



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

## Resolutions in Brief

*To be read in conjunction with the Agenda of 15 April 2014*

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Scott Rossetti (Mayor)  
Councillor Peter Cleary  
Councillor Emilie Davine  
Councillor Bob Wenger  
Councillor Patrick McIvor  
Councillor Darren McCubbin  
Councillor Malcolm Hole  
Councillor Carolyn Crossley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer  
Glenys Butler, General Manager Liveability  
Liz Collins, General Manager Governance  
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment  
John Websdale, General Manager Development  
Vanessa Ebsworth, Manager Organisation Development

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Councillor John Duncan

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 15 APRIL 2014

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## RECOMMENDATION

*That Council receive the attached petition relating to a road safety issue at the junction of Licola and Elma Roads, Glenmaggie.*

**COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR McIVOR**

*That Council receive the attached petition relating to a road safety issue at the junction of Licola and Elma Roads, Glenmaggie.*

**CARRIED**

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

Councillor McCubbin presented the Gippsland Vehicle Collection, Maffra Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Rossetti in support of their 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations.

### **ITEM A11 GALLERY COMMENTS**

NIL

### **ITEM A12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

*Community College Gippsland (CCG) was formally created in May 2011 as a result of a merger between the Education Centre Gippsland and the Adult and Community Education Sale (ACES) to form a new 'super' college to further the education and training of adults. This provides a valuable community education service through the historic old high school site in Raymond Street, Sale which also provides meeting rooms for organisations such as the University of the Third Age and Bug Blitz.*

*Can the CEO please confirm to the Council the ongoing commitment of Community College Gippsland to Sale, and should this commitment change, what would be the implications to the ongoing lease of the old high school building in Raymond Street, Sale?*

#### Gallery Comments

Mr Eric Thorne –U3A

Expressed gratitude to the Council for taking this on board. It would be a poorer society in Sale if the organisation was to disappear.

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

NIL

**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday GVC**

I celebrated the tenth birthday celebrations at the Gippsland Vehicle Collection at Maffra on Sunday 6 April. What began as just an idea, it is with thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of a group of Maffra locals, The Shed now draws over 10,000 tourists each year to Wellington. What a marvellous achievement in just one decade.

**New Lights Lit at Maffra Rec**

Saturday 5 April saw the all new footy lights lit at Maffra Recreation Reserve with Tim Bull MP performing the official switch on. The Reserve's old lights had seen better days at the grand old age of forty plus. These new state of the art ones will light the way for many seasons to come!

**Celebration at the Rosedale Swimming Pool**

We may have reached the end of the summer swim season, but that didn't stop a number of Rosedale Primary School students from jumping in to celebrate the end of the first successful season of their newly redeveloped pool on Friday 4 April. Following its \$835,000 facelift, the Rosedale Swimming Pool was formally opened at this event by The Hon Peter Ryan MLA.

**Opening Glenmaggie Bridge**

The refurbished Glenmaggie Bridge was officially opened by Darren Chester MP on Monday 31 March in front of a large crowd of delighted residents. Funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program, the \$1.6 million refurbishment means that Glenmaggie Bridge will remain open for many more years to come. It is once again capable of carrying heavy load vehicles through the use of steel and concrete, whilst remaining true to its original truss design. Thank you to all those who attended this historic moment!

**Royal Flying Doctors Visit to Wurruk Primary**

On Wednesday 26 March, the Royal Flying Doctors Service paid a visit to Wurruk Primary School, bringing a flight simulator as part of their 'Look! Up in the Sky', education program. I was delighted to join some of the children in the simulator and find out more about the work the Royal Flying Doctors Service does.

**People's Choice Awards**

I thoroughly enjoy attending the Wellington Regional Tourism, People's Choice Awards and this year was no different. Held on Monday 24 March at Avon Ridge, this event was a great celebration of the wonderful work being done across our region to encourage tourism and drive economic development. Congratulations to all nominees and to the award winners. Well done!

**Wellington Culture Network Culture Room at Araluen**

This excellent new Koori educational facility was formally opened on Monday 24 March at Araluen Primary School. It's wonderful to see such a facility within a school environment, which helps our youngest residents learn about, value and protect our cultural heritage.

**Midsummer Night's Dream at the Sale Botanic Gardens**

What an absolutely spectacular performance Midsummer Night's Dream was. At around 8.30pm on Friday 21 March, the Sale Botanic Gardens were transformed into fairyland, setting the perfect scene for a magical night. Despite the ominous weather, around 700 people attended the show, with all of the feedback just as amazing as the play itself. Rest assured we're already talking to the Australian Shakespeare Company about coming back to Wellington next year.

**Ride 2 School Day**

Wellington Shire Council is committed to encouraging health and wellbeing for all our residents, especially our youngest residents! On Wednesday 19 March I had great fun riding to Guthridge

Primary School with a number of enthusiastic students. Thanks to school Principal, Sue Burnett and the students for making me feel so welcome.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That the Mayor's report be noted.***

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR WENGER**

***That the Mayor's report be noted.***

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM A14**

#### **YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Youth Council has been very committed and productive in supporting local community events have been working on our YMCA partnership with the Gippsland Skate League, UNO-Y Leadership Program and Youth Parliament. Being able to apply and participate in YMCA programs will hopefully give young people living in Wellington other avenues to develop leadership and personal development skills.

On 14 March 2014 Youth Council hosted the Annual International Woman's Day Breakfast. The 6.00am early morning start tested the group but we felt like the event was a success, especially the memorable and motivational speech from Deputy Youth Mayor Christine van Deventer.

An achievement I would really like to focus on was the Ice Advice Community Information Session which was held on 19 March 2014. Youth Council worked in partnership with the Victorian Police to deliver a very successful information session to the community with approximately 300 people attending. We are now collating the surveys we collected on the night and will be presenting to Council at a workshop in May.

Since the Youth Mayor's Report in February, Youth Council has been actively involved in the following:

- Australia Day
- Maffra Fire Brigade 2014 Centenary Junior Championships
- YMCA Gippsland Skate League
- Clean Up Australia Day
- International Woman's Day Breakfast
- ICE Advice Information Forum
- Cinema Under The Stars
- Harmony Day
- Sale Music Festival

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council receive the Youth Mayor's quarterly report for the period ending March 2014.***

**COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR McIVOR**

***That Council receive the Youth Mayor's quarterly report for the period ending March 2014.***

**CARRIED**

The Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor spoke to the report.

**ITEM C1.1****CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****20 March Regional Development Australia Gippsland Committee Meeting****Advance TAFE Annual Awards****21 March Gippsland Local Government Network (GLGN) - Mayors and CEOs forum, Warragul**

Attended with Deputy Mayor McIvor (Mayor Rossetti an apology).

**24 March People's Choice Awards****Future Gippsland Group Forum**

Attended with General Manager Development, John Websdale. This forum was run by Committee for Gippsland (C4G), and was designed to seek views from private sector businesses, large and small alike, on ways they could better participate and engage in discussions and strategies to ensure Gippsland remains an attractive, sustainable and secure place to invest. While there was some lively discussion and ideas, C4G would have been very disappointed with the turnout (if you took out Local Government and C4G Board members, there may have been 10 people in attendance).

**26 March Meeting with Dyers Transport**

Met to discuss a number of planning matters and projects.

**27 March Attending a Biology Presentation by Sale College Year 11 Students on the Health of Lake Guthridge**

Attended with Deputy Mayor McIvor. Students presented a range of findings around their recent studies focused on the health of Lake Guthridge and surrounds.

**31 March Meeting with Chair and Executive Officer of the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group**

Also attended by Mayor Rossetti, Councillor Wenger and General Manager Built and Natural Environment, Chris Hastie, to discuss transitional arrangements to the new governance structures as well as Board representational matters.

**Official Opening Ceremony for Glenmaggie Bridge****2 April Meeting with Barry Rogers, Program Manager Gippsland Community Leadership Program**

Barry provided an overview of this year's program, with this Council being a financial contributor.

**3 April Meeting with Danny McDonald, Executive Officer of Gippsland Regional Plan Committee****4 April Rosedale Pool Upgrade Celebration**

A terrific celebration as the pool was opened by Mayor Rossetti and Deputy Premier Peter Ryan, the occasion made particularly special as it was attended by the enthusiastic and eager swimmers of grades 4, 5 and 6 at Rosedale primary School.

**Meeting with Minister Peter Ryan and representatives of the Gippsland Local Government Network**

Along with Mayor Rossetti, this meeting was also attended by Cr Peter Neal, Deputy Mayor, East Gippsland Shire Council; Cr. James Fawcett, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council and Cr Sharon Gibson, Mayor Latrobe City Council.

Minister Ryan acknowledged that GLGN's existing priorities had strong alignment with State Government views, particularly around freight issues.

He acknowledged the need for continued focus on maintenance issues on the South Gippsland Highway, and agreed that the Country Roads and Bridges funding was a huge positive for regional councils, and that the State Government recognised this.

Discussion also touched on the option of revisiting using school buses to augment public transport. The Minister suggested raising this matter through GLGN.

Another high focus for State was improving capacity to get into foreign markets - huge opportunities for agribusiness, with smaller players in horticulture increasing their opportunities to get connected with foreign buyers.

- 5 April      *Attending the Maffra Football Club Light Tower Unveiling***  
Attended with Mayor Rossetti and Councillors Crossley and Hole. Member for Gippsland East, Mr. Tim Bull and the Federal member for Gippsland Darren Chester were also in attendance. The first game under the new lights was an extremely successful one, with the Club delighted at the outcome and the public turnout. To cap off an excellent night, the Maffra Eagles 'brought home the bacon' with a resounding win over a new look Moe.
- 7 April      *Gippsland Art Gallery Committee Meeting***
- 9 April      *Meeting with Johan Scheffer MP***  
***Attending Youth Council Meeting***
- 10 April     *Gippsland Regional Plan Leadership Group Meeting***
- 11 April     *Meeting with the General Manager of HVP Plantations***  
***Gippsland Regional Management Forum Meeting***

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.*

**COUNCILLOR DAVINE/COUNCILLOR McIVOR**  
*That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.*

**CARRIED**

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

##### **OBJECTIVE**

To report on all assemblies of Councillors records received during the period 1 April 2014 to 8 April 2014.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 1 April 2014 to 8 April 2014.*

**COUNCILLOR DAVINE/COUNCILLOR CLEARY**

*That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 1 April 2014 to 8 April 2014.*

**CARRIED**

**ITEM C3.1 QUARTERLY STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE**

**OBJECTIVE**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receives the 2014 first quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program.*

**COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR McIVOR**

*That Council receives the 2014 first quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program.*

**CARRIED**

**ITEM C3.2 DESTINATION GIPPSLAND - RENEWAL OF FUNDING AGREEMENT 2014- 2017**

**OBJECTIVE**

To renew Wellington Shire Council's financial membership of Destination Gippsland (DGL) at the expiration of current funding agreement due to expire after 30 June 2014. Recommended renewal term is for three years with a two year extension to be reviewed in March 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Wellington Shire Council renew its financial membership of Destination Gippsland (DGL) for a further three years at \$30,000 per annum with a 3% C.P.I. increase annually, (1 July 2014 – 30 June 2017) with a two year extension to be reviewed in March 2017 – (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2019).*

**COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR WENGER**

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**CARRIED**

**ITEM C3.3****TIMBER AND FORESTRY EDUCATION PRECINCT****OBJECTIVE**

To provide an initial response to the Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Hole at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 18 February 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That:*

- 1. Council note that initial scoping highlights the importance of the timber and forestry industry to Wellington, and to the region; and*
- 2. Council note there is data to suggest there is benefit in pursuing a regional approach to the potential development of a timber and forestry education precinct in the region; and*
- 3. Council convenes an industry roundtable prior to 30 June 2014 to further investigate the potential for a Timber and Forestry Education Precinct, including research and development opportunities.*

**COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

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**CARRIED**

**ITEM C3.4****AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT – AGRICULTURAL  
COMPETITIVENESS ISSUES PAPER****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to make a submission to the Australian Government Agricultural Competitiveness Issues Paper (Issues Paper) and note further opportunity for Council comment on the Green Paper when released later this year.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council makes a submission that supports the major issues identified in the Agriculture Competitiveness Issues Paper while also highlighting the issues and projects specific to Wellington Shire as detailed in this report.*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN**

*That Council makes a submission that supports the major issues identified in the Agriculture Competitiveness Issues Paper while also highlighting the issues and projects specific to Wellington Shire as detailed in this report. Council submission should also highlight two issues to be included in the Green Paper. These are the importance of protecting high value agricultural land through sound land use planning and climate change adaptation policies.*

**CARRIED**

## D. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

## E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

### 1. Mr Warren Sanders, Gibsons Road, Sale

Is Council being overzealous in keeping information on planning matters confidential? Referred to the Quarterly Strategic Planning update report that is now presented in open Council, when the minutes of the Strategic Land Use Planning Projects Review Committee have previously been deemed "confidential".

18 March 2014: Audit classified as "confidential".  
Purchase of Desailly Street, Sale and talked about number of employees versus car spaces.

The Mayor responded to car parking and advised that parking would also remain with the Foster Street building.

### 2. Mr Bob McKay, Sale resident

Pot holes in the road on the South Gippsland Highway near the Latrobe River. Realized it is a Vic Roads road and advised that he has reported the matter to Vic Roads

### COUNCILLOR WENGER/COUNCILLOR HOLE

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

- a) *personnel matters*

**CARRIED**

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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### COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR CLEARY

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

**CARRIED**

**Meeting declared closed at 7.23pm.**