



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL
The Heart of Gippsland

Resolutions in Brief

To be read in conjunction with the Agenda of 20 May 2014

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor John Duncan

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Peter Cleary
Councillor Emilie Davine

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached petition regarding the planting of Trees in the natural floodway near Cox's Bridge and McArdles Gap.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR HOLE

That Council receive the attached petition regarding the planting of Trees in the natural floodway near Cox's Bridge and McArdles Gap.

CARRIED

ITEM A10 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NIL

ITEM A11 GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

ITEM A12(1) OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

NIL

ITEM A12(2) RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

At the 15 April 2014 Council Meeting, Councillor McCubbin asked the following Question on Notice:

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?

The following information is supplied in response:

6 May 2014:

The General Manager Development has spoken via telephone and subsequently written to Mr Paul Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Community College Gippsland to request confirmation of the College Board's position in relation to the Sale campus.

Once a response has been obtained from Mr Wilson, a formal response will then be able to be provided to Council at a later Council Meeting.

20 May 2014

As outlined in the attached correspondence, Community College Gippsland (CCG) plan to cease program delivery at the Sale Campus and vacate the building at the end of June 2014.

They have also confirmed that there is no formal lease in place and that any other organisations currently occupying the facility should be contacting the owner of the building, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education.

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN

That Council ask the Member for Gippsland South, Mr Peter Ryan, for his assistance in approaching the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) on behalf of the existing leaseholders to allow them to continue their use of the site until such time as an alternative venue can be found or a plan for the ongoing community use of the facility can be determined.

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/ COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council ask the Member for Gippsland South, Mr Peter Ryan, for his assistance in approaching the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) on behalf of the existing leaseholders to allow them to continue their use of the site until such time as an alternative venue can be found or a plan for the ongoing community use of the facility can be determined.

CARRIED

ITEM A12(3)

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

At the 6 May 2014 Council Meeting, Councillor McIvor asked the following Question on Notice:

Can the Chief Executive Officer please provide comments on what initiatives may be happening either in the organisation or in the broader shire to:

- a) Promote and encourage volunteering in Wellington Shire,***
- b) Provide information and advice to prospective volunteers and***
- c) Help connect prospective volunteers with community organisations and initiatives.***

- a) Council recently celebrated National Volunteer Week (now in its 25th year) with a morning tea at the Maffra Memorial Hall on 12 May 2014, introduced by the Deputy Mayor.

This event included a presentation highlighting the valuable contribution made by volunteers in a wide range of council related roles, including:

- Local libraries and supporting book sales
- Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group
- Gippsland Art Gallery Guides, volunteers and Advisory Group
- Healthy Wellington working groups
- Friends of Sale Botanic Gardens
- Revegetation of reserves for example the banks of Flooding Creek
- Committees of Management for Halls, Recreation Reserves and other Council infrastructure
- Youth Council
- Community Planning Groups
- Wellington Access and Inclusion Advisory Group
- Mentoring support for learner drivers
- Support at Wellington Visitor information centres
- Wellington Diversity Support Group

- Emergency management roles including community preparedness and recovery

Council also provides a number of training sessions for volunteers each year – some very specific to the work they do and some more general development opportunities.

Several business units across Council recruit and support volunteers for specific functions. There is currently no centralised volunteer liaison or specific budget allocation for volunteer co-ordination and support across Council.

Within the broader community there are many opportunities to volunteer but at this stage it is the individual responsibility of organisations to promote volunteering opportunities.

One of the three strategies for the Social Connectedness priority of 'Healthy Wellington' is to 'develop and promote volunteering opportunities for those experiencing social exclusion in Wellington Shire'. A working group has been formed to address this priority and is meeting for the first time 20 May. Many services that provide a volunteer program have committed to participating in this working group, including people from a broad range of health and community services, faith based groups, tourism, youth, local and state government bodies.

- b) Volunteering Australia provides a wide range of resources to volunteers and organisations using volunteers, including comprehensive National Standards that cover policies and procedures, management responsibilities, recruitment, work and the workplace, training and development, service delivery, documentation and continuous improvement.
www.volunteeringaustralia.org

Council officers provide information and advice relevant to specific volunteer roles that are Council related.

- c) Linking volunteers with community organisations
Each organisation conducts its own promotion and recruitment. The only Volunteer Resource Centre in Gippsland is auspiced by South Gippsland Shire Council. However there is a statewide initiative that is attempting to support these processes.

Victoria's Volunteering Portal is an online community and information resource for Victorian volunteers and volunteering organisations.

The website is published by the Office for the Community Sector within the Department of Human Services. <http://www.volunteer.vic.gov.au>

The Portal aims to inform, support and inspire everyone involved in volunteering through:

Detailed information for prospective and current volunteers about how, where and why to volunteer:

- A central source of best practice information, tools and resources for volunteer managers, coordinators and others involved in running volunteer organisations.
- Opportunities to share stories, recognise achievements, give feedback and learn through others in the volunteering community.
- A comprehensive matching tool linking volunteers with volunteering opportunities across rural, regional and metropolitan Victoria.
- A free web presence for large, medium and small Victorian volunteer-based organisations.
- Online tools to help share knowledge, pool resources and build a vibrant online community of volunteers and volunteer organisations (work in progress).

The matching tool is very under-utilised at present but over time could become a very useful resource. It would be more effective for Council to encourage use of this resource rather than attempt to duplicate it.

The Victorian Population Health Survey includes data about the level of volunteering across Victoria as this is seen as an important factor in health and wellbeing.

45.7% of people surveyed living within Wellington reported that they helped out as a volunteer, as compared to 40.8% across Victoria.

The Community Indicators Victoria website emphasises the importance of volunteering in local communities:

The number of volunteers in the community is a measure of community engagement and social connectedness. The volunteer rate is influenced by age, gender and the current social climate. Although difficult to measure, there is a strong interest among economic analysts in the value of unpaid work because of its significance and because of linkages between unpaid work and the market sector of the economy (ABS 2002).

As well as the economic value of the services volunteers provide, there is much interest in the role volunteers have in building social networks and increasing social cohesion (ABS 2002). A survey conducted by the ABS in 2006 showed that almost two-thirds of those who first became involved in voluntary work in the last 10 years were either asked to volunteer by someone or did so because they know someone involved. This suggests that volunteering not only builds social networks, but grows out of them.

People volunteer for a variety of reasons which provide benefits not only to the community, but also to the volunteers themselves. When asked to give all reasons why they volunteer, a majority (57%) said they were involved to help others or the community, but 44% were involved for personal satisfaction and 36% to do something worthwhile (this last reason being particularly important to older volunteers).

Source: www.communityindicators.net.au/metadata_items/volunteering

ITEM A12 (4)

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Background

The Gippsland Water Factory project was completed in 2011 with a final capital cost to Gippsland Water of \$230M. This followed over a decade of research, planning and development to address a long standing environmental issue.

The Gippsland Water Factory project has removed raw waste from, and addressed the odour previously generated in, the open channel that forms part of the Regional Outfall System.

The main treatment plant, located at Maryvale, treats up to 35 million litres of wastewater daily from over 19,000 properties in nine central Gippsland towns and Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill.

The Gippsland Water Factory project also delivered 78 kilometres of new pipeline, including a new pipeline from Sale to Dutson Downs. Three new pump stations were commissioned along with five pump station upgrades.

The project has also delivered recycled water benefits to the Gippsland region. The main treatment plant at Maryvale has the capacity to recycle water for industrial use. Up to 3,000 million litres of recycled water per year can be produced for industry, (the equivalent of 1,200 Olympic-size swimming pools) should the need arise in the future.

Media releases from Gippsland Water presented in attachments 1 and 2 (10 February and 11 April, 2014), highlights issues with power availability and the subsequent release of untreated industrial wastewater into the ROS.

In the past Gippsland Water would provide technical data in relation to untreated waste via the (G.W. Coastal Agencies Committee).

These power outages were relatively short however the length of wastewater release extends beyond the power outage period.

Councillor Wenger asked the following question:

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?

ITEM A13

MAYOR'S REPORT

New Professionals Civic Reception

Our annual New Professionals Civic Reception is Council's opportunity to welcome newcomers to Wellington Shire. Held on Thursday 15 May, the event was a resounding success with our new residents networking, making new acquaintances and finding out more about all of the wonderful things our municipality has to offer.

Opening of Tarra Trail Fitness Park

I was delighted to be asked to help formally open Yarram's new Fitness Park on Monday 12 May. Located at the end of the Tarra Trail, next to the Yarram wetlands, the Fitness Park is proving to be an incredibly popular asset. One year ago, Council received a request from the Yarram Freemasons, through the Draft Budget submission process, to provide funding to help get this project off the ground and we supported that request. The equipment purchased is exceptional, providing the community with high quality physical recreation facilities at the end of the Tarra Trail.

Glassford Street Kindergarten and Stratford Early Years Centre Upgrades

We had a busy day on Thursday 1 May, with Tim Bull MLA opening not one, but two, upgraded childcare facilities in Wellington Shire. In order to accommodate additional children within the facilities in Stratford and Maffra, funding was provided through State Government Department of Education and Early Childhood Development grants.

ANZAC Day Services

My fellow Councillors and I attended ANZAC events across the Shire on Friday 25 April. We observed a great turnout at all events, perhaps even more than usual, which shows how much our community values the contribution made by Australians who served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

Thanks to all the dedicated organisers of Wellington's services and marches. These are people who go to great lengths each year to ensure that our residents are provided with occasion and purpose to honour the ANZACs and the sacrifices they made which enable me to live in a free and democratic society.

Lest we forget.

Opening Night of Shakespeare Festival

One of the most entertaining events on the Wellington Calendar is Stratford's Shakespeare Festival. I was delighted (and rather surprised considering I've inflicted my Shakespearean accent on them before!) to be invited back to open this year's festival on Wednesday 23 April. This year's festival has been a resounding success, from the feast to the Fair Day.

Women in Your Club Sports Forum

On Thursday 17 April I attended a breakfast forum at the Sale Football Netball Club which highlighted the importance for sports clubs to create equal opportunities for women and girls. The forum was organised by the 50/50 Clubs project, part of Gippsland Women's Health Network's broader preventing violence against women program. Our organisation is committed to this work, currently undertaking the Paving the Way project and working towards gender equality and raising the profile of preventing men's violence against women.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report be noted.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That the Mayor's report be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM B1

DELEGATE REPORT: ANNUAL RURAL SUMMIT FOR RURAL COUNCILS

RECOMMENDATION

That the delegates report be noted.

ITEM B2

DELEGATE REPORT: WELLINGTON COMMUNITY SALINITY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the delegates report be noted.

ITEM B3

DELEGATE REPORT: ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS FOR RAIL FREIGHT DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That the delegates report be noted.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That the three delegate reports be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.1**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- 16 April** **Victorian Flood Plain Management Strategy Meeting – Melbourne**
I am one of the two local government representatives working with a number of state based agencies and departments on reviewing this statewide strategy
- 17 April** **Gippsland Local Government Network Chief Executive Officers' Forum - Morwell**
Brian Huty, GBG Concrete. Discussions about his business plans and related planning and council support matters
- 30 April – 2 May** **2014 Local Government Managers Australia National Congress - Melbourne**
- 30 April** **Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy Meeting - Melbourne**
- 7 May** **Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Meeting – Municipal Association of Victoria, Melbourne**
Discussions around Local Government's response to the revised Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy. I will be part of a small delegation representing Victorian Councils meeting with the Minister on 28 May to present local Government's response
- 8 May** **Rural and Regional Mayors, CEOs and MAV Representatives Meeting - Melbourne**
Attended with Mayor Rossetti and Cr Hole
A number of matters discussed, including frequency of council valuation cycles, new financing opportunities for LG through bond procurement, cost shifting issues raised by some councils (including libraries and school crossing supervisors).
- Gippsland Regional Plan Leadership Group Meeting**
- 9 May** **Gippsland Regional Plan Economic Development Meeting**
- 12 May** **Travel to Canberra with Cr Murray Cook, Mayor Baw Baw Shire**
- 13 May** **One Gippsland delegation - Parliament House, Canberra, along with Cr Murray Cook, Mayor Baw Baw Shire, Mary Aldred, CEO Committee for Gippsland and Richard Elkington, Chair of Regional Development Australia Gippsland.**
- 14 May** **Victorian Flood Plain Management Strategy Meeting, Melbourne**
- 15 May** **Civic Reception – Welcome to New Professionals**
- 16 May** **Gippsland Local Government Group Forum, Wonthaggi**
- 19 May** **Paving the Way Project**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR WENGER

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 29 April 2014 to 6 May 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 29 April 2014 to 6 May 2014.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 29 April 2014 to 6 May 2014.

CARRIED**ITEM C2.2****RATE CAPPING – STATE OPPOSITION POLICY****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to provide a response to the state Labor party in relation to its new policy – *A Fair Go for Ratepayers*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the leader of the Victorian Opposition, Daniel Andrews and Gippsland local members of parliament, expressing concern in relation to the Labor policy – A Fair Go for Ratepayers.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN

That

- 1. Council write to the leader of the Victorian Opposition, Daniel Andrews and Gippsland local members of parliament, expressing concern in relation to the Labor policy – A Fair Go for Ratepayers; and*
- 2. Write to the Premier and Deputy Premier of Victoria seeking their assurance that rate capping under their government will not be introduced.*

CARRIED**ITEM C3.1****BUILDING PERMITS REPORT****OBJECTIVE**

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter January, February and March 2014 and to compare this with Gippsland wide data.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014.

COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014.

CARRIED

ITEM C3.2**2014/15 STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING PROJECT PRIORITIES****OBJECTIVE**

To seek Council's support for the following projects being undertaken as part of the 2014/15 strategic land use planning work program:

1. The implementation of the recommendations of both the 'Port Albert Rural Residential Lifestyle Lots Review' and the review of existing planning controls for Port Albert;
2. The preparation of the North Sale Outline Development Plan and Developer Contributions Plan; and
3. An amendment to correct and regularise a number of technical errors within the Wellington Planning Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the following projects being undertaken as part of the 2014/15 strategic land use planning work program:

1. *The implementation of the recommendations of the 'Port Albert Rural Residential Lifestyle Lots Review' and the review of existing planning controls for Port Albert;*
2. *The preparation of the North Sale Outline Development Plan and Developer Contributions Plan; and*
3. *Commence a planning scheme amendment to correct and regularise a number of technical errors within the Wellington Planning Scheme.*

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council supports the following projects being undertaken as part of the 2014/15 strategic land use planning work program:

1. *The implementation of the recommendations of the 'Port Albert Rural Residential Lifestyle Lots Review' and the review of existing planning controls for Port Albert;*
2. *The preparation of the North Sale Outline Development Plan and Developer Contributions Plan; and*
3. *Commence a planning scheme amendment to correct and regularise a number of technical errors within the Wellington Planning Scheme.*

CARRIED

ITEM C3.3**WELLINGTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, YARRAM
(SEVEN DAYS TRADING OPTION)****OBJECTIVE**

To seek Council's support for a revised delivery model to improve visitor services in Yarram as recommended in the Wellington Shire Visitor Information Centre Review undertaken by the AEC Group in 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. *Council notes the consultation undertaken to determine options for the provision of Visitor Information Services in Yarram seven days a week; and*
2. *Council enters into an agreement with the Yarram & District Historical Society to provide Visitor Information Centre Services in Yarram one day per week (Wednesday) at an annual cost of \$2,000; with the agreement to be reviewed prior to the end of the current Visitor Information Services contract which ends on 1 September 2016.*

2. *The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan 2014 be designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 5 May 2014 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989.*

COUNCILLOR McIVOR/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That:

1. *Council adopts the Residential Road and Street Construction Plan 2014 as attached; and*
2. *The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan 2014 be designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 5 May 2014 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989.*

CARRIED

ITEM C5.1

GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

OBJECTIVE

To appoint a member as the Art Educator representative to the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1, *Council appoint the nominated Art Educator representative to the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group as detailed in the attached confidential report at Item F1.1 of the Council Meeting Agenda; and*
2. *The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group Minutes Membership be designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Liveability on 2 May 2014 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; 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 applicant can be made public.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN

That:

- 1, *Council appoint the nominated Art Educator representative to the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group as detailed in the attached confidential report at Item F1.1 of the Council Meeting Agenda; and*

2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group Minutes Membership be designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Liveability on 2 May 2014 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person; 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 applicant can be made public.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced Louise Van Kuyk was the successful applicant.

ITEM C5.2 GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

To receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 7 April 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes of the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 7 April 2014.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council receive the minutes of the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 7 April 2014.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.3 CAMERON SPORTING COMPLEX COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Cameron Sporting Complex Committee of Management's Ordinary Meeting held on 20 February 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Cameron Sporting Complex Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 20 February 2014.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR WENGER

That Council receive the minutes from the Cameron Sporting Complex Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 20 February 2014 and continued on 26 February 2014.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.4

**BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES**

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 16 December 2013, 17 February 2014 and 17 March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 16 December 2013, 17 February 2014 and 17 March 2014.

COUNCILLOR WENGER/COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 16 December 2013, 17 February 2014 and 17 March 2014.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.5

**ESSO BHP BILLITON WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES**

OBJECTIVE

To receive the minutes from the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 5 March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes of the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 5 March 2014.

Councillor McCubbin declared a Direct Conflict of Interest due to close association and left the Council Chamber at 7.15pm.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR McIVOR

That Council receive the minutes of the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre Advisory Group meeting held on 5 March 2014.

CARRIED

Councillor McCubbin returned to the Council Chamber at 7.18pm.



D. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

1. Mr Bill Redmond, Sale resident

Last Sunday Councillor McCubbin represented Council well at the opening of the Rail Trail between Maffra and Traralgon. There were friendly riders between 30-40 all up, from Sale and Maffra. Wellington Shire have done a wonderful thing with the pathways for walking and riding. The group have discovered a number of tracks that can be used safely for riding.

Pathway under the highway at the caravan park – need to look at the drop off to the rocks, no warning/signage etc. Some roads may need signs in future to warn that ‘riders’ share the road. Look at the Pathway at Longford.

Appreciate what Council is doing and also for Section 173 and roads.

2. Mr Alan Heywood, Pearsondale resident

The Mayor advised Mr Heywood that his petition has been tabled and a response will come back to Council at the next Council Meeting.

Mr Heywood spoke to the issues he saw in relation to the petition and thanked Councillor McIvor for meeting him out on site to discuss his views.

Volunteering – has found himself as a volunteer in regard to the petition.

Salinity Group and Councillor Hole’s comments on the work. Link between this, gasing and fracking.

Question to Council – Kilmany Park Homestead was the home to Mr William Pearson, noticed that Kilmany Park Homestead is now in Wurruk and not ‘Pearsondale’.

The Mayor responded and advised:

Council has taken a position on Coal Seam Gas etcetera.

Information in the petition was straight forward and looking forward to the Catchment Management Authority response. Given Mr Heywood will be in Queensland next meeting he may wish to log in from Queensland to review the outcome.

Kilmany Park as far as he was aware was still in Pearsondale. Councillor McCubbin advised that Australia Post redefined some localities a few years ago with little consultation.

Councillor McCubbin will follow up on Kilmany Park through the Place Names Committee and inform Mr Heywood of the details.

Meeting declared closed at 7.37pm.