contract variations approved by the CEO above contingency:
 - a. Nil
5. Contract Extensions approved by the CEO:
 - a. CON/375 - Supply and Delivery of Annual PPE and Uniform Products was awarded to for an initial three-year term to Ausworkwear and Safety Pty Ltd 17 July 2023. Per conditions of Contract, a first, one-year, extension was approved and signed by CEO 19 June 2026.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Williams

SECONDED: Councillor Gilligan

That Council receives and notes this report Documents Sealed, Contracts Varied, Awarded or Extended by CEO – 1 June 2026 – 30 June 2026 those being:

1. Documents Sealed:

- a. **Section 173 Agreement between South Gippsland Shire Council and the owner of 100 Victoria Street, Korumburra for an upgraded fire rating to the existing wall in the event of the development of a Class 2-9b building on the adjoining land. Seal applied 4 June 2026.**
- b. **Section 173 Agreement between South Gippsland Shire Council and the owner of 18A Davis Street Nyora for a two-stage subdivision into 44 lots, creation of drainage easement, Road Zone Category 2 and removal of native vegetation. Seal applied 30 June 2026.**

2. Contracts awarded by Council after a public tender process:

- a. **Nil**

3. Contracts awarded after a public tender process within the CEO's delegation:

- a. **CON/464 for the Bridge Street Korumburra Road Reconstruction – Victoria Street to Princes Street was awarded to ACE Earthmoving (Victoria) Pty Ltd for a Lump Sum of \$1,277,715 excluding GST, signed by CEO 11 June 2026.**

4. Contract variations approved by the CEO above contingency:

- a. **Nil**

5. Contract Extensions approved by the CEO:

- a. **CON/375 - Supply and Delivery of Annual PPE and Uniform Products was awarded to for an initial three-year term to Ausworkwear and Safety Pty Ltd 17 July 2023. Per conditions of Contract, a first, one-year, extension was approved and signed by CEO 19 June 2026.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

6.1. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

6.2. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6.3. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Finlay, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Spoke on attendance at the Leongatha Memorial Hall Centenary Event.
- Spoke about Agnes Falls.
- Spoke on energy matters.

Councillor Kennedy, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Attended the Gippsland Sports Awards alongside representatives from other local councils.
- Spoke about the condition of State roads.

Councillor Schelling, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Undertook a walk along the main street of Leongatha to engage with local businesses, accompanied by Councillor Williams and Councillor Snell.
- Attended the Grants Ceremony.
- Attended the Citizenship Ceremony.
- Attended the Fish Creek Scouts Annual General Meeting with Councillor Rae.
- Spoke on attendance at the Leongatha Memorial Hall Centenary Event.

Councillor Rae, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Attended Meeniyen Township for a Councillor Ward Day.
- Attended the Fish Creek Scouts AGM with Councillor Schelling.

Councillor Snell, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Undertook a walk along the main street to engage with local businesses, accompanied by Councillor Williams and Councillor Schelling.
- Acknowledged the work of Council's Community Development Officer for their support with community engagement and the organisation of community events.
- Attended the Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC).
- Attended the National Science and Engineering Challenge.

Councillor Beach, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Completed training for Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.
- Attended the Leongatha Memorial Hall Centenary Event.

Councillor Williams, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Undertook a walk along the main street to engage with local businesses, accompanied by Councillor Snell and Councillor Schelling.

Councillor Gilligan, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Attended the ALGWA-initiated women's events in Wangaratta in support of women in local government.
- Encouraged community members to undertake regular health checks, following a recent medical episode experienced by a close friend.
- Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Future Advisory Committee meeting.
- Spoke about future tourism management works in the Venus Bay township.
- Spoke about avian influenza.

Mayor Hersey, addressed Council by reporting on attendance at or made comments on:

- Attended a One Gippsland planning meeting regarding regional priorities for the upcoming State and Federal elections.
- Met with Councillor Gilligan in Venus Bay to discuss township priorities.
- Spoke about the importance of promoting the planting of street trees throughout the Shire.
- Attended a Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) virtual meeting regarding FOGO, which is available online.
- Attended the National Science and Engineering Challenge in Korumburra.
- Attended a virtual business mixer event initiated by One Gippsland.
- Attended a Citizenship Ceremony.
- Met with a Senior Constable from Loch Police Station to discuss local crime issues.
- Attended the Leongatha Memorial Hall Centenary event.
- Attended a Nyora Community Development Association meeting to discuss the outcomes of the local community survey.
- Attended the Community Grants Program evening.
- Attended a meeting with Melbourne City Council to discuss housing.
- Attended a meeting with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) regarding offshore wind and the energy transition as part of the GNEC Conference.
- Attended a meeting with the Net Zero Economy Authority.
- Mentioned upcoming meetings with International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) representatives from the Netherlands and Germany who will be visiting the region.
- Spoke about the upcoming community catch-up in Koonwarra.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), section 66 provides that if a council or delegated committee determines that a meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential information, the Council or delegated committee must record in the minutes of the meeting that are available for public inspection –

- a) the ground or grounds for determining to close the meeting to the public by reference to the grounds specified in the definition of **confidential information** in section 3(1); and
- b) an explanation of why the specified ground or grounds applied.

The Act defines **confidential information** in s.3(1)(a)-(l), and includes information that may prejudice or impact; commercial negotiations, the security of Council, land use planning, law enforcement, legal privilege, personal information, private commercial information, confidential meeting information, internal arbitration, Councillor conduct panel information and information specified under s.77 of the previous *Local Government Act 1989*.

Once confidential information has been considered and decided in a closed session of a Council Meeting, a further resolution to resume open Council is required.

Nil

8. MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting open to the public will be held on Wednesday, 16 September 2016 commencing at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers, Leongatha.

The meeting concluded at 3:18PM.