
Minutes of a special meeting of the Central Coast Council held in the Council Chamber at the Administration Centre, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone on Monday 6 March 2023 commencing at 5.31 pm.

Councillors attendance

Cr Cheryl Fuller (Mayor)
Cr Garry Carpenter
Cr Sophie Lehmann
Cr Philip Viney

Cr John Beswick (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Casey Hiscutt
Cr Michael Smith
Cr Kate Wylie

Councillors apologies

Cr Amanda Diprose

Employees attendance

Executive Services Officer (Mr Ian Brunt)

Media attendance

The media was not represented.

Public attendance

No members of the public attended.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Central Coast Council acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of lutrawita (Tasmania), the palawa/pakana people.

We acknowledge the Punnilerpanner tribe of this Northern Country, and in doing so, we celebrate one of the world's oldest continuing cultures.

Prayer

The meeting opened in prayer.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

65/2023 Authority for special meeting

The Mayor reported as follows:

“This special meeting of the Council has been convened at my direction. Only the items on the agenda may be discussed.”

- Cr Carpenter moved and Cr Viney seconded, “That the Mayor's report be received.”

Carried unanimously

66/2023 Declarations of interest

The Mayor reported as follows:

“Councillors are requested to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary (or conflict of) interest in any item on the agenda.”

The Executive Services Officer reported as follows:

“The *Local Government Act 1993* provides that a councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor has an interest or is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Councillors are invited at this time to declare any interest they have on matters to be discussed at this meeting. If a declaration is impractical at this time, it is to be noted that a councillor must declare any interest in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

All interests declared will be recorded in the minutes at the commencement of the matter to which they relate.”

No interests were declared at this time.

CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

67/2023 Meeting closed to the public

The Executive Services Officer reported as follows:

“The *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* provide that a meeting of a council is to be open to the public unless the council, by absolute majority, decides to close part of the meeting because one or more of the following matters are being, or are to be, discussed at the meeting.

Moving into a closed meeting is to be by procedural motion. Once a meeting is closed, meeting procedures are not relaxed unless the council so decides.

It is considered desirable that the following matters be discussed in a closed meeting:

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> reference
Recruitment process for General Manager	15(2)(a) Personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.”

■ Cr Beswick moved and Cr Lehmann seconded, “That the Council close the meeting to the public to consider the following matters, they being matters relating to:

Matter	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015</i> reference
Recruitment process for General Manager	15(2)(a) Personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.”

Carried unanimously and by absolute majority

The Executive Services Officer further reported as follows:

“1 The *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* provide in respect of any matter discussed at a closed meeting that the general manager is to record in the minutes of the open meeting, in a manner that protects confidentiality, the fact that the matter was discussed and a brief description

of the matter so discussed, and is not to record in the minutes of the open meeting the details of the outcome unless the council determines otherwise.

- 2 While in a closed meeting, the council is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.
- 3 The *Local Government Act 1993* provides that a councillor must not disclose information seen or heard at a meeting or part of a meeting that is closed to the public that is not authorised by the council to be disclosed.

Similarly, an employee of a council must not disclose information acquired as such an employee on the condition that it be kept confidential.

- 4 In the event that additional business is required to be conducted by a council after the matter(s) for which the meeting has been closed to the public have been conducted, the Regulations provide that a council may, by simple majority, re-open a closed meeting to the public."

The meeting moved into closed session and the Executive Services Officer left the meeting at 5.33pm.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The Executive Services Officer reported as follows:

“In accordance with Regulation 34(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council is to provide an overview of matters considered during Closed Session for the public.”

Matter	Description of matter discussed
68A/2023 Recruitment process for General Manager	The Council determined on a process and arrangements to facilitate the recruitment of a new General Manager.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.38pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Chairperson

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