



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL  
*The Heart of Gippsland*

## Resolutions in Brief

*To be read in conjunction with the Agenda of 1 July 2014*

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Scott Rossetti, Mayor  
Councillor Patrick McIvor  
Councillor Bob Wenger  
Councillor Carolyn Crossley  
Councillor Darren McCubbin  
Councillor John Duncan  
Councillor Peter Cleary  
Councillor Emilie Davine  
Councillor Malcolm Hole

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer  
Liz Collins, General Manager Governance  
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment  
John Websdale, General Manager Development  
Raelene Bowman, Governance Officer

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 1 JULY 2014

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**ITEM A9 RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS**

Bob McKay, Sale presented a petition in relation to the closure of the Sale Transfer Station.

**ITEM A9(1) OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

NIL

**ITEM A10 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

NIL

**ITEM A11 GALLERY COMMENTS**

NIL

**ITEM A12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

*When the 2014/15 Federal budget was announced it was revealed that indexation of Federal Assistance Grants would be 'paused' for three years. This announcement has resulted in a shortfall in funding for the Wellington Shire of \$420,000 for 2014/15 with the cumulative effect of 'freezing' the grant at 2013/14 levels over the four years of the Strategic Resource Plan being a loss of approximately \$3.6 million in revenue for local infrastructure projects.*

*Because the minimum general purpose grant allocated to the inner Melbourne Councils is provided as of right, the effect of this "pause" on their budgets is negligible. As a result, the impact of the federal government indexation freeze is being most felt by regional and rural Councils that have the greatest need.*

*In the Gippsland Times of Friday 27 June 2014, Gippsland MHR Darren Chester was quoted as saying "that the Government had committed to a significant boost in roads funding to help local Government deliver large and small scale roads projects which was expected to offset the indexation pause for Regional Councils".*

*Can the CEO please explain what additional funding in Federal Road Funding is expected over the life of the Strategic Resource Plan and what, if any, are the conditions on accessing these additional funds?*

**ITEM A12(1)****OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
<p>Question on Notice:  <b><i>That, in response to the Gippsland Water media releases presented in attachments 1 and 2 (10 February and 11 April, 2014) regarding their Regional Outfall System (ROS) industrial wastewater release, could the Chief Executive Officer write to Gippsland Water asking what contingencies they have in place for continued operation of the Water Factory in the case of extended power outages?</i></b></p>	20 May 2014	<p>A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting of 17 June 2014.</p> <p><u>17 June 2014</u>  A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive Officer of Gippsland Water with regard to this Question Notice. Once a reply is received a response will be provided to this Question on Notice.</p>	Chief Executive Officer

**ITEM B****DELEGATES REPORT**

NIL

**ITEM C2.1****ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS****OBJECTIVE**

To report on all assemblies of Councillors records received during the period 10 June 2014 to 17 June 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 10 June 2014 to 17 June 2014.***

**COUNCILLOR DAVINE/COUNCILLOR WENGER**

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**CARRIED****ITEM C3.1****PLANNING DECISIONS****OBJECTIVE**

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of May 2014 for information.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and Planning Application Determinations between 1 May and 31 May 2014.*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR DUNCAN**

*That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and Planning Application Determinations between 1 May and 31 May 2014.*

**CARRIED**

### ITEM C3.2

### QUARTERLY STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE

#### OBJECTIVE

To update Council on the strategic land use planning work program for the second quarter of 2014.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That Council receive the 2014 second quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program.*

**COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR McIVOR**

*That Council receive the 2014 second quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program.*

**CARRIED**

### ITEM C3.3

### AGRICULTURE POSITION PAPER

#### OBJECTIVE

For Council to endorse the Agriculture Position Paper 2014 (Paper) as attached and implement a revised methodology for ongoing engagement with the agricultural community.

## RECOMMENDATION

*That:*

- 1. Council endorse the Agriculture Position Paper 2014 as attached; and*
- 2. Council replace existing Farmers' Group meetings with a series of annual roundtables with farmers and the agricultural industry; and a survey of farmers every four years.*

**COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR HOLE**

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**CARRIED**

**ITEM C3.4****WELLINGTON REGIONAL TOURISM INC – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING****OBJECTIVE**

To renew Wellington Shire Council's co-operative marketing agreement with Wellington Regional Tourism Inc (WRT) at the expiration of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement on 30 June 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

- 1. Council renews Wellington Shire Council's co-operative marketing agreement with Wellington Regional Tourism Inc for a further three years at \$40,000 plus GST per annum with a 3% CPI increase annually (1 July 2014 – 30 June 2017);***
- 2. Council include an additional amount of \$2,000 in the Agreement for the conduct of an annual tourism industry awards program and presentation evening; and***
- 3. Subject to Council's annual budget process, Council allocate funding of an amount up to \$5,000 for additional co-operative marketing opportunities.***

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McIVOR*****That:***

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- 3. Subject to Council's annual budget process, Council allocate funding of an amount up to \$5,000 for additional co-operative marketing opportunities.***

**CARRIED****ITEM C4.1****CONTRACT 2013-011 MYRTLEBANK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS MYRTLEBANK****OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this report is for Council to enter into a contract for the rehabilitation and pavement widening of Myrtlebank Road, from the Princes Highway to 400 metres west of Grassdale Road, Myrtlebank.

**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

- 1. Council adopts the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.1 of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2013-011 Myrtlebank Road Reconstruction Works Myrtlebank; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 Contract 2013-011 Myrtlebank Road Reconstruction Works Myrtlebank of this Council Meeting be designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 16 June 2014 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: d) contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

## COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR WENGER

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**CARRIED**

The Mayor announced Sure Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd as the successful tender.

## D. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

## E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

### 1. **Alan Heywood, Pearsonsdales resident**

Spoke regarding a petition on tree planting in the flood plain near Cox's bridge. Believes that Vic Roads have made a mistake in the design of the road.

Agenda 3 June 2014 – letter re: Heywood property was in a flood area. Letter from Adam Dunn, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority was in relation to a different matter.

Petitioners do not agree with the decision of the Shire to accept the advice of the West Gippsland Catchment Water Authority.

Questions:

1. Does the Council want to correct the Gippsland Times?
2. Are Council comfortable with the decision made?

Mayor's response:

1. Gippsland Times can decide what and how they report.
2. Council are comfortable with the decision made.

**2. Eric Thorne, U3A**

Is Council taking over the old ACES building?

Mayor's response: Councillors and Officers are talking with government departments to see if a lease can be negotiated and have facility for U3A and other tenants.

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer responded that all tenants have been spoken with and officers met with Government department yesterday to discuss.

**3. Bob McKay, Sale resident**

U3A Building – Did they have to move out?

Mayor's response: not our building.

**4. Peter Lauria, Longford resident**

Planning application and the time taken and conditions required. Cost a lot of money. Three planning restriction zones have been added and has had no notification (at Longford). Long Waterhole Creek (Vic Roads) directing water does impact.

Mayor's response: Provide details and will review. The Manager Land Use Planning in the gallery and will speak with you after the meeting.

**COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

***That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider: d) contractual matters***

**CARRIED**

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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**COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

***That the meeting resume in open session and Council ratify the decisions made in closed session.***

**CARRIED**

**Meeting declared closed at 4.03pm.**