

3C Objectives of a Council

(1) The primary objective of a Council is to endeavour to achieve the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions.

(2) In seeking to achieve its primary objective, a Council must have regard to the following facilitating objectives—

(a) to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district;

(b) to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively and services are provided in accordance with the Best Value Principles to best meet the needs of the local community;

(c) to improve the overall quality of life of people in the local community;

(d) to promote appropriate business and employment opportunities;

(e) to ensure that services and facilities provided by the Council are accessible and equitable;

(f) to ensure the equitable imposition of rates and charges;

(g) to ensure transparency and accountability in Council decision making

Monitor Terms of Reference South Gippsland Shire Council

Without limiting the municipal monitor's functions under section 223CB of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act), the municipal monitor is:

1. To monitor the South Gippsland Shire Council's (Council) governance processes and practices, with specific regard to the key areas of concern identified by the Chief Municipal Inspector, including
 - a. Council's meeting procedures and decision making, including the use of urgent Special Meetings of council, Notices of Motion and Notices of Rescission;
 - b. Council's policies and processes to manage conflicts of interest;
 - c. Council's policies and processes to manage confidential information;
 - d. The Chief Executive Officer's policies and practices that manage the interactions between Councillors and Council staff, and compliance with those policies and practices;
 - e. Council's Councillor Code of Conduct, Councillor behaviour with respect to the Code of Conduct, Council's internal resolution procedure, and processes for resolving disputes between Councillors; and
 - f. Any other governance issues you identify during the term of your appointment.
2. To advise on, and provide assistance and support, to the Council in relation to the Council's governance processes and practices, with specific regard to the matters raised in clause 1; and
3. To report to the Minister for Local Government on
 - a. Any steps taken by the Council to improve its governance and the effectiveness of those steps or actions, with specific reference to the matters raised in clause 1; and
 - b. Any recommendations for the exercise of the Minister's powers under the Act.

LATE STAR
 The Star will be out one day late next week, Wednesday morning March 13, due to the Labour Day long weekend.
 The office will be closed on Monday, March 11 and will re-open on Tuesday, March 12.

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"DYSFUNCTIONAL" COUNCIL ON NOTICE



Cr Don Hill



Cr Alyson Skinner



Cr Jeremy Rich



Cr Andrew McEwen



Cr Rosemary Cousin



Cr Aaron Brown



Cr Ray Argento

COUNCIL ON BRINK

Crs Fawcett and Brunt resign, claiming bullying legal threats and more

Minister calls for urgent advice from municipal monitor

By Brad Lester

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is closer to being dissolved by the Victorian government after another two councillors resigned last Thursday. The resignations of

council's ability to govern and deliver services. If the council is sacked, administrators will be appointed to take over the council. Cr Fawcett does not believe the council is dysfunctional. He says the council is not dysfunctional. He says the council is not dysfunctional. He says the council is not dysfunctional.

process, poor behaviour, attempts to overturn council decisions, councillors threatening other councillors with legal action and not resigning in the way of their duties as councillors. "Council is functioning effectively, ensuring a good and appropriate governance standard with the assistance of the oversight



Cr Jim Fawcett
RESIGNED



Cr Lorraine Brunt
RESIGNED

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A larrikin has taken a humorous approach to the serious situation now engulfing South Gippsland Shire Council. This addition has been made to the sign on the Bass Highway at Inverloch, near Stuchberry Road.



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Decision making

Top 10 Questions to ask yourself for good governance

1. What impact does it have on the Council's reputation?
2. Have we assessed the risks and opportunities?
3. Is it legal and within the powers of the Council?
4. Have all perspectives been considered?
5. Have we consulted with all those affected?
6. Is it in the budget?
7. Does it build positive relationships (internal and external)?
8. Is it in the Council Plan? *Local Government Act Sect 94A (1)(c)*
9. Is it politicising the organisation? *Local Government Act Sect 95 (1)(a) & 76 (B)*
10. Am I acting with integrity?

Good governance is a process of clear, consistent and unbiased decision making based on fact

Thanks to Kelvin Spiller, former CEO City of Greater Geelong Council

Characteristics of good governance*

1. Accountability – to explain and be accountable
2. Transparency – to see how and why a decision has been made
3. Follow the rule of law – consistent with legislation and powers of council
4. Responsive – balance competing interests in a timely, appropriate and responsive way
5. Equitable and inclusive – all groups, including most vulnerable, should have the opportunity to participate in the process
6. Effective and efficient – makes the best use of resources for the best possible result
7. Participatory – anyone affected by the decision should have the opportunity to take part in the decision making process
8. Integrity – acting on commitments, being open, transparent, ethical and honest. Sharing information.

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From the *Good governance guide – MAV, VLGA, LGPRO, Local government Victoria: adapted by Kelvin Spiller, former CEO
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