



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## **RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING**

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 April 2024**

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

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

### **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  
Claudia Oswald, Communications Advisor  
Catie Thomson, Governance Officer  
Sheryl Saynor, Executive Support Officer

### **APOLOGIES**

NIL



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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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.*

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## **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

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 2 April 2024.

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 April 2024.*

**COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 April 2024.*

**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
Falls Lane, Bundalaguah	19 March 2024	The Built Environment team have prepared a response to be tabled at this Council meeting.	General Manager Built & Natural Environment

## 8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE acknowledged the tragic stabbing massacre when Joel Cauchi from Queensland carried out a knife attack at Sydney's Westfield Bondi Junction Shopping Centre on Saturday 13 April. The attack was predominantly against women. This devastating event must not be forgotten. Legislation and action to protect women at all levels of government must now be a priority. Only last week we were advised by the Victorian Government that nineteen women have lost their lives this year to domestic and discriminatory violence from men. This needs to stop. Council needs to take the lead in protecting women within the Shire from domestic and relationship violence.

On behalf of my fellow councillors, council management and staff, we pay our deepest sympathy to those families that will forever be saddened by the loss of their loved ones: Jade Young, Pikria Darchia, Ashlee Good, Yixuan Cheng, Dawn Singleton and Faraz Tahir.

This event must not go without change. Society must change. Our respect for women must change and all levels of government must take action to change.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged the work of our School Crossing Supervisors who are always alert, attentive and ready to protect and safeguard the children, teenagers, 'mums and dads' whenever anyone becomes waylaid. The acknowledgement was also extended to those staff that backfill the roles of the School Crossing Supervisors when needed.

COUNCILLOR BYE acknowledged the reopening of the Rosedale Hotel, an old establishment originally built in 1858, stating it is a true credit to the owners and those involved in its reestablishment. Councillor Bye received verbal praise from several individuals, including the owner, who expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the support they received from Wellington Shire Council staff in assisting with all that was required to reopen.

On behalf of all councillors and the owners of the Rosedale Hotel, Councillor Bye extended a thank you to all Wellington Shire Council staff involved in the process from permits and plans, to the food safety aspect, on a job well done.

COUNCILLOR BYE acknowledged the 'Solving in Sale' Rubik's cube event held at the Catholic College in Sale from 6 to 7 April 2024. It involved competitors with blindfolds solving the cube puzzles in a number of seconds. Four participants travelled from overseas to be at the Sale event, which is known as one of the better cubing events. Councillor Bye encouraged future participation.

COUNCILLOR BYE acknowledged and will officially open this year's Stratford Shakespeare festival which runs from 18 to 5 May 2024. The organising committee was acknowledged for their amazing efforts for which this will be the thirtieth year of operation of the festival. Councillor Bye encouraged participation and to refer to the website for information.

COUNCILLOR BYE acknowledged the Air Show which will take place over the Anzac Day weekend from 27 to 28 April. The event took place 2 years ago and was a great success. This year will be a great day for all the family with lots of activities to undertake, including bands, playing displays and displays of defence and emergency response vehicles, vintage/classic and modern cars and even a vintage fashion show.

## 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 COUNCILLORS REPORT - MARCH 2024

**ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE**

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.*

**COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER**

*That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.*

**CARRIED**

## 11. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

### 11.1. YOUTH COUNCIL MAYOR'S REPORT

**ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, TAHLIA SCHNEIDER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive and note the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

*That Council receive and note the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.*

**CARRIED**

## 12. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

## 13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 13.1. BIENNIAL AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE UPDATE

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

**PURPOSE**

To provide Council with an overview of the activities of Council's Audit & Risk Committee, including findings and recommendations, for the period October 2023 to March 2024.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive the biannual report on the Audit & Risk Committee's activities, findings and recommendations for the period October 2023 to March 2024 as attached.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That Council receive the biannual report on the Audit & Risk Committee's activities, findings and recommendations for the period October 2023 to March 2024 as attached.*

**CARRIED**

### 13.2. MARCH 2024 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**PURPOSE**

For Council to receive and note the March 2024 Council Performance Report.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive and note the March 2024 Council Performance Report as attached.*

**COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That Council receive and note the March 2024 Council Performance Report as attached.*

**CARRIED**

### 13.3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT - MARCH 2024

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.*

**COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

*That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.*

**CARRIED**

## 14. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 14.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

#### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

##### **OBJECTIVE**

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 25 March 2024 to 7 April 2024.

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

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 March 2024 to 7 April 2024.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 March 2024 to 7 April 2024.*

**CARRIED**

### 14.2. RESOLVE TO ADVERTISE DRAFT 2024/25 BUDGET, PROPOSED RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

#### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE**

##### **PURPOSE**

For Council to resolve to advertise its draft 2024/25 Budget and seek public submissions in accordance with section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That:***

- 1. Council advertise its draft 2024/25 Budget (as attached) including:***
  - fees and charges; and***
  - multi-year capital projects******in accordance with Section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020; and***
- 2. Council consider submissions for the draft 2024/25 Budget at a Special Council Meeting on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 5pm; and***

3. Council meet on Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 5pm to consider the formal adoption of the 2024/25 Budget; and
4. Council make the following declarations regarding rates and charges for the period commencing on 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025:
  - A) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 158, 161 and 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently, these remain saved provisions under the 1989 Act), the Wellington Shire Council hereby resolves to declare that the amount it intends to raise by rates and annual service charges is \$72.2M:

Type of Rates or charge	\$'000
General Rate:	63,785
Cultural & Recreational Land rates	81
Garbage Charge:	5,914
Waste Infrastructure Charge:	1,884
State Government EPA Levy Charge:	497
Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge	14

- B)
  - (1) It be further declared that, subject to paragraph 4 of this Part, the general rate be raised through the application of differential rates.
  - (2) A rate in the dollar of 0.003489 be specified as the general rate (subject to final valuation outcomes).
  - (3) It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined so that the amount payable be the Capital Improved Value multiplied by the rate in the dollar of 0.003489 (subject to final valuation outcomes)
  - (4)
    - a) It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions.
    - b) A differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:
      - (i) Farm Land:  
Means any land that:  
Is "Farm Land" within the meaning of Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder
        - a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and
        - b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture,

*horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and*

*c) where the ratepayer is a Primary Producer with any evidence/ruling confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office, registered ABN and business plan.*

**C) Garbage Charge:**

- (1) An annual service charge of \$285.00 be declared for the collection and disposal of garbage in respect of Residential premises to which the service is available – whether, or not, the owner or occupier of any such premises avails themselves of the service.**

**D) Waste Infrastructure Charge:**

- (1) An annual service charge be declared for the development of Landfills, Recycling facilities, Transfer Stations and the rehabilitation of Landfill sites, and provision of facilities for ongoing monitoring of landfills, to ensure that Council can continue to provide a waste disposal service.**
- (2) The charge be \$60.00 for each property in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied. This charge will not apply to properties identified as being within the Ninety Mile Beach Restructure Plan Stages 7 – 22, with the exception of those properties with an existing dwelling, where the charge will still apply.**

**E) EPA Levy Charge:**

- (1) An annual service charge of \$24.00 be declared to cover the costs levied by the State Government Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills, not otherwise recouped.**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property to which a Garbage Charge is applied, at the rate of one EPA Levy Charge for each Garbage Charge.**

**F) Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge:**

- (1) An annual service charge of \$521.00 be declared for wastewater availability in respect of Residential and Commercial premises in the township of Boisdale, to contribute towards the costs of operation and management of the Boisdale Common Effluent System (the System).**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property which is connected to the System, at the rate of one charge per tenement connected.**

**G) Cultural and Recreational Land:**

- (1) The amount of \$80,700 (excluding service charges) be declared as payable in accordance with Section 4 of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, having regard to the services provided by the Council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from this recreational land.**

**H) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently, this remains as a saved provision under the 1989 Act), Council resolves to declare a Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for conservation purposes.**

- (1) Council considers that this rebate will ensure that the biodiversity values of the land will be protected for the benefit of the broader community.
- (2) The rebate will apply only to the land that is affected by a covenant as described in the covenant document.
- (3) The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land.
- (4) Conditions apply as per Council's Policy No. 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

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**Means any land that:**

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- (2) **The rebate will apply only to the land that is affected by a covenant as described in the covenant document.**
- (3) **The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land.**
- (4) **Conditions apply as per Council's Policy No. 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.**

**COUNCILLORS For: Eight (8)**

**COUNCILLORS Opposed: One (1)**

**CARRIED**

### 14.3. PROGRESS OF 2021-25 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON QUARTER 2, 2023/24

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

**PURPOSE**

To provide Council and the community with the Quarter 2, 2023/24 progress update towards achievement of our Council Plan 2021 – 2025.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 2, 2023/24.*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

*That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 2, 2023/24.*

**CARRIED**

### 14.4. INTENTION TO DISPLAY DRAFT GOVERNANCE LOCAL LAW 2024

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**PURPOSE**

For Council to consider the public display and community engagement of the draft Governance Local Law 2024 and associated Community Impact Statement, as attached.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council:***

- 1. Publish a notice in accordance with section 73(3) of the Local Government Act 2020; and***
- 2. Undertake a community engagement process for the draft Governance Local Law 2024 and associated draft Community Impact Statement for a period of three weeks, from 17 April 2024 to 8 May 2024.***

**COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

***That Council:***

- 1. Publish a notice in accordance with section 73(3) of the Local Government Act 2020; and***
- 2. Undertake a community engagement process for the draft Governance Local Law 2024 and associated draft Community Impact Statement for a period of three weeks, from 17 April 2024 to 8 May 2024.***

**CARRIED**

## **14.5. 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 14.5.1; and***
- 2. The instrument be signed by the Chief Executive Officer.***

#### **COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / 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 14.5.1; and***
- 2. The instrument be signed by the Chief Executive Officer.***

**CARRIED**

## 15. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 15.1. QUARTERLY STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE REPORT FIRST QUARTER 2024

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING**

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on the strategic land use planning work program for the first quarter January – March 2024.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council receive the first quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program (included in Attachment 15.1.1 - Current Strategic Planning Work).*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

*That Council receive the first quarterly update on the strategic land use planning work program (included in Attachment 15.1.1 - Current Strategic Planning Work).*

**CARRIED**

### 15.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - FEBRUARY 2024

**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 the Statutory Planning Team during the month of February 2024.

**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 February and 29 February 2024, contained in the attachments to this report.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 February and 29 February 2024, contained in the attachments to this report.*

**CARRIED**

### 15.3. VICGRID TRANSMISSION OPTIONS

#### **ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT**

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider VicGrid's preferred transmission option (and associated consultation documentation) for the first stage of offshore wind development in Gippsland and in response to seek a meeting with VicGrid and the Minister for Energy and Resources, The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, to provide feedback.

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Note VicGrid's preferred transmission option and associated consultation documentation – available on the Engage Victoria website – for the first stage of offshore wind development in Gippsland; and***
- 2. Seek a meeting with VicGrid and the Minister for Energy and Resources, The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, to provide feedback.***

##### **COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON**

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Note VicGrid's preferred transmission option and associated consultation documentation – available on the Engage Victoria website – for the first stage of offshore wind development in Gippsland; and***
- 2. Seek a meeting with VicGrid and the Minister for Energy and Resources, The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, to provide feedback.***

**CARRIED**

## 16. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 16.1. RESPONSE TO PETITION FALLS LANE BUNDALAGUAH

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

##### PURPOSE

For Council to consider the response to a petition received at the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 March 2024 requesting sealing of Falls Lane, Bundalaguah.

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

**KEN BAILEY, BUNDALAGUAH** - the head petitioner indicated he has read the report and saw they didn't meet the criteria as it was in a rural area. Looking at roadways in Newry and Devon North, they were knocked back, but 99 -100% are mixed farming. Falls Lane has now changed due to subdivision and nearly 50% of the housing is residential rural.

For costings, Ken was given advice about the Maffra Road end that the issues we have was that access, for accidents occurring there had nothing to do with the Wellington Shire; that it would be a VicRoads issue. He was surprised and confused that the extra costs would have been at the end for the railway line, that would sit with Wellington Shire Council for one end of the railway line, but not the other end.

The total required to be sealed is 4.1 kilometres, with the 1.1 kilometres already sealed. An extra 1.2 kilometres would cover all but one of the houses. He would be happy to talk to some of the landowners, who would be happy for it not to be bitumen over the whole distance as it is safer for the children that it does not become a highway. Ken would like the Council to review this in the future when funding becomes available, even if it were a case of covering the houses back to the bitumen and respectfully indicated his understanding of the constraints and what Wellington Shire Council must work with. In closing, Ken passed on a thank you to the Wellington Shire Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That the Chief Executive Officer write to the head petitioner advising Council will continue to maintain Falls Lane, Bundalaguah in line with its Road Management Plan and provide information regarding a full cost recovery special charge scheme.*

**COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That the Chief Executive Officer write to the head petitioner advising Council will continue to maintain Falls Lane, Bundalaguah in line with its Road Management Plan and provide information regarding a full cost recovery special charge scheme.*

**CARRIED**

## 17. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

### 17.1. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATION FACILITIES

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

#### PURPOSE

To report to Council on the feasibility of appointing a professional recreational planning consultant to undertake a review of Council's current processes for maintenance, planning, management and support of Community and Recreation facilities, with a further report, detailing the consultant's findings, to be provided to Council by August 2024.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### *That Council:*

1. *Receive and note this report; and*
2. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress Stage One works, comprising of:*
  - *the review of management structures (including the direct managed facilities in Sale),*
  - *the development of facility management plans – particularly for significant assets, including those within Level 1b and Level 2 of the current hierarchy model, and*
  - *the further development of the Facilities Hierarchy model to include specific details around service level provision, specific to individual facilities; and*
3. *Note that a further Council Report detailing the outcomes and recommendations of Stage One will be presented at a future Council meeting; and*
4. *Note that following the completion of Stage One, Stage Two works will commence in the 2025 calendar year.*

##### **COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR RIPPER**

##### *That Council:*

1. *Receive and note this report; and*
2. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress Stage One works, comprising of:*
  - *the review of management structures (including the direct managed facilities in Sale),*
  - *the development of facility management plans – particularly for significant assets, including those within Level 1b and Level 2 of the current hierarchy model, and*

**• the further development of the Facilities Hierarchy model to include specific details around service level provision, specific to individual facilities; and**

**3. Note that a further Council Report detailing the outcomes and recommendations of Stage One will be presented at a future Council meeting; and**

**4. Note that following the completion of Stage One, Stage Two works will commence in the 2025 calendar year.**

**COUNCILLORS For: Three (3)**  
**COUNCILLORS Opposed: Six (6)**

**DEFEATED**

## **18. 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

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close 6.27pm.

## **19. IN CLOSED SESSION**

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

***That the meeting be closed to the public to consider confidential information pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 and defined in section 3(1) as involving personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.***

**CARRIED**

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER**

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

**CARRIED**

Meeting declared closed at 6.31pm.