



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 2 May 2023

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Clem Gillings, General Manager Community and Culture
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development
Hayley Furlong, Governance and Council Business Officer
Kimberly Salleh, Coordinator Communications and Media

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13.1. APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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 18 April 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2023.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 April 2023.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

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

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY congratulated the students and teachers at the Gippsland Grammar School for their ANZAC music and language tour. She noted their recent overseas trip to France where they performed the French national anthem and travelled onto Belgium to perform as part of the ANZAC ceremony. She noted that it was an inspirational initiative and life changing experience for all.

Councillor Crossley also acknowledged the launch of the Shakespeare festival held in Stratford on Friday 28 April 2023. She attended the performance with the CEO, Councillor McKenzie and Councillor Ripper and highlighted the success of the opening night. She strongly encourages everyone to attend the various shows throughout the week and the grand finale taking place on Saturday 13 May 2023.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged ANZAC Day held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 and thanked the Wellington Shire RSL's and volunteers for the events held in remembrance of those lost. As a member of the RSL in Stratford and ex-service member of East Sale, she thanked those in the community and Councillors who assisted or attended services across the municipality.

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. DELEGATES REPORT

Presented by Councillor Marcus McKenzie

Last week, Star of the South submitted a Feasibility Licence application to the Australian Government's Offshore Infrastructure Registrar to continue developing Star of the South off the Gippsland coast, a journey that started in 2018.

This is a huge milestone and it follows five years of work to bring offshore wind energy, jobs and investment to Australia.

All offshore wind projects will require a Feasibility Licence, followed by a Commercial Licence, to proceed to construction and Star of the South looks forward to learning the outcomes of the government assessment process later this year.

Even though Star of the South have submitted their feasibility application, work does not cease there. A specialist boat and crew will spend around five weeks at sea collecting soil and rock samples from up to 70 metres beneath the seafloor, at 22 locations within the Star of the South 2019 Exploration Licence area. Collected samples will be analysed in a specialist laboratory and results used to inform wind farm design.

These investigations are a critical next step in the project's development and are co-funded with the Victorian Government through the Energy Innovation Fund.

Once again, Star of the South leads the way with its community engagement and consultation.

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 10 April 2023 to 23 April 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 10 April 2023 to 23 April 2023.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 10 April 2023 to 23 April 2023.

CARRIED

11.2. ADOPTION OF 2023 PROPERTY REVALUATION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

PURPOSE

To adopt the total valuation of all properties within the Shire, as advised by the Valuer General, at the return date of 1 January 2023.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the following valuation figures as at the return date of 1 January 2023:

	SITE VALUE	CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE	NET ANNUAL VALUE
RATEABLE	\$10,840,267,600	\$18,930,540,600	\$1,020,822,930
NON-RATEABLE	\$229,642,500	\$423,167,500	\$22,691,425
TOTAL VALUATION	\$11,069,910,100	\$19,353,708,100	\$1,043,514,355

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE

That Council adopt the following valuation figures as at the return date of 1 January 2023:

	SITE VALUE	CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE	NET ANNUAL VALUE
RATEABLE	\$10,840,267,600	\$18,930,540,600	\$1,020,822,930
NON-RATEABLE	\$229,642,500	\$423,167,500	\$22,691,425
TOTAL VALUATION	\$11,069,910,100	\$19,353,708,100	\$1,043,514,355

CARRIED

11.3. ADOPTION OF REVISED 2023 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To adopt the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached and to publish the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and***
- 2. Publish the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.***

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and***
- 2. Publish the revised 2023 Council meeting dates and times on Council's website.***

CARRIED

12. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE 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 if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, 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.

ONLINE COMMENTS - NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS -

KURT PRITCHETT, HEYFIELD – queried if Mustons Lane, Heyfield is still going to be sealed. The Mayor advised that the General Manager Built and Natural Environment will address his query directly.

Kurt presented the 'Pritchetts Road' street sign which was found in a skate park amongst rubble that remained after road construction. He asked what could be done regarding the clean-up and if having the sign incurred a fine. The CEO advised that his concern regarding the clean-up will be referred to the General Manager Built and Natural Environment for response. The CEO also assured Kurt that no fine will be issued for being in possession of this particular street sign. A written response will be provided to Kurt and circulated to Councillors.

Lastly, Kurt raised concerns with the subdivision of his property and easement. He noted that he is experiencing issues with his neighbour about the easement. The CEO advised that the circumstances and details raised will be investigated, noting the General Manager Development will respond to Kurt directly within a fortnight.

MARY METCALF, MAFFRA – raised questions regarding climate change, particularly in relation to the Net Zero Sustainability project. She spoke about the wind turbines and their long term impact on the environment (including fauna), cost and longevity. Mary spoke on the effects on the environment of both wind turbines and solar panels. The Mayor requested that Mary provide her written questions to the General Manager Development for response.

VERONICA BARNES, ROSEDALE – congratulated the Mayor and Councillors for their conduct of Council meetings. Veronica voiced concerns about the underage pride event held Monday 1 May 2023 in Sale. The CEO advised an email response will be provided to address the matters raised and a copy of the response will be circulated to Councillors.

Meeting declared closed at: 3:35pm

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

13. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:

- f) Personal information being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;***

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

Details redacted.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

CARRIED

Consideration of Council agenda Item 13.1. Appointment of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council move into open session and ratify the decisions made in closed session.

CARRIED