



WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Resolutions In Brief

To be read in conjunction with the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda
19 February 2019

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Alan Hall (Mayor)
Malcolm Hole (Deputy Mayor)
Carolyn Crossley
Ian Bye
Gayle Maher
Darren McCubbin
Carmel Ripper
Scott Rossetti
Garry Stephens

IN ATTENDANCE

David Morcom	- Chief Executive Officer
John Websdale	- General Manager Development
Chris Hastie	- General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Sharon Houlihan	- General Manager Community & Culture
Arthur Skipitaris	- General Manager Corporate Services
Trish Dean	- Governance Officer

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 19 FEBRUARY 2019

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ITEM A4

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 February 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 February 2019.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 February 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM A5

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NIL

ITEM A6

ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

NIL

ITEM A7(1)

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Deputy Mayor Cr Malcolm Hole, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 February 2019.

That Council:

- 1. Write to The Hon Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland seeking his advocacy within the federal Coalition government for its commitment to funding the National Partnership Agreement for the National Quality Agenda On Early Childhood Education and Care and ongoing and permanent funding for five hours of four year-old kindergarten provision per week; and***
- 2. Sign the 'I Love Kinder' petition to the Prime Minister to secure an ongoing and permanent funding commitment by the federal Coalition government of five hours of four year-old kindergarten per week and expansion of funding to include three year-old kindergarten provision.***

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COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

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CARRIED

Rationale

Australian Government funding (approximately \$100 million per year for Victoria) via the National Partnership Agreement for the *National Quality Agenda On Early Childhood Education and Care* is due to conclude in December 2019. This federal funding currently funds five of the fifteen funded kindergarten hours each week for four-year-olds, with the Victorian Government funding the other ten hours.

Between the ages of three and five are critical years for a child's development – 90% of a child's brain develops before the age of five. Age-appropriate early learning programs have been proven to have a positive impact on children's outcomes through school.

Play-based preschool programs, delivered by qualified early childhood educators, have been shown to lift learning and development outcomes for all children, while also closing the achievement gap for disadvantaged children.

There is a strong correlation between children attending early learning and their results in primary school. For example, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) found children attending more than one year of pre-school scored significantly higher in the OECD's Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) test scores at age 15 years.

Numerous studies have demonstrated a positive return on investment from investing in two years of pre-school, with a cost-benefit ratio ranging from 3.4 (Texas, USA) to 4.3 (Spain) due to the better social, health and education outcomes for children, as well as increased female workforce participation.

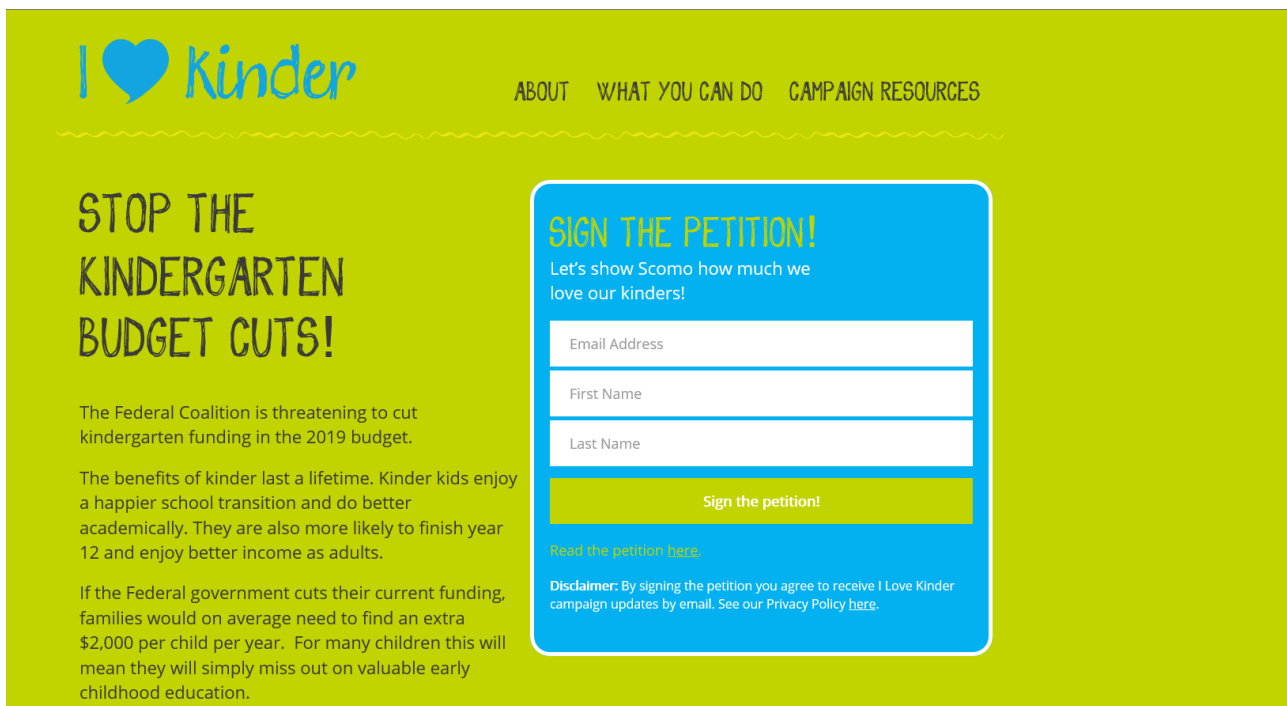
Across Wellington Shire Council, there are approximately twenty services offering kindergarten programs.

Wellington Shire Council would like to provide support to the “I Love Kinder” campaign and advocate to the current Coalition federal government to ensure that the partnership between Australian and Victorian Governments continues to deliver 15 hours of four year-old kindergarten. and expands to include funding of three year-old kindergarten.



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DEPUTY MAYOR CR MALCOLM HOLE

Dated: 11 February 2019



The screenshot shows the 'I Love Kinder' website with a green background. The logo 'I ♥ Kinder' is in the top left. Navigation links 'ABOUT', 'WHAT YOU CAN DO', and 'CAMPAIGN RESOURCES' are in the top right. The main heading is 'STOP THE KINDERGARTEN BUDGET CUTS!'. Below this is text explaining the threat of budget cuts and the benefits of kinder. A 'SIGN THE PETITION!' box contains a form with fields for 'Email Address', 'First Name', and 'Last Name', a 'Sign the petition!' button, and a 'Read the petition here.' link. A disclaimer is at the bottom of the box.

I ♥ Kinder ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO CAMPAIGN RESOURCES

STOP THE KINDERGARTEN BUDGET CUTS!

The Federal Coalition is threatening to cut kindergarten funding in the 2019 budget.

The benefits of kinder last a lifetime. Kinder kids enjoy a happier school transition and do better academically. They are also more likely to finish year 12 and enjoy better income as adults.

If the Federal government cuts their current funding, families would on average need to find an extra \$2,000 per child per year. For many children this will mean they will simply miss out on valuable early childhood education.

SIGN THE PETITION!
Let's show Scomo how much we love our kinders!

Email Address
First Name
Last Name

Sign the petition!

[Read the petition here.](#)

Disclaimer: By signing the petition you agree to receive I Love Kinder campaign updates by email. See our [Privacy Policy here](#).

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Installation of street light Colville Street, Port Albert	5 February 2019	Council Officers are finalising relevant information and will report to Council on 5 March 2019.	Acting Manager Built Environment

ITEM A9**INVITED ADDRESSES PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Councillor Ripper congratulated Ivan Reyes who has been announced a winner of the National ABC Heywire Storytelling competition.

Mayor Hall formally acknowledged and thanked Council Staff along with the many agencies involved in responding to the recent bushfires in the Wellington Shire.

ITEM A10 (1)**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

At the 19 February 2019 Council Meeting, Councillor McCubbin asked the following Question on Notice:

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN

Can the CEO inform the Council about the current status of the road upgrade in Marley Street, Sale and when it is expected to be completed?

The following response was provided by Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment

- Marley Street project is part of Councils Road and Street Construction plan. The 5th project to be delivered under this plan.
- Contract awarded during 2018.
- Requirements of APA (the owner of the gas main) changed when giving final approvals, which delayed start of works by 8-12 weeks.
- Council are continuing to work through issues.
- Works are now back on track with estimated completion in July 2019.
- Drainage / service relocations primarily complete, while overall works are about 40% complete.
- An update for residents was sent out in November 2018 and a further update is planned to be sent out shortly.

ITEM A11(1)

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM B

DELEGATES REPORT

Councillor Hole provided a verbal delegates report from the Gippsland Timber Hub meeting. The meeting was well attended with the following items being discussed.

- The continuation of Forestry jobs as a career pathway for Yarram Secondary College;
- Successful employment for Secondary school leavers into the Forestry / Timber Industry; and
- Issues facing an aging workforce

ITEM C1.1

JANUARY 2019 PERFORMANCE REPORT

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive and note the January 2019 Council Performance Report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the January 2019 Council Performance Report as attached.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN

That Council receive and note the January 2019 Council Performance Report as attached.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.2

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.1

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 30 January 2019 to 13 February 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 30 January 2019 to 13 February 2019.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 30 January 2019 to 13 February 2019.

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 November and December 2018.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 November and 31 December 2018.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 November and 31 December 2018.

CARRIED

ITEM C3.2

BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

OBJECTIVE

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018, for information.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018.

CARRIED

ITEM C4.1

**DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD AT THE REAR OF
85 FITZROY STREET, SALE**

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to consider the discontinuance and sale of a road (laneway) at the rear of properties between Fitzroy Street and Codrington Street, Sale.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 189, 206(1) including Clause 3 of Schedule 10, Section 207A and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve to advertise its intention to discontinue a section of unused road between Fitzroy Street and Codrington Street, Sale including its intention to sell part of this discontinued road; and***
- 2. Council place a notice of the proposed discontinuance of the unused road between Fitzroy Street and Codrington Street, Sale and the proposed sale of a section of this road in local newspapers and serve a copy of the notice on abutting property owners and statutory authorities; and***
- 3. In the event of no objections, Council resolve to discontinue a section of unused road between Fitzroy Street and Codrington Street, Sale and place a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette; and***
- 4. Council resolve to dispose part of the discontinued section of road to the abutting land owner in accordance with Wellington Shire Council Policy 4.3.6 Sale, Exchange and Acquisition of Land.***

Councillor Rossetti declared an indirect conflict of interest under section 78B due to a conflict of duty and left the chamber at 6:32pm

COUNCILLOR McCUBBIN / COUNCILLOR MAHER

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CARRIED

Councillor Rossetti returned to the chamber at 6:34pm



D. URGENT BUSINESS



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that the Mayor will respond to you in writing within one week if required, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes

CHAT ROOM COMMENTS – NIL

GALLERY COMMENTS - NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 6:35pm

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.