



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3 December 2024, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 3 December 2024.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)
Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Catherine Bannerman
Cr Liz Foat
Cr Edward Lowe
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Garry Stephens
Cr John Tatterson

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment
Kim Salleh, Manager Communications & Media
Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Geoff Wells

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1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR WELLS

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS declared a general conflict of interest for item 12.4 Quick Response Grants – July to October 2024.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Special Council Meeting of 18 November 2024 and the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 November 2024.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Special Council Meeting of 18 November 2024 and the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 November 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
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS acknowledged the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the Wellington Shire on 2 December 1994 which brought together five shires – the Shire of Alberton, the Shire of Avon, the Shire of Rosedale, the Shire of Maffra and the City of Sale. Councillor Stephens said he feels it is very important to acknowledge history and “knowing where we came from”. Councillor Stephens thanked all the staff, officers and councillors who have come along over the past 30 years and said “we can be proud of the work that was done” to make the Shire what it is today.

MAYOR ROSSETTI further acknowledged the continuous improvements that can be observed across the Shire following the amalgamation.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN acknowledged and thanked the Rosedale RSL branch who invited her to partake in their end of year lunch on Sunday and share their ideas on how to grow the RSL and community infrastructure in Rosedale.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN acknowledged the Gippsland Armed Forces Museum in West Sale who extended an invite to all councillors to attend their open day, a truly wonderful facility.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY
NIL

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

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

CARRIED

11.2. ADOPTION OF 2025 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY
NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2025 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and***
- 2. Publish the 2025 Council meeting dates, times and place on Council's website.***

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2025 Council meeting dates and times as attached; and***
- 2. Publish the 2025 Council meeting dates, times and place on Council's website.***

CARRIED

11.3. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2024 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2024 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

CARRIED

11.4. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES & DELEGATES 2024/2025

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees in accordance with the attached Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2024-2025.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees in accordance with the attached Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2024-2025.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

12.1. GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES (GIS) – PANEL OF PROVIDERS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025-064 Evaluation Report for Geographical Information System Services Panel of Providers; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025-064 Evaluation Report for Geographical Information System Services Panel of Providers, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 20 November 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020;***
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025-064 Evaluation Report for Geographical Information System Services Panel of Providers; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025-064 Evaluation Report for Geographical Information System Services Panel of Providers, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 20 November 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020;***
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer panelists as COHGA Pty Ltd, ESRI Australia Pty Ltd, Technology One Pty Ltd, Woolpert Australia Pty Ltd, and for consultancy GP One Pty Ltd.

12.2. RE-OPENING OF SLAVINS LANE (PART) STRATFORD

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Pursuant to section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, which remains a saved provision under the transition to the Local Government Act 2020, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to write to the licensee of the unused road licence 1506699 of its intention to re-open to public traffic part of their licence over Slavins Lane from Redbank Road to Crockett Street, Stratford; and*
- 2. Council appoint three Councillors _____, _____, _____ plus an alternative representative _____ to form the Slavins Lane Unused Road Licence Committee that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submission under section 223 of the Act have requested that they be heard in support of their submission/objection; and*
- 3. In the event that there are no objections or submissions and pursuant to section 407(1) of the Land Act 1958, as it is desirable in the public interest, the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action be requested that part of the unused road licence 1506699 held over Slavins Lane from Redbank Road to Crockett Street, Stratford be revoked, as it is required for public traffic.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That:

- 1. Pursuant to section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, which remains a saved provision under the transition to the Local Government Act 2020, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to write to the licensee of the unused road licence 1506699 of its intention to re-open to public traffic part of their licence over Slavins Lane from Redbank Road to Crockett Street, Stratford; and*
- 2. Council appoint three Councillors COUNCILLORS TATTERSON, RIPPER, BANNERMAN plus an alternative representative COUNCILLOR FOAT to form the Slavins Lane Unused Road Licence Committee that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submission under section 223 of the Act have requested that they be heard in support of their submission/objection; and*
- 3. In the event that there are no objections or submissions and pursuant to section 407(1) of the Land Act 1958, as it is desirable in the public interest, the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action be requested that part of the unused road licence 1506699 held over Slavins Lane from Redbank Road to Crockett Street, Stratford be revoked, as it is required for public traffic.*

CARRIED

12.3. COONGULLA SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME WORKS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2024-071 Evaluation Report for Coongulla Special Charge Scheme Works; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2024-071 Evaluation Report for Coongulla Special Charge Scheme Works, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 18 November 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;***
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2024-071 Evaluation Report for Coongulla Special Charge Scheme Works; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2024-071 Evaluation Report for Coongulla Special Charge Scheme Works, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 18 November 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;***
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Bairnsdale Road Services Pty Ltd.

12.4. QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS – JULY TO OCTOBER 2024

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITIES, FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

Veronica Barnes, resident of Rosedale, addressed Council and wished Councillors the very best for a good term ahead and thanked Councillor Bannerman for representing Rosedale.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period July 2024 to October 2024 as per Attachment 12.4.1.

Councillor Stephens declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at this item.

Councillor Stephens left the Council Meeting at 5.21pm.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grant Scheme (QRGS) for the period July 2024 to October 2024 as per Attachment 12.4.1.

CARRIED

Councillor Stephens returned to the Council Meeting at 5.22pm.

13. 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: 5.23pm

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

14. 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