



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

**RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF
ORDINARY MEETING**

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 2 April 2024

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Ian Bye
Cr Gayle Maher
Cr Jill Wood
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Scott Rossetti
Cr Marcus McKenzie
Cr Garry Stephens
Cr Carolyn Crossley

OFFICERS PRESENT

Chris Hastie, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Ross McWhirter, Acting General Manager Community & Culture
Sheryl Saynor, Executive Support Officer
Catie Thomson, Governance Officer
Kim Salleh, Manager Communications and Media

APOLOGIES

Cr John Tatterson

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MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to make a difference. We listen and lead to provide quality services that improve life for all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

“Wellington Shire Council acknowledges our offices are located on the traditional lands of the Gunaikurnai nation. We pay our deep respects to their Elders past, present and future and acknowledge their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to their land and waters.”

1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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 19 March 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 March 2024.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 March 2024.

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
Mafeking Hill corella issue	5 March 2024	The Built Environment team have prepared a response to be tabled at this Council Meeting.	General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Falls Lane, Bundalaguah	19 March 2024	The Built Environment team are preparing a response to be tabled at a future Council Meeting.	General Manager Built & Natural Environment

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged the Future Proof Project, a federally funded project created in response to the 2019-20 bushfires which focuses on young people aged 12 to 25 in natural disaster affected areas. Wellington's engagement was over a 15 month period and involved 274 young people from the local community as well as engagement with secondary schools. This project supported young people to grow their skills, connect with their community and gain training and qualifications related to community services and emergency management. Councillor Ripper acknowledged the young people involved in the project and Wellington's project facilitation by the Youth Project Officer, Kiah, and Youth Engagement Trainee, Jarrah, in Wellington Shire Council's Social Inclusion and Connection Team, stating these individuals have set a standard for youth going into the future.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE congratulated the Yarram & District first grade Cricket team (Pelicans) who joined the Sale-Maffra Cricket Association and defeated Stratford in the Grand Final of the Sale-Maffra Cricket Association in their first year of competition. Councillor McKenzie acknowledged the 'Man of the Match' Daniel O'Keefe. Such results, combined with a strong leadership, will propel cricket within the Yarram and District where a benchmark has now been set for all future grade teams and one can look forward to great results in 2025 and beyond.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE also acknowledged that Easter in 2024 in the Wellington Shire was a huge success with the many events conducted over Easter. Small steps were taken this time last year within a Covid restricted setting to re-open some events over Easter, but what a difference the past 18 months has made. Events were acknowledged, including the 3000+ crowd at the Yarram Tarra festival; Port Albert live music event and stores in the park; the nightly lantern parade; the WIN News reporting of 8000+ crowds over the Easter weekend and the Filipino community dancers; Seaspray Easter Art show; Golden Beach end-of-summer Surf and Fishing Carnival; Loch Sport Community House Collectables Fair; Woodside Beach Caravan Park Easter hunt and raffle; live bands and acts at Woodside Hotel, Dargo Hotel, Jack Ryan's Bar and MAFFCO Brewery and Distillery; market days at Stratford and Coongulla; the Sale Greyhound Club 'Kids Day Out'. On behalf of all Wellington Shire councillors, Councillor McKenzie expressed his thanks to the organisers of these events, stating that to organise any event, let alone this number of successful events, is a real credit to all the clubs, associations and businesses in the Wellington Shire.

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

NIL

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 11 March 2024 to 24 March 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 11 March 2024 to 24 March 2024.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 11 March 2024 to 24 March 2024.

CARRIED

11.2. S11B INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 2017)

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval for the designated Council Officers responsible for administration and enforcement of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* to be appointed and authorised as an Authorised Officer under the Act.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 and the other legislation referred to in the attached S11B Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (the instrument), resolve that:

- 1. The specified officers be appointed and authorised as set out in the instrument as provided in Attachment 11.2.1; and***
- 2. The instrument be signed by the Chief Executive Officer.***

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 and the other legislation referred to in the attached S11B Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (the instrument), resolve that:

- 1. The specified officers be appointed and authorised as set out in the instrument as provided in Attachment 11.2.1; and***
- 2. The instrument be signed by the Chief Executive Officer.***

CARRIED

12. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

12.1. PROPOSED LEASE AND EASEMENT - 14 VELORE ROAD, KILMANY

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

For Council to authorise the completion of statutory processes relating to the creation of a new lease and an easement in favour of Ausnet Electricity Services Pty Ltd (Ausnet).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council resolve to commence the statutory processes required for the creation of an easement on Council property described as (Part) 14 Velore Road, Kilmanny and Reserve 1 (Private Road) 14 Velore Road, Kilmanny as shown on the attached plans.***
- 2. Council advertises its intention to create a lease and easement in favour of Ausnet Electricity Services Pty Ltd, subject to the provisions of section 114 and 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, including calling for submissions in relation to the proposal.***
- 3. Subject to not receiving any submissions, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the creation of easement including executing necessary documents.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That:

- 1. Council resolve to commence the statutory processes required for the creation of an easement on Council property described as (Part) 14 Velore Road, Kilmanny and Reserve 1 (Private Road) 14 Velore Road, Kilmanny as shown on the attached plans.***
- 2. Council advertises its intention to create a lease and easement in favour of Ausnet Electricity Services Pty Ltd, subject to the provisions of section 114 and 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, including calling for submissions in relation to the proposal.***
- 3. Subject to not receiving any submissions, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the creation of easement including executing necessary documents.***

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.1. RESPONSE TO PETITION - MAFEKING HILL CORELLA ISSUE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a petition received at the Ordinary Council meeting of 20 February 2024 regarding issues with Corellas at Mafeking Hill, Maffra.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer has written to the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), as the responsible authority, seeking advice in relation to the management of Corella populations across urban areas of Wellington Shire.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer has written to the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), as the responsible authority, seeking advice in relation to the management of Corella populations across urban areas of Wellington Shire.

CARRIED

13.2. QUARTERLY CAPITAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update from the 5 December 2023 Council report which noted changes made up until the end of October 2023 and to note changes to the Capital Works Program from then until the end of February 2024 for the 2023/2024 financial year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,083,458, made since the end of October 2023, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$51,679,515 as shown in Attachment 13.2.1, which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,083,458, made since the end of October 2023, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$51,679,515 as shown in Attachment 13.2.1, which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

14.1. COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITIES, FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

PURPOSE

For Council to receive the annual report highlighting the activities and performance of Council's five Community Asset Committees for the period 2022/23.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note an annual report highlighting the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for the period 2022/23; and***
- 2. Acknowledges the volunteer contribution made by the Community Asset Committee members during this period.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note an annual report highlighting the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for the period 2022/23; and***
- 2. Acknowledges the volunteer contribution made by the Community Asset Committee members during this period.***

CARRIED

14.2. QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

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 2023 to March 2024 (Attachment 14.2.1).

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 2023 to March 2024 (Attachment 14.2.1).

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period November 2023 to March 2024 (Attachment 14.2.1).

CARRIED

15. 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: 5.30PM

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

16. 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*

IN CLOSED SESSION

NIL