



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

## **RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING**

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 4 April 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  
Sam Pye, Acting General Manager Development  
Hayley Furlong, Governance and Council Business Officer  
Claudia Oswald, Communications 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: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

#### **PURPOSE**

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 March 2023.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 March 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 March 2023.*

**CARRIED**

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>FROM MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
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 RIPPER and COUNCILLOR McKENZIE attended the Air Force Week event held on Thursday 30 March 2023 at RAAF Base East Sale. Councillor Ripper noted the RAAF Base celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and, as an ex-RAAF member, she acknowledged their history and the facility upgrades the base has seen throughout the years.

COUNCILLOR McKENZIE and COUNCILLOR RIPPER attended the Better Life for Foster Kids Gala night held on Friday 31 March 2023 at the Sale Memorial Hall. With over 300 attendees, it was a fantastic night to celebrate all that Better Life for Foster Kids do for children and carers in out of home care. He highlighted how successful the night was and noted that funds were raised beyond the expected target and thanked Heather for all her efforts.

COUNCILLOR McKENZIE also acknowledged the fantastic work done by Kim Salleh and the Communications and Media team at Wellington Shire Council. He noted the hard work put in by the team and the great work they do to engage and inform the community across media platforms.

COUNCILLOR BYE attended the 30-year anniversary celebrations for the Port of Sale Boat Club on Saturday 1 April 2023. Held at the Port of Sale, attendees gathered to share stories and celebrate. Councillor Bye congratulated the club, noting it was a fantastic event.

COUNCILLOR BYE also acknowledged the annual Race the Rubeena event held on Sunday 2 April 2023. He highlighted that the community fun walk/run was a successful event organised by the Rotary Club of Sale. With over 300 racegoers, all funds raised were donated to the Children's Cemetery at the Sale Cemetery.

## 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

COUNCILLOR McKENZIE presented a report on his attendance at the Star of the South Community Advisory Group Meeting on Thursday 30 March 2023.

The Star of the South Community Advisory Group Meeting met at the Innovation Centre, Morwell on Thursday 30 March 2023. at which time Erin Coldham presented to the group an update on their prospective of transmission systems which as Councillors and Council know is an important facet of the offshore wind farm project and how the transmission from sea to land and onto Latrobe will occur – underground or above ground.

So, for ease of review to council and our community key takeaways from the meeting were as follows:

- Star of the South has been working on a transmission system since 2019
- As the offshore wind industry has grown, the Victorian Government has tasked VicGrid with developing the new transmission infrastructure needed to connect offshore wind to the grid
- VicGrid's goal is to ensure a coordinated and fit-for-purpose approach that avoids multiple private transmission routes being developed in the same area
- Star of the South are talking with VicGrid to understand what this means for landholders and them
- So far, Star of the South know that VicGrid plan to identify a common connection point near the Gippsland coast that offshore wind projects will be required to connect to via underground cables. From that point, a shared transmission system will be developed to transmit electricity to the Latrobe Valley and into the existing grid
- Any work that reduces the impact on landholders and the landscape makes good sense and this approach would mean fewer transmission routes and fewer landholders affected overall
- As VicGrid consults and considers all available options, Star of the South will explore how the solution they have been discussing could be incorporated into the VicGrid process
- Star of the South will work closely with VicGrid and the government during this time and explore opportunities to coordinate their plans, to meet the objective of streamlining transmission planning, while maintaining progress on a solution that could bring offshore wind power online this decade
- With Latrobe Valley coal power stations scheduled to retire, there is a growing need to bring a large amount of new energy into the grid, so it makes sense to have options available as these next steps are worked through
- VicGrid have advised that they'll host community drop-in sessions and an online briefing in May and that they're also available to meet with you directly. You can contact them on 1800 418 341 or [rezdevelopment@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:rezdevelopment@delwp.vic.gov.au) or find information and participate online at [engage.vic.gov.au](https://engage.vic.gov.au)
- Finally, the closing date for Feasibility Licenses will be April 27 and the word on the street is that there will be around 30 – 40 proponents will apply and as council we have probably only had around 5 – 7 actually present to us, so no doubt late 2023 – mid 2024 will be a very busy period for council and our community to stay connected and engaged.

## 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 13 March 2023 to 26 March 2023.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 13 March 2023 to 26 March 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 13 March 2023 to 26 March 2023.*

**CARRIED**

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 12.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES**

**PURPOSE**

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022, for information.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

*That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.*

**CARRIED**

## 12.2. PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C114

### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

#### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt Amendment C114 to the Wellington Planning Scheme.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### *That Council*

- 1. Adopt Amendment C114 (with changes) in the form outlined in Attachment 1 to this Report and in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and*
- 2. Submit adopted Amendment C114 together with the prescribed information to the Minister for Planning requesting approval in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

##### **COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

##### *That Council*

- 1. Adopt Amendment C114 (with changes) in the form outlined in Attachment 1 to this Report and in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and*
- 2. Submit adopted Amendment C114 together with the prescribed information to the Minister for Planning requesting approval in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.*

**CARRIED**

## 13. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

### 13.1. QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS - NOVEMBER 2022 TO FEBRUARY 2023

#### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITIES, FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES**

##### **PURPOSE**

For Council to note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2022 to February 2023 as shown in Attachment 1.

##### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2022 to February 2023 as listed in Attachment 1.*

**COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

*That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2022 to February 2023 as listed in Attachment 1.*

**CARRIED**

### 13.2. COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### **ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

##### **PURPOSE**

For Council to receive the report highlighting activities and achievements of various Council advisory committees and community facilities' committees of management for the period November 2022 to February 2023.

##### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive the report highlighting activities and achievements of various Council advisory committees and community facilities' committees of management for the period November 2022 to February 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

*That Council receive the report highlighting activities and achievements of various Council advisory committees and community facilities' committees of management for the period November 2022 to February 2023.*

**CARRIED**



## 14. 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 – NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 3:21pm

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

## 15. IN CLOSED SESSION

### COUNCILLOR

***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:***

- a) Council business information***
- b) Security information***
- c) Land use planning information***
- d) Law enforcement information***
- e) Legal privileged information***
- f) Personal information***
- g) Private commercial information***
- h) Confidential meeting information***
- i) Internal arbitration information***
- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information***
- k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information***
- l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989***

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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### COUNCILLOR

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