



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 February 2021

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Garry Stephens (Mayor)
Scott Rossetti (Deputy Mayor)
Ian Bye
Carolyn Crossley
Malcolm Hole
Marcus McKenzie
Gayle Maher
John Tatterson
Jill Wood

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Denise Teo, Governance Officer

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 February 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 February 2021.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 February 2021.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Item 15.2 Review of External Marketing Budget Allocation	15 December 2020	Council moved that this item lay on the table until Council resumes in 2021	General Manager Development

The Mayor noted that this item will be addressed at the end of the General Manager Development section.

See Addendum 1 at the end of Section 14 General Manager Development for the motion.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NIL

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

10.1. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR GARRY STEPHENS

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i></p> <p>COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR BYE</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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11. DELEGATES REPORT

Councillor Crossley provided an update about the latest activities being carried out by the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN).

The Energise Gippsland Solar Program continues to offer bulk buy discounts and high quality installation of solar systems to businesses, community organisations and individuals to assist in reducing Wellington Shire's carbon footprint alongside supporting local jobs. There have been nearly 30 installations to date.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning awarded a grant to GCCN to setup a new energy jobs fund to provide renewable energy projects on a lease-buy process which offer many more opportunities for businesses and community groups that may be ineligible for other grants and assistance programs.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

12.2. DECEMBER 2020 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to receive and note the December 2020 Council Performance Report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the December 2020 Council Performance Report as attached.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council receive and note the December 2020 Council Performance Report as attached.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 25 January 2021 to 7 February 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 January 2021 to 7 February 2021.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 January 2021 to 7 February 2021.

CARRIED

13.2. ADOPTION OF 2020-2024 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To approve the revised Councillor Code of Conduct, as attached and in doing so, revoke the 2016 Councillor Code of Conduct and approve the publication of the revised Councillor Code of Conduct on Council's website.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve the revised Councillor Code of Conduct, as attached;*
- 2. Revoke the 2016 Councillor Code of Conduct; and*
- 3. Authorise the publication of the revised Councillor Code of Conduct on Council's website.*

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council:

- 1. Approve the revised Councillor Code of Conduct, as attached;*
- 2. Revoke the 2016 Councillor Code of Conduct; and*
- 3. Authorise the publication of the revised Councillor Code of Conduct on Council's website.*

CARRIED

13.3. ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To approve the revised Conflict of Interest Policy, as attached.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the revised Conflict of Interest policy, as attached.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council approve the revised Conflict of Interest policy, as attached.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2020 PLANNING DECISIONS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the months of November and December 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 November and 31 December 2020.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 November and 31 December 2020.

CARRIED

14.2. MAFFRA MEN'S SHED

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council with an update on the Maffra Men's Shed search for a relocation site and to recommend giving approval for the Men's Shed to use the southern part of the Maffra RV site as their new home.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

Mr Jim King – outlined the benefits of having a Men's Shed to benefit locals for a range of reasons including mental health and social gathering opportunities. He also highlighted the activities and accomplishments since its inception in 2018 and detailed the activities that they intent to undertake in the coming year. Mr King further detailed the difficulties they are experiencing in securing a new location at the end of their current agreement and outlined the reasons the RV Park site would be the most suitable location.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve;

- 1. To approve the Maffra Men's Shed use of the southern section of the current Maffra Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park land as outlined in the attached map subject to the following conditions:**
 - a. That the Maffra Men's Shed obtain a licence agreement to use the subject land under section 17B of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 with the approval of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to act under delegation to finalise and sign the agreement on behalf of Council noting the licence would be for a period of ten-years at which time it can be renewed.**
 - b. That the agreement in (a) above has two additional conditions namely that all the proposed buildings are approved by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation to ensure they are of a good standard/appearance and to include a sunset clause whereby the Maffra Men's Shed must make substantial progress towards the commencement of construction within two years of entering into the Agreement. If this is not achieved, the Agreement will be terminated. 'Substantial progress' is defined as obtaining all the relevant approvals and commencing on-site works.**
 - c. That the Maffra Men's Shed obtain a planning permit under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 ensuring that all buildings are constructed away from the stormwater drain as per Council's requirements and the issues of screening, hours of operation and carparking are satisfactorily addressed.**
 - d. That this approval in no way commits Council to any financial contributions to the project except for any community grants that are applied for and approved. That the Maffra Men's Shed is fully responsible for any costs associated with the toilets on the site.**
- 2. That the use of the existing Maffra Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park site on the northern side of the subject site be monitored along with other RV facilities in Maffra and that staff update Council on this at a workshop.**

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council resolve;

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CARRIED

ADDENDUM 1

15.2. REVIEW OF EXTERNAL MARKETING BUDGET ALLOCATION

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

For Council to determine how to allocate funds currently directed to Central Gippsland Tourism once the current Memorandum of Understanding ends on 31 March 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

15/12/20 Ben Joske dialled in via Skype: expressed concerns about the motion and would like an opportunity for further discussion and consideration

15/12/20 Alan Lewis asked a question via the online form: can you please provide the market research undertaken and focus groups held in the target market to test the "Every Where" campaign

16/02/21 - NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

- 1. At the conclusion of the current Memorandum of Understanding (the end of March 2021) between Council and Central Gippsland Tourism, to reallocate \$92,000 of funds on an ongoing basis towards a Council managed local buy/town centre/local events program to continue the 'Business Boost/Middle of Everywhere' campaign.*
- 2. Allocate for the 2021/22 year the remaining \$5,000 to Central Gippsland Tourism for administrative support, to attract members and maintain networking opportunities. That this allocation be reviewed annually as part of the annual budget process.*

The CEO declared a general conflict of interest as he is a Director for Destination Gippsland.

The CEO left the meeting at 6:46pm

The CEO returned to the meeting at 6:56pm

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR HOLE

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY MOVED THAT THE MOTION LAY ON THE TABLE. THIS MOTION IS UNOPPOSED AND WILL LAY ON THE TABLE UNTIL COUNCIL RECONVENES IN 2021.

CARRIED

16 FEBRUARY 2021

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY MOVED THAT THE MOTION IN RELATION TO ITEM 15.2 REVIEW OF EXTERNAL MARKETING BUDGET ALLOCATION FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 15 DECEMBER 2020 BE TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY INTRODUCED AN ALTERNATIVE MOTION.

That Council resolve;

- 1. That the Council and Central Gippsland Tourism will enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding as a partnership which outlines the*

deliverables and key performance measures for this funding. That the Chief Executive Officer is delegated to finalise and sign this on behalf of Council as well as to ensure it supports and is aligned with the Middle of Everywhere campaign.

- 2. From 1 April 2021, for a twelve-month period, to provide \$35,000 funding to Central Gippsland Tourism for tourism marketing and promotion of the Shire (taking into account the 2020/2021 unspent previously allocated funds).***
- 3. In addition, Council for that year will match dollar for dollar any additional cash funding Central Gippsland Tourism attracts from industry or from grants up to a maximum of \$15,000.***

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

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CARRIED

15. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

ONLINE COMMENTS – NIL

GALLERY COMMENTS – NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 6:44pm

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