

Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

01 March 2022 - 25 April 2022

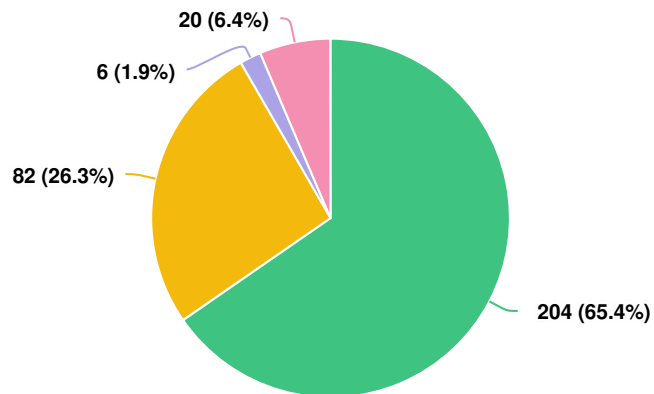
PROJECT NAME:

Code of Meeting Practice



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Council Meetings have been held on Tuesday mornings for the past seven years. From these options, what do you think is the ...

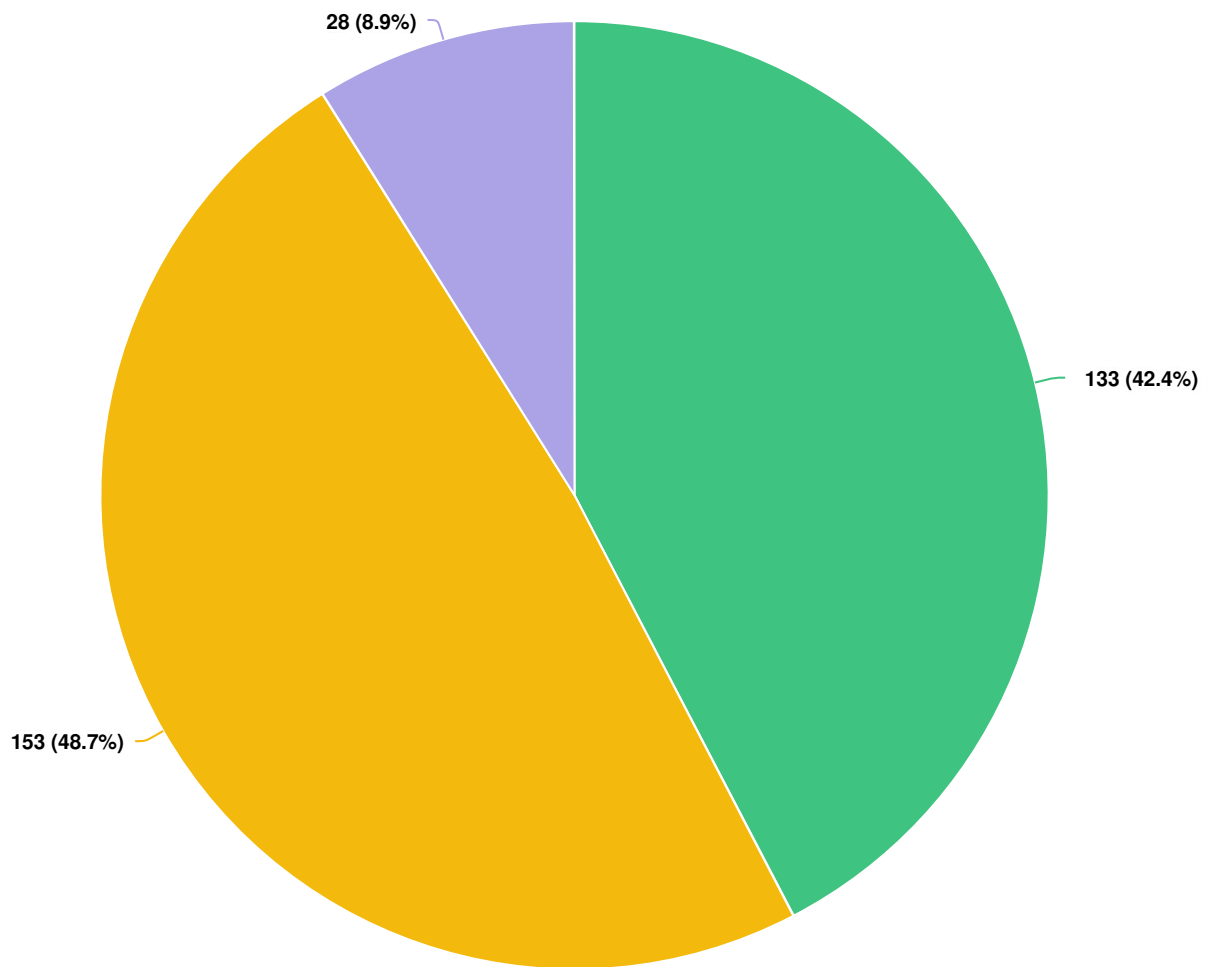


Question options

- Tuesday morning
- Tuesday afternoon/evening
- Friday morning
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (312 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 Public Forum is a session held in the Council Chamber before each Council Meeting, where community members can speak to councillors about items on that day's meeting agenda. This session is not currently livestreamed and recorded for future viewing...

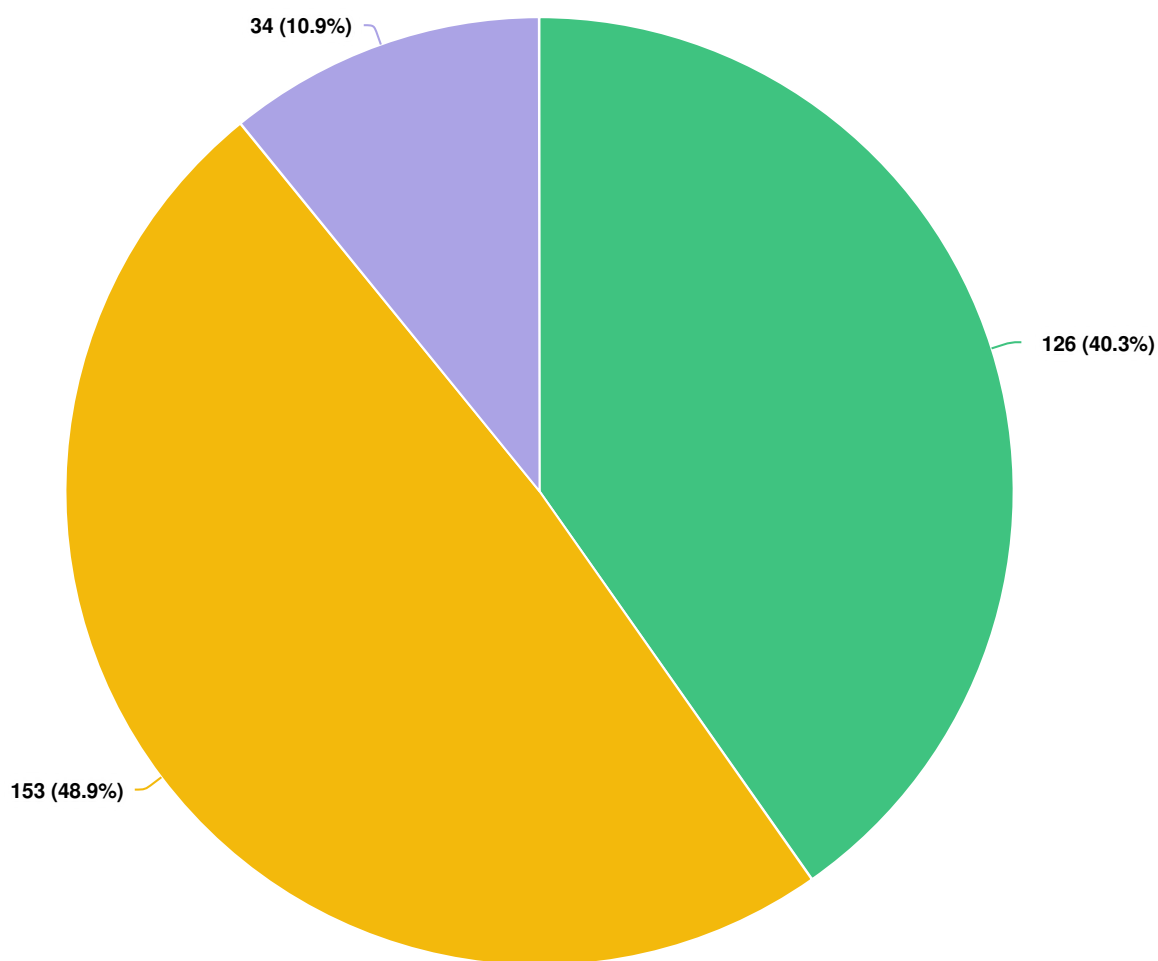


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Optional for each presenter

Optional question (314 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 Public Access is held once per month on a Tuesday morning. One hour is allocated for community members to speak to councillors about any Council-related topic for seven minutes each. This session is not currently livestreamed and recorded for future...

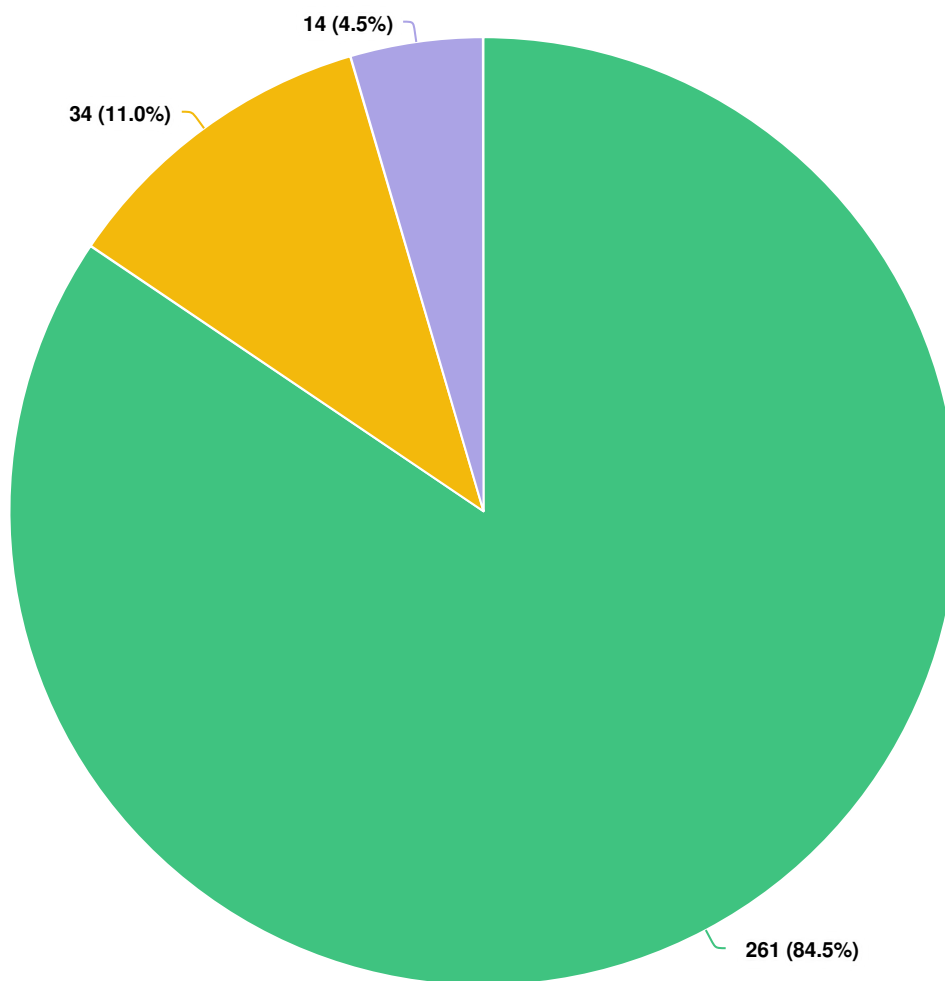


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Optional for each presenter

Optional question (313 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 Public Access is currently held once per month (first Tuesday) on a different day to Council Meetings. Do you think it should be held fortnightly on the same day as the Council Meeting and Public Forum?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- Something different (please describe)

Optional question (309 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 | Is there anything else in Council's Code of Meeting Practice you think should be changed or considered? Code of Meeting Practice (PDF, 1.2MB) You will have another opportunity in May to provide feedback.

Anonymous

3/22/2022 08:40 AM

It's a thorough document.

Anonymous

3/22/2022 03:46 PM

No

Anonymous

3/22/2022 05:03 PM

It would be much more useful for the purposes of community consult to provide an over view of meeting practices the document is very long and detailed perhaps an overview of the current issues ? With meeting practices

Anonymous

3/22/2022 05:10 PM

2.1 Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month. ***CHANGE 10 to 12 ...as it is it's possible to go 3 months without a Council meeting*** 2.2 (5) doesn't belong in that list 2.4 delete "Where practicable" and combine with 2.15 2.5 how much notice? 2.20 do you really need to say that? If the GM didn't do that then they're not doing their job 2.24 - I get why it's there but it's insufficient as it is There's too much there for any normal human to absorb and anyway I am not sure what you can/will do with any comments.

Anonymous

3/22/2022 05:15 PM

I personally feel that you would have more people late in the afternoon due to work commitments. Live streaming is a good way for people who can use IT, but for those who cannot should be allowed access. If people are coming, then there should be a opportunity for all to speak, so I would say developers go last.

Anonymous

3/22/2022 06:47 PM

Yes. I would like any Council protocols included in the Code. At our first presentation to Council on Zoom a Councillor asked our representative a question. The GM immediately closed the Meeting down. At the time she explained that our representative would have to go back and consult each member of the group. She later wrote saying it was a protocol developed by Council where they required the representative to have a particular title or position in order to respond to questions by Councillors. We had not been informed of thus prior to the meeting and felt utterly humiliated by the GM actions.

Anonymous

3/22/2022 10:47 PM

No comment at this time. I have insufficient time to read this document at this time.

Anonymous

3/23/2022 09:31 AM

I would like to see Welcome to Country enshrined in the Meeting Practice officially

Anonymous

3/23/2022 10:18 AM

Nothing

Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:51 PM

Please don't livestream public forum and public access - I don't want misinformation shared with the public, as often is the case with presentations it seems.

Anonymous

3/23/2022 04:43 PM

We would ask that staff, including the General Manager, listen to community presenters and not be distracted on their phones or reading reports. This is quite disrespectful. Community presenters but significant volunteer effort into preparing and giving presentations to Council.

Anonymous

3/24/2022 10:28 AM

Will make comment in May

Anonymous

3/24/2022 10:59 AM

Anew broom, let esc be a friend not an enemy

Anonymous

3/24/2022 01:20 PM

Full Transparency. No Commercial in confidence

Anonymous

3/24/2022 02:55 PM

no

Anonymous

3/24/2022 06:05 PM

1. Confidential sections of meetings need reform. Closing meetings should be the exception. Commercial in confidence policy needs to be explicit. The general manager should be required to give a short public briefing on progress on major projects/issues at end of meeting.

Anonymous

3/24/2022 07:29 PM

Redesign, reduce, condense, and simplify the Code of Meeting Practice.

Anonymous

3/24/2022 08:49 PM

Without an understanding of the code of conduct and how it is interpreted and/or implemented by those involved I am unable to make a valued comment. I do however believe that council activities and discussions should be open to public view and the practice of referring decisions to council staff for action, away from the scrutiny of elected Councillors and out of the public forum should be actively discouraged.

Anonymous

3/24/2022 09:27 PM

having addressed council myself and regularly watching council meetings, when that was an option, I would like some discussion around the use of mobile phones and other devices during meetings. I am unsure that there is any need for them to be used but see so many councillors not paying attention to presenters and each other to such an extent I think there needs to be real justification for devices being used during meetings.

Anonymous

3/24/2022 10:54 PM

No

Anonymous

3/25/2022 09:55 AM

Presentations: should not have to be provided to council prior to the meeting. Agendas: Items to be discussed at each meeting should be published in local media. If the public was aware of what was to be discussed, there would be more public interest and participation.

Anonymous

3/25/2022 09:59 AM

nil

Anonymous

3/25/2022 06:31 PM

Often a query raised by a speaker can often be answered by staff in the way of information without prejudice. In the last couple of Councils this hasn't been allowed to happen. This attitude has contributed to the antagonist/courtroom atmosphere within the chamber.

Anonymous

3/25/2022 09:15 PM

Transparency of all activities, advising rate payers of submissions that will affect the community as a whole, more interaction with your ratepayers eg meet and greet from time to time to build up trust. Listening to what your community is saying especially if its of major concern, having consultation sessions for major projects whilst it complies with regulations, it take very little or no notice of that community feedback, I understand constructive feedback is helpful not destructive or negative remarks, Ratepayers should also be subject to this code & behavior. Respect, change, diversify and equality

Anonymous

3/30/2022 12:44 PM

I think Tuesdays work really well for council meetings, but i think the afternoon would be better to allow more people to leave work early to attend. This should be weighed up against the cost of having staff attending after hours though. I don't believe that people's personal views should be livestreamed on the website as this may be seen as Council's point of view, rather than the individuals point of view.

Anonymous

3/31/2022 04:09 PM

Community's need to be heard and transparency is essential

Anonymous

3/31/2022 05:40 PM

2.2 2 Where four or more Councillors indicate their intention to attend a seminar (or the like) which would conflict with a Council meeting, the date of that meeting may be altered A stated reasonable period of notice should be given, the seminar should be relevant to Councils and the date must be altered. 2.3 Three councillors should be required to call an extraordinary meeting of Council. 2.15 cases of emergency. They are not defined but there are reasonable examples. The GM should discuss it with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. 2.20 and 2.32 If the General Manager considers that a Notice of Motion submitted by a Councillor for consideration at an Ordinary meeting of the Council has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications the GM must prepare a report. A Councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 2.23 that comprises a complaint against the General Manager or a member of staff of the Council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the General Manager or a member of staff of the Council. The implication is a little too general. How does the councillor raise the issue? 2.33 Each Councillor may put a maximum of two Questions with Notice to any meeting. This is not very many questions. Why is it so? 2.38 in the opinion of the General Manager, the business is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful. The GM must discuss this with the Councillor or whoever has raised it. 2.45 The General Manager must ensure that the agenda for an Extraordinary meeting of the Council deals only with the matters stated in the notice of the meeting. I assume that this does not limit the power of the Council to discuss issues raised which come out of discussion. 2.49 A Motion of dissent cannot be moved against a ruling of the Chairperson under clause 2.46(b) on whether a matter is of great urgency. This appears to take away the rights of the Council. 2.54 The Council is to maintain a written record of all conflict of interest declarations I would suggest that the General Manager record all conflict of interest declarations. At this stage I give up as I am only up to page 13 Of 64.

Anonymous

No thank you

3/31/2022 08:30 PM

Anonymous

4/01/2022 09:45 AM

No comment on current practice - is comprehensive and fairly standard practice for formal meetings.

Anonymous

4/01/2022 10:28 PM

Public forum and public access presenters should not have to submit their presentations to council the day before the these sessions. Instead they should just provide a summary of the topic they want to present on the day before their presentation.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 05:47 AM

Remove the requirement to provide a written copy of public forum addresses 24hrs prior to the address as currently required in sect 3.4 and 3.32

Anonymous

4/02/2022 07:12 AM

The topic only of the address by a member of the public should be all that is required, not the whole of the address.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 07:16 AM

Thanks for asking me

Anonymous

4/02/2022 09:08 AM

Remove the obligation for speakers to provide written copy of their speech before the meeting: we suggest instead to ask the speaker to indicate which agenda item they will speak about

Anonymous

4/02/2022 12:20 PM

I'm not sure why public access should have to present their written presentation to council beforehand.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 03:27 PM

I believe where the community are required to provide written documentation of their presentation prior to public access and public forum that this should be abolished.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 04:18 PM

If possible, holding meetings after business hours at least every second month would mean that working rate payers such as myself could attend a meeting/ address Council.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 04:24 PM

in relation to 3.4.and 3.32 Approved speakers at the public forum/public access should not be required to provide a written copy of their address to the Council prior to the meeting by either email or hard copy. It should be sufficient to attend and speak but the meeting recorded to capture accurately the address.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 04:25 PM

I consider I should be the speakers choice whether to submit a written version or the presentation. A written version can be an advantage as it clarifies the issue and can be used to gain public support.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 05:17 PM

The requirement to submit a written copy of submission by 12noon on day prior to the meeting should be scrapped.

Anonymous

4/02/2022 05:31 PM

To alter the requirements under sections 3.4 and 3.32 (see below) since other councils don't require this and speakers only need to provide the topic on which they wish to address council and, if it is an agenda item, whether they wish to speak for or against it. 'Approved speakers at the public forum/public access are to provide a written copy of their address to the Council by 12.00noon the business day prior to the meeting via email or hard copy'

Anonymous

4/02/2022 05:46 PM

Not sure at this time

Anonymous

4/02/2022 05:49 PM

Not sure at this stage

Anonymous

4/02/2022 10:30 PM

The General Manager currently seems to have a lot of discretion about what should be confidential or decided in private meetings, without public knowledge. Perhaps that should be examined. I think that it is only necessary for the Public to give notice of the topic they want to address and whether fore or against at Public Fora. A copy of their address could be provided afterwards by request.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 06:58 AM

Please answer the public presenter's questions. In the past they have often been ignored and not addressed.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 10:41 AM

It would give confidence in the public access process if presenters were actually listened to and given feedback at the time. Demoralising to prepare a presentation to have blank faces and 'no comments/questions' as a result.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 10:46 AM

Having to provide a written copy of you address prior is discriminatory. The number of Australians who are illiterate is shockingly high, and many others lack confidence in the formality of

written submissions. This, even if unintentionally, restricts those who would feel able to participate. I think it should be optional, understanding that it allows Council to be better prepared to respond.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 01:21 PM

People should not have to submit in writing what they are going to say

Anonymous

4/03/2022 03:19 PM

All sessions held in Council should be live-streamed and that record held for minimum 7 years. Transparency and accountability were the election slogans for all new councillors, sadly not returning one.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 03:56 PM

Address of presenters should not be required.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 04:44 PM

Is it necessary to have Public Forum addresses to be provided in writing in advance?

Anonymous

4/03/2022 07:27 PM

The 7 minutes presentations and word for word provision to Councillors prior needs review. Suggest 10 minutes per presentation and main points provided prior.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 08:45 PM

As far as I know, other Councils do not require the community to 'provide a written copy of their address to the Council by 12.00noon the business day prior to the meeting via email or hard copy'. I don't believe we should have this clause for our Council & community.

Anonymous

4/03/2022 10:08 PM

The requirement for the public to provide a written statement of questions etc so far ahead of the actual presentation seems excessive. Why is a written preview required?

Anonymous

4/03/2022 10:43 PM

A great deal. Will wait until May

Anonymous

4/05/2022 03:47 PM

no

Anonymous

4/06/2022 03:18 PM

Abolish the requirement to submit presentation in writing prior to the meeting. Should be 'topic only'.

Anonymous

4/06/2022 08:32 PM

The requirements under sections 3.4 and 3.32 of the Code of Meeting Practice should be altered so speakers only need to provide the topic on which they wish to address council and If speakers wish to speak on an agenda item, they only need to state if they wish to speak for or against it. This would put Eurobodalla Council in line with other Councils.

Anonymous

4/09/2022 09:13 AM

If meeting times were changed then 7.4 would change accordingly. Also, 3.4 and 3.32 should change. Speakers should provide a written copy of their address directly after the meeting, not before. They only need to provide the topic on which they wish to address the meeting by 12 noon of the business day prior to the meeting, to give them more time to prepare their address.

Optional question (59 response(s), 255 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question