



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting to be held at

Wellington Centre – Wellington Room

Foster Street, Sale and via MS Teams

Tuesday 18 June 2024, commencing at 5:00 PM

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**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.

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

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

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 4 June 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 June 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

| ITEM | FROM MEETING | COMMENTS | ACTION BY |
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| NIL | | | |

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

| ITEM | FROM MEETING | COMMENTS | ACTION BY |
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| NIL | | | |

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

| ITEM | FROM MEETING | COMMENTS | ACTION BY |
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| NIL | | | |

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

10.1. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT - MAY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE

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| <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i></p> |
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| DATE | EVENT | ATTENDEES |
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| 1 May | Candlelight Vigil 2024 – Domestic Violence Remembrance Day, Sale Yarram Rotary Club, Yarram Wellington Disability Advisory Group Committee meeting, Sale Meeting with Better Transmission Gippsland representatives, Sale | Mayor Bye and Cr McKenzie Cr Maher Cr Wood Cr McKenzie |
| 2 May | Early Years Expo 2024, Sale Mayoral Forum - LG Amendment Bill Briefing, online Local Government Victoria – LGMAP meeting, online | Mayor Bye Mayor Bye Mayor Bye |
| 4 May | Black Dog Institute – 20km Walk & Talk for Mental Health | Cr Ripper |
| 5 May | Medieval Faire Day & Makers Market, Stratford | Cr Ripper |
| 6 May | Meeting with Marathon Group representatives, Sale Meeting with Star of the South, online | Mayor Bye Cr McKenzie |
| 9 May | Seaspray Ratepayers Association Group Planting in Neighbour Park, Seaspray Women for Election Training Workshop, Sale SEATS Meeting – Offshore Wind Project, Port Welshpool | Cr McKenzie Cr Maher Cr Stephens |
| 10 May | Meeting with Better Transmission Gippsland representatives, Sale | Cr McKenzie |

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| 13 May | Yarram Progress Association meeting, Yarram Wellington MEMPC Risk Subcommittee meeting, online | Cr McKenzie and Cr Maher Cr Wood |
| 14 May | Meeting with Star of the South representatives, Yarram Sale Rotary Club meeting, Sale | Cr McKenzie, Cr Maher and Cr Stephens Cr Ripper |
| | Meeting with Brigid Sammon (CoS to Minister Kilkenny) and Giselle Osborne (Senior Advisor) Wellington Youth Services Network meeting, Sale | Mayor Bye Cr Wood |
| 16 May | Middle of Everywhere Jobs Fair, Sale Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee meeting, Sale | Mayor Bye Cr Crossley |
| 17 May | SEATS Quarterly Meeting, Goulburn Gippsland Sports Academy Awards Night, Morwell MAV State Council meeting, Melbourne | Cr Tatterson Cr Maher Cr Rossetti |
| 20 May | National Volunteers Week, Heyfield SEATS meeting, online | Cr McKenzie, Cr Crossley, Cr Maher, Cr Ripper Cr Tatterson |
| 22 May | National Volunteers Week, Sale Wellington Renewable Energy Forum Yarram & District Health Dialysis Unit Opening, Yarram | Mayor Bye, Cr Rossetti, Cr Crossley, Cr Maher, Cr Wood Mayor Bye and Cr Maher Cr Stephens |
| 23 May | National Volunteers Week, Golden Beach | Mayor Bye, Cr McKenzie, Cr Crossley, Cr Maher and Cr Stephens |

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| 23 May | Meeting with Star of the South representatives, online Meeting with VicGrid representatives, Sale | Mayor Bye and Cr McKenzie Cr Crossley |
| 24 May | Meeting with Tennis Seniors representative, Mr Mike Evans, Sale | Cr Wood |
| 27 May | Ramahyuck National Sorry Day, Sale Candelight Vigil – Standing Together event, Yarram | Cr Crossley Cr McKenzie and Cr Stephens |
| 28 May | Engagement to Inform IBAC's 2024/25 Public Sector Strategic Assessment, Sale Meeting with Corio Generation representatives, online | Mayor Bye, Cr Tatterson, Cr McKenzie, Cr Crossley, Cr Stephens and Cr Ripper Mayor Bye |
| 29 May | TAFE Gippsland's Emerging Industries Careers Expo, Bairnsdale Youth Council Action meeting, Sale | Cr Crossley Cr Crossley |
| 30 May | MAV Mayor and CEO Dinner, Melbourne | Mayor Bye |
| 31 May | Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards, Maffra | Mayor Bye and Cr McKenzie |

**COUNCILLOR IAN BYE
MAYOR**

11. DELEGATES REPORT

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT - MAY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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| <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.</i></p> |
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| 1 May | <p>Attended a Joint State/Local Government Monthly CEO Forum</p> <p>Met with John Leslie Foundation representative and U3A representative, Ms Relph, Sale</p> <p>Attended a Candlelight Vigil – Domestic Violence Remembrance Day, Sale</p> |
| 2 May | Attended Committee for Wellington Monthly meeting, Sale |
| 6 May | <p>Attended a Gippsland New Energy Coordination Group meeting, Morwell</p> <p>Met with Marathon Group representatives, Sale. In attendance was Mayor Bye</p> |
| 7 May | Attended Community Bank of Maffra & District meeting, Maffra |
| 9 May | Attended Destination Gippsland's monthly Board meeting |
| 10 May | Attended an LGPro Webinar: AI Transformation |
| 13 May | Attended Gippsland Regional Partnership meeting, Sale |
| 14 May | <p>Met with Southerly Ten representative, Mr Paul Johnson, Sale</p> <p>Attended MAV and Rural Councils – Housing Target and Planning Approaches meeting</p> |
| 15 May | Met with Brigid Sammon (CoS to Minister Kilkeny) and Giselle Osborne (Senior Advisor). In attendance was Mayor Bye |
| 16 May | Attended Destination Gippsland's Strategic Planning session, Traralgon |
| 20 May | Attended National Volunteers Week Event, Heyfield |
| 22 May | <p>Attended a Wellington Renewable Energy Forum</p> <p>Met with Sale Water Tower representatives, Sale</p> <p>Attended National Volunteers Week event, Sale</p> |
| 23 May | Met with VicGrid representatives to discuss the Renewable Energy Zone Community Benefits Plan and the Victorian Transmission Plan, Sale |

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| 23 May | Met with Kath Foley Committee of Management, Sale Met with Gippsland Skies Offshore Project representatives, Sale |
| 24 May | Attended OneGippsland's CEO Forum |
| 26 May | Attended Gippsland Art Gallery's End of Exhibition Thank You event, Sale |
| 28 May | Attended IBAC's 2024/25 Public Sector Strategic Assessment, Sale Met with Corio Generation representatives, Sale Met with Yarram and District Health Chief Executive Officer Mr Paul Head |
| 30 May | Met with Maffra and District Bendigo Bank Chair, Mr Rob Christie, Maffra Attended MAV Mayor & CEO Dinner, Melbourne. In attendance was Mayor Bye |

12.2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

For Council to approve the appointment of an Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the temporary appointment of _____ as Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Council's Mayor and Deputy Mayor plan to attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in early July and neither will be available to chair the Ordinary Council meeting on 2 July 2024. Therefore, an Acting Mayor must be appointed.

Section 20B of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides for a Council to appoint a Councillor to be the Acting Mayor when the Mayor is unable, for any reason, to attend a Council meeting.

The Wellington Shire Council Governance Rules provide that the Mayor must take the Chair at all Council meetings and rule 2.3.2(3) specifically provides that if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not in attendance at a Council Meeting, Council must appoint one of the Councillors as Chair of the meeting by resolution.

The appointment of an Acting Mayor must be for a period specified by the Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To approve the temporary appointment of an Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting; or
2. To consider appointing an Acting Mayor at a later date.

PROPOSAL

That Council approve the temporary appointment of an Acting Mayor for the scheduled 2 July 2024 Council Meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The *Local Government Act 2020* governs the appointment of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor. Section 20B specifically sets out the requirements for the appointment of an Acting Mayor.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and while it does not meet a specific Council Plan strategic outcome, it does align with Council's good governance framework.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

BACKGROUND

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* required a written record be kept of all assemblies of Councillors, stating the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, matters considered and any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor. These records were required to be reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes. Under the new *Local Government Act 2020*, this requirement is no longer provided for however, under Council's good governance framework, Council will continue to provide records of assemblies of Councillors to ensure that the community are kept informed of Councillors activity and participation.

Following is a summary of all Assembly of Councillor records received for the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Assembly of Councillors 4 June 2024 Council Day [13.1.1 - 2 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records; or
2. Not receive the attached assembly of Councillors records.

PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records during the period 27 May 2024 to 9 June 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The reporting of written records of assemblies of Councillors to the Council in the prescribed format complied with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* however, without prescription under the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council will continue to provide these records as part of Council's good governance framework.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and while it does not meet a specific Council Plan strategic outcome, it does align with Council's good governance framework.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

| COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – 4 JUNE 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| COUNCILLOR | ATTENDANCE | OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE | |
| Cr Ian Bye | YES | David Morcom | Chief Executive Officer |
| Cr John Tatterson | YES | Chris Hastie | General Manager Built & Natural Environment |
| Cr Carolyn Crossley | YES | Arthur Skipitaris | General Manager Corporate Services |
| Cr Carmel Ripper | YES (online) | Clem Gillings | General Manager Community and Culture |
| Cr Gayle Maher | NO (ill) | Andrew Pomeroy | General Manager Development |
| Cr Garry Stevens | YES | | |
| Cr Jill Wood | YES | | |
| Cr Marcus McKenzie | YES | | |
| Cr Scott Rossetti | NO (leave) | | |
| CONFLICTS OF INTEREST NOTED* | | | |
| NIL | | | |

* In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Wellington Shire Council Governance Rules a Councillor who has a conflict of interest must not participate in discussion of matters that will come before Council for a decision, or if a decision will be made by a member of staff acting under delegation.

| WORKSHOP DETAILS – 4 JUNE 2024 | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| ITEM NO. | WORKSHOP TITLE | PRESENTERS |
| 1.1 | PROGRESS OF 2021-25 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON QUARTER 3, 2023/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Organisational Performance and Governance</i> <i>Billie-Jo Thorburn, Coordinator Performance and Reporting</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |
| 1.2 | GREEN WASTE FIRE RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Samantha Nock, Coordinator Waste and Sustainability</i> <i>David Harper, Manager Natural Environment and Parks</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |
| 1.3 | OHS TRANSFORMATION PLAN UPDATE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services</i> <i>Chris Rankin, Advisor Occupational Health and Safety</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

| WORKSHOP DETAILS – 4 JUNE 2024 | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| ITEM NO. | WORKSHOP TITLE | PRESENTERS |
| 1.4 | FUTURE WELLINGTON ENGAGEMENT UPDATE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Organisational Performance and Governance</i> • <i>Kim Salleh, Manager Communications and Media</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |
| 1.5 | LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK 6 MONTH REPORT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Organisational Performance and Governance</i> • <i>Billie-Jo Thorburn, Coordinator Performance and Reporting</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |
| 1.6 | DELEGATES REPORT FROM AUSTRALIA-GERMANY ENERGY PARTNERSHIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Darren McCubbin, CEO Gippsland Climate Change Network</i> <i>Conflicts of Interest: NIL</i> |

13.2. PROGRESS OF 2021-25 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON QUARTER 3, 2023/24

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To provide Council and the community with the Quarter 3, 2023/24 progress update towards achievement of our Council Plan 2021 – 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24.

BACKGROUND

Our Council Plan 2021-25 was adopted by Council in 2021 in accordance with section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Council Plan 2021-25 sets Council's priorities and direction over the four-year period. Contained within the plan are 104 actions including Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects addressing the four Strategic Directions, along with 31 Indicators of Success that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress is provided to the community through regular Council Reports in addition to the Annual Report.

The attached document provides the following overview of the 2021-25 Council Plan:

- Progress of Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects linked to each Council Plan strategic direction and outcome;
- Progress of Healthy Wellington considerations for those Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects which contain linkages to the Wellington Shire Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Healthy Wellington 2021-2025; and
- 2022/23 Indicators of Success. Indicators of success are updated annually at the conclusion of the financial year.

Major Initiatives are significant projects that will directly contribute to the achievement of the Council Plan during the financial year and have a major focus in the budget.

Initiatives are actions that are one-off in nature and/or lead to improvements in service.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2023-24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress Report [13.2.1 - 48 pages]
2. 2023-24 Q.3 Council Plan - At a Glance [13.2.2 - 5 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24 or
2. Not receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24 and seek further information for consideration at a later Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-25 Council Plan for Quarter 3, 2023/24.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The Council Plan communicates Council's strategic direction to the community. The Council Plan can also be used by Council to communicate its vision and direction to other tiers of government, organisations, government agencies and funding bodies.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The provision of a Council Plan report (report reviewing the performance of the Council against the Council Plan, including the results in relation to the strategic indicators, for the first six months of the financial year) is a requirement of Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Governance and Management checklist which is enacted by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2021-25 commits to the following:
Council will provide regular updates to the community on how we are progressing through a variety of reporting mechanisms.

This report supports the above Council Plan commitment.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Council continues to work in partnership with the community of Wellington Shire to deliver the Council Plan 2021-25.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.



WELLINGTON SHIRE **COUNCIL PLAN** 2021-25

PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT QUARTER 3, MARCH 2024



STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

We are a climate resilient community with sustainable practices and places.

OUTCOMES

- 1.1. A climate and disaster resilient community.
- 1.2. Assist community to transition to a low carbon economy via adoption of sustainable practices and renewable energy.
- 1.3. The natural environment is valued, protected and accessible.
- 1.4. Council is an environmental steward with a reducing carbon footprint.

2



ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

We are a growing, sustainable and prosperous community.

OUTCOMES

- 2.1. A diverse economy that creates jobs and opportunities.
- 2.2. A community that has the capacity and skills to meet our economic needs.
- 2.3. An increase in variety of housing choice to support equitable access to housing.
- 2.4. Infrastructure investment is targeted to maximise jobs and housing growth.

3



LIVEABILITY AND WELLBEING

We are a liveable, engaged, and supported community.

OUTCOMES

- 3.1. An inclusive, diverse, and resilient community.
- 3.2. An actively engaged community.
- 3.3. Opportunities for everyone to work, learn, create, play, and share.
- 3.4. Improved access to and participation in support services focussing on those who are vulnerable including: young children, youth, people living with a disability and seniors.

4



SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

We are a connected community with access to the services and infrastructure we require.

OUTCOMES

- 4.1. A financially sustainable, high performing organisation.
- 4.2. Services deliver operating efficiencies and best value.
- 4.3. Well planned and sustainable towns, facilities, and infrastructure that service community need.
- 4.4. Safe and well-used transport connections across all modes of travel.

DIRECTION

1

Environment and Climate Change



'We are a climate resilient community with sustainable practices and places.'

Key projects*




- Resource Recovery Hub at Kilmany Landfill site (1.4.3)
- Longford Landfill Rehabilitation (1.4)
- Lake Guyatt Environmental Education Centre (1.1.3, 3.1.1) ❤️
- Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service (1.4)
- Maffra Resource Recovery Facility (1.4.3)
- Electric vehicle charging stations (1.2.2)
- Amendment C99 review of flood planning provisions within the Wellington Planning Scheme to reduce risks of flooding and coastal /river inundation as sea levels rise (1.1.1) ❤️
- Great Southern Rail Trail Extension - Alberton to Welshpool (1.3.2)
- Solar or alternate energy rollout across community facilities (1.2.4)
- Preparing Remote Emergency Response Centres (1.1.4, 1.1.5)

*subject to successful business case and funding

SALE BOTANIC GARDENS




Council Plan Theme 1: Environment and Climate Change

 - linked to Healthy Wellington Plan


| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
|---|--|---|--|-------------|----------|---|
| 1.1.1  | Major Initiative - In line with revised State Government policy documents, establish and implement a policy position around the impacts of sea level rise, flooding and bushfire on land use planning. | Regulator | Awaiting State Government finalisation of sea level rise policy and planning benchmarks to enable Council to progress Amendment C99 (updated flood overlays). Bushfire Management Overlay from State Government now implemented into Planning Scheme. | Progressing | 90% | Progression of Amendment C99 supports Health Wellington objectives. |
| 1.1.1.1  | Key Project - Amendment C99 review of flood planning provisions within the Wellington Planning Scheme to reduce risks of flooding and coastal/river inundation as sea levels rise. | Advocate, Facilitator, Funder, Provider | Awaiting State Government finalisation of planning benchmarks for sea level rise. Without this guidance Council is unable to further develop a planning scheme amendment to assist in identifying areas impacted. Project may not progress to completion within this Council Plan due to external factors. | Progressing | 40% | Future progression of Amendment C99 supports Healthy Wellington objectives. |
| 1.1.2  | Major Initiative - Deliver organisation-wide integrated implementation of the climate change aspects of the Council's Sustainability Strategy 2020-24, Healthy Wellington 2021-25 and Planning Policy Framework including our zero net carbon emissions target by 2040. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Sustainability education programs continue to be delivered out of Nakunbalook Environmental and Cultural Education Centre. 2023/24 Urban Forest planting program commenced with planting in Stratford. A range of agreed priority projects for the Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action group to deliver over the next 12 months include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate risk mapping; | Progressing | 80% | Community support and information is provided via information sessions and social media including the quarterly Eco News newsletter which helps support climate change objectives of Healthy Wellington Plan. |


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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Vehicle fleet transition plan; • Environmentally Sustainable Design policy for council buildings; • Decarbonisation and gas removal in council buildings; • Emissions monitoring system (software now implemented for emissions monitoring and evaluation); and • Communications and training. <p>Emergency Management Team is continuing with the implementation of Local Incident Management Plans for 6 vulnerable communities across Wellington Shire.</p> <p>Our Sustainability Education Officer has held or partnered in 13 Community events with 545 community members engaged. Other events held include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 secondary school event engaging 23 students; • 11 primary school events engaging 621 students; • 3 preschool events with 89 participants; and • 2 Not for profit organisation events with 21 attendees. <p>New electric vehicle charger installation at Stratford near appointment after Tender process.</p> <p>Project makes a site available in Stratford to the market to provide charging service</p> | | | |

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| | | | <p>to the community encouraging the transition to EV vehicles.</p> <p>Gippsland Regional Sports Complex (GRSC) Hockey Pavilion Solar and Battery installation Tender awarded and installation due in May/June 2024.</p> <p>Options assessment of Facilities Portfolio undertaken to explore opportunities for solar installations and upgrade. Top 10 sites identified for deeper assessment with Facilities team to determine sustainability investments that can be made to reduce energy use and consumption.</p> <p>Emissions software platform 'Trelis' now operational and accruing data on energy use, profile and efficiencies across Facilities portfolio.</p> <p>Software will aid in targeting energy efficiency and renewable infrastructure investment to reduce Council's carbon emissions and progress Council towards its 2040 Net Zero Goal.</p> <p>More opportunities currently to transition energy accounts coming out of contract and transitioning to 'Green Energy' bulk providers.</p> | | | |
| 1.1.3  | Major Initiative - Educate the community to increase understanding of the risks and impacts of climate change and the need for adaptation and sustainable living. | Facilitator | Sustainability Education has held or partnered in 13 Community events with 545 community members engaged. Other events held include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 secondary school event engaging 23 students; | Progressing | 75% | 'Making the Switch' event held with Gippsland Climate Change Network showcasing and educating on the switch from gas to renewable energy. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 primary school events engaging 621 students; • 3 preschool events with 89 participants; and • 2 Not for profit organisation events with 21 attendees. | | | |
| 1.1.3.1  | Key Project - Lake Guyatt Environmental Education Centre. | Facilitator, Provider | Nakunbalook Environmental and Cultural Education Centre was completed in late 2022. | Completed | 100% | Provides the opportunity to undertake education programs, to assist the community with the transition to a low carbon economy. |
| 1.1.4  | Major Initiative - Build disaster resilience and improve adaptation and recovery in high-risk and vulnerable communities by facilitating community-led emergency management planning and preparedness. | Provider, Facilitator | Council is working with various high-risk communities and agencies across the Wellington Local Government Area to develop community emergency plans and increase emergency preparedness and resilience. | Progressing | 60% | Health and climate change is considered through this work as it aims to build the community's resilience and preparedness for future natural disasters. |
| 1.1.4.1 | Key Project - Preparing Remote Emergency Response Centre's. | Provider, Facilitator | Works completed at facilities as previously reported. Further work to be undertaken at Loch Sport Hall to complete project. | Progressing | 80% | Not applicable |
| 1.1.5 | Initiative - Ensure municipal emergency management plans are developed collaboratively with lead agencies to achieve better coordination of emergency mitigation to coordinate resources, protect lives, property, and the environment. | Facilitator | Municipal Emergency Management Plan 2023-2026 updated and approved by Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMPC) in November 2023. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 1.1.6  | Initiative - Increase the extent of our urban forests and trees (also considering urban agriculture) to help our townships cope better with future temperatures increases. | Provider | Contractor has been engaged to undertake the bulk of the tree planting program commencing May 2024 and take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete the work in the west of Stratford township. | Progressing | 90% | Greening Wellington Program will continue to pursue opportunities in Wellington's townships to undertake broad street tree programs and infill programs. |

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| | | | <p>Between April and August this year 1,373 new street trees will be planted as part of Council's annual Urban Forest Renewal program.</p> <p>Earmarked streets to receive trees are included in the townships of Sale, Maffra, Wurruk, Stratford, Heyfield, Yarram, Rosedale, Gormandale, Longford, Seaspray, Woodside Beach and Port Albert.</p> <p>Almost 1,500 trees in total to be planted as part of the 2024 Urban Forest Renewal Program.</p> <p>Proactive tree planting and maintenance works will look to commence urban greening of Sale. This will be part of the 2025 Urban Forest Renewal Program.</p> <p>Forestree is continuing to be populated - current numbers are 12,802 total trees with 1,116 planting locations identified for future planting programs.</p> | | | Trees in streetscapes play a key role in increasing amenity and the wellbeing reactions from good amenity, and also shading of footpaths, lowering of overall street temperatures, and preparing resilient landscapes across our township network for the project climate changes expected in the decades ahead. |
| 1.2.1 | Major Initiative - Advocate for, educate, and facilitate the adoption of regenerative agriculture and investment to improve water security and assist farmers to increase resilience and profitability in a warmer, drier climate. | Facilitator, Advocate | <p>Council is continuing to support the Gippsland Agricultural Group and Food and Fibre Gippsland to research and deliver sustainable agricultural initiatives.</p> <p>Most recently, have engaged with Southern Rural Water to understand the benefits and opportunities that will be generated by the 'Macalister Fresh' project.</p> <p>The \$660,000 Macalister Fresh project, funded by the Victorian Government and</p> | Progressing | 85% | Not applicable |

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| | | | Southern Rural Water, will be delivered over 18 months in four phases. Southern Rural Water presented an overview and scope of the project to Council in March 2024. | | | |
| 1.2.2 | Initiative - Advocate for uptake of electric and hybrid vehicles across our broader community and support this through delivery of charging stations. | Advocate, Provider | Private electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure tender under evaluation, installation and commissioning proposed by August 2024. | Progressing | 65% | Not applicable |
| 1.2.2.1 | Key Project - Electric Vehicle charging stations. | Advocate, Provider | Tender process for the provision of the Stratford electric vehicle charger at Memorial Park closed April 2024, evaluation underway with installation anticipated by August 2024. | Progressing | 75% | Not applicable |
| 1.2.3 | Major Initiative - Advocate alongside our renewable energy industry and community to secure priority transmission upgrade funding and aim for the area for our off-shore wind projects to be declared the first renewable energy zone. | Advocate, Facilitator, Regulator | In December 2022, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy declared an area in the Bass Strait off the coast of Gippsland as being suitable for offshore renewable energy. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 1.2.4 | Initiative - Help build a diverse and resilient energy economy by supporting the uptake of community-owned renewable energy capture and storage through education, capacity building and targeted investment. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | Tender closed for electric vehicle charging station in Stratford, installation planned late 2024. Community support and information is provided via information sessions and social media. | Progressing | 60% | Not applicable |
| 1.2.4.1 | Key Project - Solar or alternate energy rollout across community facilities. | Advocate, Facilitator, Regulator | Hockey Pavilion solar and battery supply & installation, tender awarded with installation to be completed by June 2024. | Progressing | 70% | Not applicable |
| 1.3.1  | Initiative - Maintain a high-quality network of local parks, open space and urban forests | Provider | The Parks Services team continue to service local parks and open spaces in | Progressing | 95% | Public parks and open spaces continue to be embraced and well |

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| | which help to lessen the impacts of extreme heat and are managed for community and environmental benefit. | | <p>line with service standards to ensure maximum social and environmental benefits for the community.</p> <p>Park audits continue to demonstrate high standards of maintenance are occurring and practices being improved as a result of the data.</p> <p>Public parks and open spaces continue to be embraced and well utilised by the Wellington community.</p> <p>The urban forest tree planting program has commenced a major street tree planting program for the western half of Stratford township after Community consultation with Stratford community was completed in September/October 2023 where the community has been able to select suitable tree species from a selections list.</p> <p>Street trees will be planted in all available and suitable nature strips in April/May 2024.</p> <p>The program will deliver greening, shade and cooling for Stratford community in future years.</p> <p>The 'Forestree' management software tool is now being populated with resourced support.</p> <p>This will ensure the proactive data collection and maintenance of Council's tree assets for the long term.</p> | | | <p>utilised by the Wellington community due to their high standards, maintenance and overall attractiveness which makes residents want to engage in physical, outdoor and community related activities.</p> <p>Urban forest program community engagement enables residents to liaise with experienced Council officers in understanding the value of trees in adaptable and sustainable communities to impending climate change.</p> |
| 1.3.2  | Initiative - With key stakeholders, encourage access, appreciation and use of | Advocate, Facilitator, | This piece of work is currently on hold with changes in officers at EGMI - Working | Progressing | 90% | Work with event organisers to make events more sustainable including |

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| | our natural areas through well-planned and sustainable nature-based and cultural tourism. | Funder, Regulator | <p>with East Gippsland on an Indigenous trail through Wellington and East Gippsland highlighting areas such as Blue Pool and Den of Nargun.</p> <p>We continue to work with Destination Gippsland on The Dark Skies project which highlights star gazing in both Loch Sport and Dargo with the support of local Indigenous groups, Department of Energy, Environment Climate Action, Councils and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>This is a trail that runs through all of Gippsland.</p> <p>Currently in discussions with Destination Gippsland around appropriate levels of AoC in tourism brochures.</p> <p>Exploring the opportunity of a Botanical Gardens Open Day with our Parks and Gardens team - with a focus on sustainability and conservation.</p> <p>Continue to highlight through The Middle of Everywhere social media the sustainable nature-based and cultural tourism aspects of our region.</p> <p>Work with Wind Farm proponents around event attendance to better educate people and give face to face opportunities.</p> | | | <p>having Gippsland Water truck on site at events to encourage filling of water bottles and giving away The Middle of Everywhere drink bottles.</p> <p>We reference sustainable events in the Events Guide provided to all event organisers with a checklist of how they can make events more sustainable.</p> |
| 1.3.2.1 | Key Project - Great Southern Rail Trail Extension - Alberton to Welshpool. | Advocate, Facilitator, Funder, Regulator | Works are complete with some areas required to be repaired following recent rainfall events. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |

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| 1.3.3 | Major Initiative - Better utilise existing water resources, improve waterway health, increase biodiversity values and investigate bio link opportunities through implementing the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan. | Advocate, Facilitator, Funder, Regulator | <p>The Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP) and associated codes and ministerial guidelines continue to guide decision making for development works involving wastewater management in sensitive areas to improve the health of waterways.</p> <p>Officers have been involved in the review and introduction of key OWMS documents provided by the EPA and DEECA and await their final release and training that will be provided.</p> <p>Training for Environmental Health Officers in the newly developed risk assessment approach to OWMS is planned for June 2024.</p> <p>Council has introduced improvements to administrative process for OWMS that allow for a consistent approach, follow up of permits due for expiry and high-risk locations.</p> <p>Our Environmental Health team continue to play an active role in the Blue Green Algae portfolio to reduce the potential health impacts on residents, visitors and parks staff.</p> <p>Assessing the role we play in the Wellington Integrated Water Management Plan.</p> | Progressing | 70% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.1 | Major Initiative - Progress towards our 2040 net zero emissions target by reviewing our roadmap, strengthening our | Provider | New electric vehicle charger installation at Stratford near appointment after Tender process. | Progressing | 75% | Progress towards a net zero emissions target is driven by protecting the environment from rising temperature |

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| | governance and exploring carbon offset opportunities. | | <p>Project makes a site available in Stratford to the market to provide charging service to the community encouraging the transition to electric vehicles (EV).</p> <p>Gippsland Regional Sports Complex (GRSC) Hockey Pavilion solar and battery installation tender awarded with installation to be completed in May/June 2024.</p> <p>Options assessment of Facilities Portfolio undertaken to explore opportunities for solar installations and upgrade. Top 10 sites identified for deeper assessment with Facilities team to determine sustainability investments that can be made to reduce energy use and consumption.</p> <p>Emissions software platform 'Trelis' now operational and accruing data on energy use, profile and efficiencies across Facilities portfolio.</p> <p>Software will aid in targeting energy efficiency and renewable infrastructure investment to reduce Council's carbon emissions and progress Council towards its 2040 Net Zero Goal.</p> <p>More opportunities currently to transition energy accounts coming out of contract and transitioning to 'Green Energy' bulk providers.</p> | | | <p>and changing localised climatic conditions.</p> <p>Each of these changes will have impacts on local community health and wellbeing.</p> |
| 1.4.2 | Initiative - Commence the green fleet transition to corporate electric and hybrid vehicles. | Provider | As Council's existing vehicles are ready for turnover we will replace with Hybrids or EV's based on a cost / benefit analysis. | Progressing | 30% | Not applicable |

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| | | | <p>It must be noted that of our 14 shared pool vehicles, we now include 2 Hybrid and 2 Electric Vehicles.</p> <p>However, this vehicle pool also includes 6 heavy duty rangers' trucks specifically modified for Council to carry K9 cubes. At this stage there is no direct electric or hybrid replacement available, although we will continue to monitor the market.</p> <p>On that basis we may not be able to fully transition the corporate fleet within the timeline of this Council Plan.</p> | | | |
| 1.4.3 | Initiative - Advocate for alternate waste technologies to increase diversion of valuable resources and contaminated waste from landfill. Encourage and facilitate investment into resource recovery by private industries or partnerships. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | <p>Elcsome are currently collecting solar panels for processing, with commissioning of plant planned mid-2024.</p> <p>Finalising negotiations with processor for implementation of Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection.</p> <p>Council officers are re-assessing options for alternative residual waste treatment in future years as technology advances and regulations are finalised.</p> | Progressing | 65% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.3.1 | Key Project - Resource Recovery Hub at Kilmany Landfill site. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | Elcsome solar panel recycling processing plant under construction, delays due to power installation, due to be operational Mid 2024. | Progressing | 80% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.3.2 | Key Project - Longford Landfill Rehabilitation. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | <p>Capping design and audit report has been completed and approved.</p> <p>Tender preparation to commence mid-2024.</p> | Progressing | 25% | Not applicable |

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| 1.4.3.3 | Key Project - Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | Finalising contract negotiations with preferred tenderer as part of the Gippswide Kerbside joint procurement process. | Progressing | 60% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.3.4 | Key Project - Maffra Resource Recovery facility. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | Purchase of land and planning process progressing well. Purchase of land finalisation mid-2024. Development plan is underway. Site design concept is currently under review. Construction proposed to commence in the 2025/26 and 2026/27 FY with expected operation by December 2026. | Progressing | 50% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.4 | Initiative - Investigate glass collection and diversion options to separate glass streams to facilitate the circular economy. | Provider | Audit of kerbside bins planned 2024/25 financial year. The audit results will determine the need for community education campaigns relating to a separated glass implementation while also providing data for ascertaining service frequency and size of bin. | Progressing | 60% | Not applicable |
| 1.4.5 | Initiative - Accelerate Council's delivery of renewable energy and energy saving projects through delivering Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and investigating tools like an internal capital fund and process to rank and prioritise return on investment for projects. | Funder, Facilitator | Gippsland Alliance for Climate Action (GACA) working on Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) policy for Council buildings. | Progressing | 60% | Not applicable |

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| Indicators of Success: | Baseline | 2021-22 Result | 2022-23 Result | 2025 Target |
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| Outcome 1.1 A climate and disaster resilient community | | | | |
| Community Satisfaction with Council Performance in Environmental sustainability | (2020) Wellington Shire 59/100 (Large Rural 49/100) | Wellington Shire 62/100 (Large Rural 59/100) | Wellington Shire 61/100 (Large Rural 58/100) | Higher than large rural Councils |
| Percentage of Tree Canopy cover within Town Boundaries | (2020) 20% Tree Canopy coverage | Not due until 2025 | Not due until 2025 | 1.5% improvement |
| Outcome 1.2 Assist community to transition to a low carbon economy via adoption of sustainable practices and renewable energy | | | | |
| Solar penetration rate – the percentage of electricity generation from solar facilities (SDG 7.2.1) | (2018) 21% | 27.7% (6941 dwellings with PV) | 31.6% (7387 dwellings with PV) | 50% |
| Wellington Shire community greenhouse gas emissions intensity (emissions per person) (SDG 13.2.2) | (2019/20) 43.57* tonnes per person <i>*corrected from 31.3 tonnes per person (source: Snapshot Climate)</i> | (2020/21)# 41.57* tonnes per person <i>*corrected from 30.66 tonnes per person #12 month lag in reporting</i> | (2021/22)# 42.75 tonnes per person | Equal to or better than Gippsland average |
| Outcome 1.3 The natural environment is valued, protected and accessible | | | | |
| Percentage of households located within 400m of quality open space (SDG 11.7.2) | (2014) 73% | Due 2023. Will be measured as part of updated Public Open Space Plan to be completed 2023. | Measurements will occur as part of the Public Open Space Plan which is scheduled for 2023/24. | 85% |
| Domestic travel visitor numbers to Wellington Shire (SDG 8.9) | (2020) 750,000 travel visitors | 686,000 travel visitors | 858,000 travel visitors (14.4% increase on baseline) | 2% increase |
| Outcome 1.4 Council is an environmental steward with a reducing carbon footprint | | | | |
| Corporate Greenhouse Gas emissions (aiming for zero net emissions by 2040) (SDG 13.2.2) | (2017/18) 5244 tonnes of carbon equivalent emissions | 4120.5* tonnes of carbon equivalent emissions (21.4% decrease from 2018) <i>*corrected from 4221 tonnes and 19% decrease from 2018</i> | 4294.4 tonnes of carbon equivalent emissions (18.10% decrease from 2018) | 23% reduction |
| Percentage waste diversion rate from kerbside collection (SDG 12.5) | (2019-20) 35% waste diversion | 33.5% waste diversion | 32.17% waste diversion | 65% waste diversion |

DIRECTION

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Economy and Sustainable Growth

Key projects*

- York Street Streetscape enhancement (2.4.2)
- Commence Port of Sale Masterplan priorities (2.4.2)
- Tertiary Study Hub (2.2.2)
- Maffra and Sale Growth Area Drainage Strategies (2.4.2)
- Shire-wide Growth Management and Economic Development Strategy (2.4.1)
- Renewable Energy Readiness Project (1.2.3, 2.1.1)
- Yarram and Heyfield Timber Transition Local Development Strategies (2.1.1, 2.1.4)
- Residential stocktake and incentive project - addressing the acute shortage of housing (2.3.1, 2.3.2)
- Maffra stormwater retention basin and outfall improvement works (2.4.2, 1.3.3)

*subject to successful business case and funding


'We are a growing, sustainable and prosperous community.'

BUSHY PARK


Council Plan Theme 2: Economy and Sustainable Growth


 - linked to Healthy Wellington Plan




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| 2.1.1 | Major Initiative - Encourage and facilitate investment in the local mainstay industries with the potential to generate significant economic growth: Defence, Health, Agriculture, Tourism, Education, Timber, Renewables and the Oil and Gas transition. This includes encouraging modernisation and identifying supporting industries, encouraging their establishment in Wellington Shire. | Facilitator, Advocate | <p>Council's Defence and Renewable Energy Economic Development office continues to encourage and facilitate local businesses to become 'supply chain ready'.</p> <p>Council is also supporting the Gippsland Agricultural Group and Food and Fibre Gippsland to research and deliver sustainable agricultural initiatives.</p> <p>More recently, Council has engaged with Southern Rural Water to understand the benefits and opportunities that will be generated by the 'Macalister Fresh' project.</p> <p>The \$660,000 Macalister Fresh project, funded by the Victorian Government and Southern Rural Water, will be delivered over 18 months in four phases.</p> <p>Southern Rural Water presented an overview and scope of the project to Council in March 2024.</p> | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |
| 2.1.1.1 | Key Project - Renewable Energy Readiness Project. | Facilitator, Advocate | Wellington Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study adopted by Council on 21 March 2023. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 2.1.2 | Initiative - Attract diversified and large-scale agriculture and food manufacturing and processing, including poultry, to meet Food and Fibre Gippsland objectives: Gippsland the Food Bowl of Victoria. | Facilitator, Advocate | Council is continuing to support the Gippsland Agricultural Group and Food and Fibre Gippsland to research and deliver sustainable agricultural initiatives. | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |


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| | Leverage off the significance of the Macalister Irrigation District while ensuring development does not contradict the principles of the WSC Sustainability Strategy. | | <p>Most recently, have engaged with Southern Rural Water to understand the benefits and opportunities that will be generated by the 'Macalister Fresh' project.</p> <p>The \$660,000 Macalister Fresh project, funded by the Victorian Government and Southern Rural Water, will be delivered over 18 months in four phases.</p> <p>Southern Rural Water presented an overview and scope of the project to Council in March 2024.</p> | | | |
| 2.1.3  | Initiative - Attract and facilitate development and growth in creative industry (arts) organisations to assist with COVID-19 recovery of the sector and grow local arts businesses, and Wellington's reputation as a cultural centre for Gippsland. | Facilitator, Advocate | <p>Council is committed to delivering a new Arts and Culture Strategy for 2024-2029. Extensive community consultation has been undertaken by the consultants, Polis Planning.</p> <p>The consultation phase has resulted in the development of a paper highlighting key findings and emerging themes in the development of the Strategy. This was presented to CMT and Council in April 2024.</p> <p>The draft Strategy is currently being developed internally and will be presented to Council for adoption in August 2024.</p> | Progressing | 70% | Once adopted, implementing some of the strategies and initiatives from the Arts and Culture Strategy, will create a more connected, inclusive, and socially cohesive community where residents feel a sense of belonging and support. |
| 2.1.4 | Major Initiative - Continue to advocate for the sustainability of the timber industry in Wellington Shire. | Advocate | Council continues to work with impacted communities particularly through the delivery of the Local Development Strategies in both Heyfield and Yarram. | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |
| 2.1.4.1 | Key Project - Yarram and Heyfield Timber Transition Local Development Strategies. | Advocate | The State Governments funding of Council to facilitate the Local | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |

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| | | | <p>Development Strategy is nearing completion.</p> <p>Officers are working with various groups who will be empowered to advance the respective projects that have been agreed to by the broader community.</p> | | | |
| 2.1.5 | Initiative - Continue to investigate options for developing aviation related activity at the West Sale Airport and facilitate industrial growth on adjacent land. | Facilitator, Funder, Advocate | <p>West Sale Airport continues to experience sustained increases in aircraft movements, primarily RAAF training activities.</p> <p>The 2024 West Sale Anzac Weekend Airshow is planned for Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April 2024.</p> <p>Following the success of the 2022 airshow, it highlights aviation activity and capability of West Sale Airport.</p> <p>Attendance at the previous show exceeded 10,000.</p> <p>Council's draft budget includes funding for important strategic work to look at business attraction and development opportunities at West Sale Airport.</p> <p>Also included is budget to complete preliminary designs so land suitable for industrial or commercial development and which services an existing large hangar can be activated.</p> <p>Work to assess future runway strengthening is also included in the draft 2024/25 budget.</p> <p>All these initiatives will ensure sustainable investment in one of Council's highest value assets.</p> | Progressing | 85% | Not applicable |

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| | | | <p>Industrial land adjacent to West Sale Airport is progressing toward future development.</p> <p>An area of 55 hectares will accommodate new industry, jobs and be well located in central Gippsland being situated within proximity to road, rail and air networks.</p> | | | |
| 2.1.6  | Major Initiative - Use 'The Middle of Everywhere' campaign to promote the Shire as an events destination and as a place to explore, learn, live, invest, play and to do business. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>It has been a brilliant quarter for events capped of with the ANZAC Weekend Airshow.</p> <p>We have been able to fund a variety of events from music festivals to Boxing events as well as be on site at many local events spreading The Middle of Everywhere message.</p> <p>We have also been posting on a Facebook page every week of upcoming events to help the community get out and about and support what is happening.</p> <p>We have some new events coming our way as well with Seniors Golf as well as a True Grit event in the Glenmaggie area.</p> <p>Some of the highlights over this period have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 Feb - Heyfield Timber Festival • 25 Feb - Grow Festival in Rosedale • 2 March - 26 May - Annemieke Mein: A Life's Work - A Retrospective at the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale • 10 March - Sale Music Festival - Port of Sale | Completed | 100% | With an increased number of events appealing to an increased number of people, social connectedness, access and inclusion are at an all time high. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 March - Maffra Mardi Gras - Johnson Street, Maffra 14 April - Tinamba Food and Wine Festival - Main Street Tinamba 19 April - 5 May - Stratford Shakespeare Festival - Stratford | | | |
| 2.2.1 | Initiative - Support our training facilities to develop a range of vocational, tertiary and higher education courses suited to our changing economy and industry needs. | Facilitator, Advocate | Officers continue to support and facilitate events including career-expos that create more awareness of the opportunities offered by emerging economies including new energy, trades and defence. | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |
| 2.2.2 | Initiative - Ensure that secondary and tertiary students have a well-established and promoted study facility in our local area. | Facilitator, Advocate | Study hub fully established in Sale in collaboration with Wellington Shire Council (WSC), Beyond Bank, Gippsland TAFE and the Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network (GELLEN). | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 2.2.2.1 | Key Project - Tertiary Study Hub. | | Study hub located in Sale was launched in July 2022. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 2.2.3 |  Initiative - Respond to significant economic shocks (including COVID-19) by delivering on State and Federal Government initiatives to provide economic resilience programs that assist community and businesses. | Facilitator | Wellington Shire Council (WSC) provided businesses with direct support through business concierge program through Covid lockdown periods. Also directly assisted hospitality businesses with support as part of the State Government Outdoor Dining Grant Program to enable more outdoor dining options during the Covid outbreak. Council will continue to support local business however all government funding programs to support Covid recovery have now been acquitted. | Completed | 100% | The Economic Development team assisted hospitality businesses with support as part of the Outdoor Dining Grant Program providing the community with increased opportunities to reconnect in a social setting. |

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| | | | Council has no further action in delivery of Covid recovery programs for business. | | | |
|  2.2.4 | Initiative - Continue advocacy for the creation of Sale College One Campus to establish a modern and efficient secondary school precinct to attract families, industry and students, while catering for a growing population. | Provider, Facilitator | State Government funding has been committed to the Sale College One Campus project. | Completed | 100% | Equality - Reduces the barriers for people trying to access education. |
|  2.3.1 | Major Initiative - Satisfy housing demand by facilitating the development of a range of living settings and lifestyle choices including response to an ageing demographic and facilitating affordable and social housing models. | Regulator, Facilitator | Three Planning Scheme Amendments (C114/115/116) have been adopted by Council to support future urban growth and have now been approved by the Minister for Planning. Other land supply initiatives include implementation of the Maffra Structure Plan and processing subdivision and dwelling applications across the municipality. | Progressing | 90% | Provision of future housing land and a diversity of housing offerings supports Healthy Wellington objectives |
| 2.3.1.1 | Key Project - Residential stock take and incentive project - addressing the acute shortage of housing. | Regulator, Facilitator | Residential Stocktake Project and the forward funding of infrastructure policy have previously been adopted by Council to help activate residential land release across the municipality. Funding options and project options are currently being further considered to implement the forward funding of infrastructure policy. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
|  2.3.2 | Major Initiative - Promote and facilitate appropriate land release/ incentives and subsequent housing development in growth areas, being guided by sustainable development principles. | Facilitator, Regulator, Advocate | Various planning permit approvals and Planning Scheme Amendments have been completed to support urban growth across the municipality. | Progressing | 90% | Land release and a diversity of future housing options supports Healthy Wellington objectives. |

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| 2.4.1  | Major Initiative - Prepare a Shire-wide Growth Management and Economic Development Strategy to establish a hierarchy of growth areas and identify priority projects. | Provider, Advocate | A draft Strategy has been prepared, which will be presented to Council in May 2024 prior to community release. | Progressing | 75% | Strategic Directions of Growth Management Strategy support Healthy Wellington objectives |
| 2.4.2 | Major Initiative - Prioritise investment projects in the main growth areas, including exploring all options for upgrades to trunk stormwater drainage, sewer, water reticulation, internet, and gas that will stimulate growth and housing. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | Ongoing with various planning projects/approvals and Planning Scheme Amendments completed to support urban growth across the municipality. | Ongoing | 90% | Not applicable |
| 2.4.2.1 | Key Project - York Street Streetscape enhancement. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | This project is now complete with significant upgrades to both York and Foster Street, including footpaths, kerbs, asphaltting, street lighting and landscaping. In addition, the Cunninghame Street intersection was upgraded with traffic lights as part of this project. All works are now complete. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 2.4.2.2 | Key Project - Commence Port of Sale Masterplan priorities. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | Steering group formed, a list of priorities has been developed for implementation. Contractor engaged in development of moorings for commercial leases and project has commenced. Further updates will be provided to Council as this project continues. As the clear deliverable within this action was to commence these projects, this action is now complete. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |

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| 2.4.2.3 | Key Project - Maffra and Sale Growth Area Drainage Strategies. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | North Sale Development Plan and Infrastructure Funding Arrangement Reports have been adopted by Council. Maffra Structure Plan has also been adopted by Council, with implementation now progressing. Plans were informed by drainage assessments. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 2.4.2.4 | Key Project - Maffra stormwater retention basin and outfall improvement works. | Funder, Provider, Advocate | This project is subject to Council acquiring 4 portions of land. Current status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 completed; • 1 in the stages of being finalised; • 1 verbal agreement received, deed issued but remains unsigned; • 1 not currently progressing due to discussions concerning potential future residential development. Acquisition of all 4 properties is required for this project to progress. | Progressing | 75% | Not applicable |
| 2.4.3 | Initiative - Adopt a 'buy local' approach for Council procurement processes aligned with best value (the most advantageous combination of cost, quality and sustainability to meet requirements). | Provider, Funder | Council's Procurement Policy directs that in the first instance quotes must be obtained from a Local Supplier, and only where the local business cannot supply it, are deemed not capable, or cannot provide value for money, can suppliers outside of the local area be invited to quote. Council also applies Best Value Principles to ensure the best value is achieved for the community. | Progressing | 85% | Not applicable |

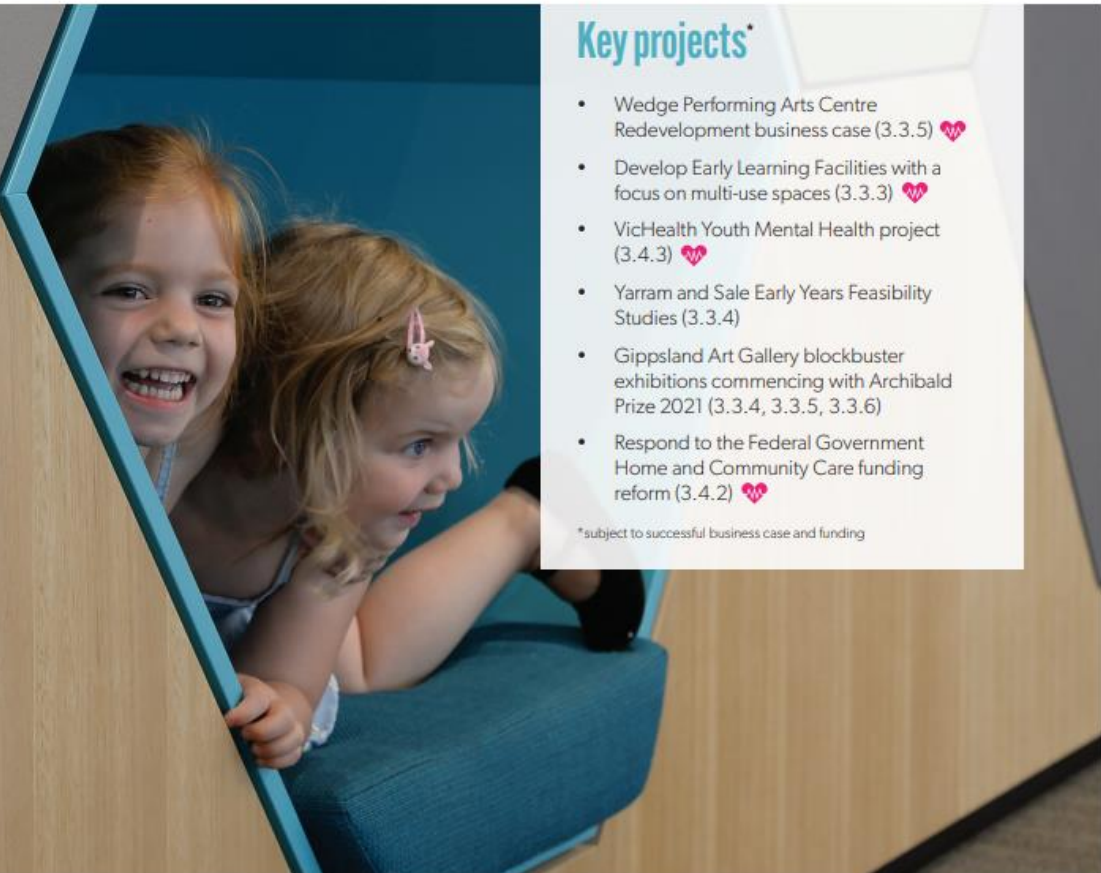
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| 2.4.4  | Initiative - Increase access to and usage of internet and digital technologies throughout Gippsland, continuing the shift to online delivery of services and advocating for reduction of identified 'black spots'. Use access to networks to shape population attraction strategies and target industry development. | Advocate | Council is engaging with NBNco to develop an updated and ongoing Digital Plan for Wellington Shire. The plan will include a local context section incorporating a regional snapshot, digital ability, mapping (nbn Fibre, Fixed Wireless and Satellite coverage), mobile coverage and new developments. | Progressing | 85% | Reduce barriers for people who are trying to access or feel included in community life (work, education, and recreation). |

| Indicators of Success: | Baseline | 2021-22 Result | 2022-23 Result | 2025 Target |
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| 2.1 A diverse economy that creates jobs and opportunities | | | | |
| Annual growth rate of real Gross Regional Product (GRP) (SDG 8.2.1) | (2020) Wellington - \$3.652B Gippsland - \$18.277B (as per REMPLAN) | Wellington - \$3.898B (6.73% growth) Gippsland - \$19.327B (5.74% growth) | Wellington - \$3.864B (.87% decrease) Gippsland - \$20.039B (3.68% growth) | Equal to or better than Gippsland average |
| Unemployment rate by sex, age and education level (SDG 8.5.2) | Wellington - 5.5% (June 2021 quarter) Gippsland - 5.4% (April 2021 quarter) | Wellington - 4.9% (March 2022 quarter) Gippsland - 3.9% (April 2022 quarter) | 3.6% Wellington (June 2023 quarter) Gippsland - 3.7% (April 2023 quarter) | Equal to or better than Gippsland average |
| 2.2 A community that has the capacity and skills to meet our economic needs | | | | |
| Destinations of Wellington Year 12 or equivalent completers six months after leaving school (SDG 8.6.1) | 7.8% unemployed 46.9% further study 10.2% apprenticeships/ trainees | 9.3% unemployed 44% further study 10.7% apprenticeships/ trainees | 9.3% unemployed 44% further study 10.7% apprenticeships/ trainees | 5% unemployed, 56% further study |
| 2.3 An increase in variety of housing choice to support equitable access to housing | | | | |
| Number of dwellings across the Shire (SDG 11.3) | (2021) 23,383 dwellings (source ID profile next census date 2026) | 23,554 dwellings | 23,554 dwellings | 24,790 dwellings (2026 projection) |
| Number of new housing units built in the municipality (SDG 11.1.1) | (2021) 655* houses/units *corrected from 520 as per DFFH website | 669* houses/units * updated data available from DFFH website | 679* houses/units (source: DFFH website) | +26 beds |
| 2.4 Infrastructure investment is targeted to maximise jobs and housing growth | | | | |
| Wellington Shire total % population increase (SDG 11.3) | (2020 estimate) 44,770 (source: ID profile population and dwelling estimate) | 45,092 0.72% increase | 45,754 1.46% increase | Approximately 1% increase per annum |

DIRECTION

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Liveability and Wellbeing



'We are a liveable,
engaged, and supported
community.'

PORT OF SALE LIBRARY




Key projects*


- Wedge Performing Arts Centre
Redevelopment business case (3.3.5) ❤️
- Develop Early Learning Facilities with a
focus on multi-use spaces (3.3.3) ❤️
- VicHealth Youth Mental Health project
(3.4.3) ❤️
- Yarram and Sale Early Years Feasibility
Studies (3.3.4)
- Gippsland Art Gallery blockbuster
exhibitions commencing with Archibald
Prize 2021 (3.3.4, 3.3.5, 3.3.6)
- Respond to the Federal Government
Home and Community Care funding
reform (3.4.2) ❤️


*subject to successful business case and funding



Council Plan Theme 3: Liveability and Wellbeing



 - linked to Healthy Wellington Plan



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| 3.1.1  | Major Initiative - Implement a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to build relationships, improve cultural awareness and reconciliation with Gunaikurnai people and deliver on cultural, environmental, and economic projects in the spirit of the Gunaikurnai Whole of Country Plan. | Facilitator | Council continues to partner with GLaWAC and is awaiting direction for GLaWAC on how to proceed with a Reconciliation Action Plan. | Progressing | 80% | Council officers are currently undertaking an internal audit through the local government guide 'Pathways to Stronger Partnerships'. Each business unit has participated with data currently being collated and analysed, |
| 3.1.2  | Initiative - Facilitate activities and events that celebrate and promote inclusion and engagement of our culturally and socially diverse communities. Deliver via defining and resourcing Council and the community's role in place activation and event delivery. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | Council is committed to delivering a new Arts and Culture Strategy for 2024-2029. Extensive community consultation has been undertaken by the consultants, Polis Planning. The consultation phase resulted in the development of a paper highlighting key findings and emerging themes, including the community's preference for activations and events. This was presented to CMT and Council in April 2024. The draft Strategy is currently being developed internally and the final document will be presented to Council for adoption in August 2024. | Progressing | 70% | The new Arts and Culture Strategy will serve as a powerful tool for breaking down barriers to community inclusion by promoting diversity, accessibility, education, engagement, and collaboration. The Strategy will help to create a more vibrant, cohesive, and equitable community where everyone feels valued and welcomed. |
| 3.1.3  | Initiative - Sensitively consider and support people to participate, contribute and be represented in our community without barriers due to disability, gender, age, sexuality or culture via the development | Facilitator, Provider, Advocate | Council continues to work towards a draft for a yet to be titled Diversity and Inclusion Plan. Council continues to support and advocate for all members of the | Progressing | 60% | Council partners with groups, agencies and committees to ensure that diversity and inclusion is at the core of community work. |





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| | and implementation of a Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. | | community and celebrate diversity within Wellington. This occurs through programming, events, initiatives, policies and strategies. | | | |
| 3.1.4  | Initiative - Implement a Gender Equality Action Plan to improve gender equity and fairness within the workplace and amongst our community. | Provider, Facilitator | The Gender Equality Action Plan has been established and is being implemented as an ongoing business-as-usual body of work. There is a Gender Equality Committee meeting regularly and overseeing the broader Gender Equality obligations under the Gender Equality Act 2020. | Completed | 100% | Gender Equality Action Plan is underway, as is a Gender Equality Committee to oversee work in this space. The Social Connection and Inclusion team are also working on community aspects of gender equality and diversity initiatives to support this work. |
| 3.2.1 | Initiative - Highlight community voices in Council's decision making and the community's active engagement at the core of our operation. Listen and provide leadership, especially in complex matters. | Provider, Facilitator | Community voices are captured and highlighted through consultation and engagement to inform Ageing Well in Wellington Strategy development, the Library Services Review, Aqua Energy Redevelopment design process and the Arts & Culture Strategy development. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.2.2 | Initiative - Advocate for local and regional priorities and issues that matter to our community in partnership with key stakeholders. | Advocate | Council continues to advocate through several avenues (direct, indirect and informal) on key projects and services that impact on Wellington, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable energy - a multitude of delegations both federally and state. Our current advocacy to the federal government centres on assistance for planning the renewable energy zone, partnering with South Gippsland Shire and GLaWAC; | Ongoing | 100% | Not applicable |




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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender equity – direct advocacy has led to a significant grant received this year to fund a full time position; Larger community-based projects such as the Gippsland Vehicle Collection capital works; Family violence outcomes through One Gippsland, VicPol and Gippsland Women's Health; Upgrades and improved service to the Gippsland VLine service; A new Sale secondary school campus through the State Government and the VSBA; Coastal improvements for many of our coastal communities such as Loch Sport. | | | |
| 3.2.3 | Initiative - Use a range of online and in person methods to provide clear communication about decisions and plans that affect communities, making sure to close the loop and feedback on consultation outcomes. | Provider | Detailed community engagement plans developed for major initiatives such as Library Services review, Ageing Well in Wellington, and the Cat Curfew initiative, all involve fully informing community of the initiatives, actively seeking input, and providing information regarding final outcomes via online and direct face to face focus group opportunities. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.3.1 |  Initiative - To assist in recovery from COVID-19, facilitate support for and capacity building of community volunteers in Committees of Management and other groups that deliver community outcomes. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | The Reactivating Community Facility Volunteers project, funded by Black Summer Bushfire Recovery and Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA) has resulted in the creation of a Committee Volunteer Support Officer role. | Progressing | 60% | The Reactivating Community Facilities Volunteers project delivers programs and projects resulting in volunteer capacity building which in turn results in increased participation |



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| | | | <p>This position is funded until March 2025 and directly supports volunteer facility managers by increasing volunteer capacity and direct delivery of events and programs.</p> <p>A 12 month calendar of volunteer capacity building training has been delivered and future volunteer support training opportunities are being planned.</p> | | | at facilities, increased awareness of needs and efficient use of facilities. |
| 3.3.2  | Initiative - Support formal and informal education providers to offer transitions to different learning environments based on people's life circumstances. Aim to improve educational attainment and aspiration within Wellington Shire recognising that the delivery of secondary school VCE will commence a transition process in the coming years to ensure it remains appropriate and relevant. | Facilitator, Advocate | Partnering with Workforce Australia to deliver a jobs expo at the Gippsland Centre in Sale on 16 May 2024. | Progressing | 90% | <p>Improve access and participation to activities, programs and services that support good mental health.</p> <p>Reduce barriers for people who are trying to access or feel included in community life (work, education, and recreation)</p> |
| 3.3.3  | Major Initiative - Respond to future Early Years' service gaps, particularly in childcare and kindergarten in major towns. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>Funding acquired to expand the early years provision in Yarram via the Victorian Government's Building Blocks - Modular program.</p> <p>Design works underway with on-site construction anticipated to commence in August 2023 and completed in time to operate from Term 1 2024.</p> <p>Funding acquired to progress the concept and schematic design for the Sale Integrated Centre for Children and Families through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks - Planning program.</p> | Completed | 100% | Equality objective is considered through this major initiative as the projects being delivered aim to reduce barriers for people to access key educational services. |

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| | | | Design tender is anticipated to be awarded in August 2023. | | | |
| 3.3.3.1  | Key Project - Develop Early Learning Facilities with a focus on multi-use spaces. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>Funding acquired to expand the early years provision in Yarram via the Victorian Government's Building Blocks - Modular program.</p> <p>Design works underway with on-site construction anticipated to commence in August 2023 and completed in time to operate from Term 1 2024.</p> <p>Funding acquired to progress the concept and schematic design for the Sale Integrated Centre for Children and Families through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks - Planning program.</p> <p>Design tender is anticipated to be awarded in August 2023.</p> | Completed | 100% | Equality objective is considered through this major initiative as the projects being delivered aim to reduce barriers for people to access key educational services. |
| 3.3.3.2 | Key Project - Yarram and Sale Early Years Feasibility Studies. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Reports completed late 2022. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.3.4  | Initiative - Work with the community to understand which arts and cultural services and opportunities are important to them and facilitate development in these areas. | Provider, Funder | <p>Council is committed to delivering a new Arts and Culture Strategy for 2024-2029.</p> <p>Extensive consultation has been undertaken by the consultants, Polis Planning.</p> <p>The consultation phase has resulted in the development of a paper highlighting key findings and emerging themes. This paper was presented to CMT and Council in April 2024.</p> | Progressing | 70% | <p>The new Arts and Culture Strategy will create a more supportive and inclusive community environment that promotes good mental health and well-being for all residents.</p> <p>Initiatives may include therapeutic arts programs, creating safe and inclusive spaces, promoting self-expression and creativity through the arts.</p> |

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| | | | The draft Strategy is currently being developed internally and will be presented to Council for adoption in 2024. | | | |
| 3.3.4.1 | Key Project - Gippsland Art Gallery blockbuster exhibitions commencing with Archibald Prize 2021. | Provider, Funder | Planning for the first 'blockbuster' exhibition since the Archibald Prize is well under way, with 'Annemieke Mein: A Life's Work' to be presented from 2 March to 26 May 2024. This will be followed by 'The Americans: Master Works from the NGA' in December 2024, and 'Turner & Australia' in June 2025. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.3.5 | Initiative - Investigate opportunities for alternative cost-effective models for delivery of quality cultural, leisure and recreation facilities and programs that encourage access and participation across our community. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | Final report received, findings presented to the Corporate Management Team and Council in December 2023. Council direction was to remain with in-house operating model, with the understanding of further operational review of how services are delivered. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.3.5.1 |  Key Project - Wedge Performing Arts Centre Redevelopment business case. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | Business case completed. Concept design and funding sourcing currently underway. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 3.3.6 |  Initiative - Improve access to arts and cultural experiences by pursuing partnerships and creating programs that activate our open spaces and facilities to increase community connection. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | The Gallery partnered with the other Arts and Culture business units to help deliver the 'Day @ the Port' Festival on 4 February 2023. | Completed | 100% | 'Day @ The Port' attracted people from a diverse range of backgrounds to come together and celebrate the Port of Sale precinct. 'Day @ the Port' is an important annual accessible event for community-building, with activities for young people outside to more contemplative spaces inside the Gallery. |

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| 3.4.1  | Major Initiative - Investigate gaps in service provision for vulnerable community members, review options and determine Council's future role. | Facilitator | Council continues to advocate for vulnerable group within Wellington. Where there are gaps in service provision, Council works with key stakeholders to determine Council's role and the role of all partners. Currently, Council is working with tertiary education providers on fully subsidised Graduate Diplomas for Early Childhood Educators as there is a shortage of qualified teachers within Wellington. | Progressing | 70% | As per Healthy Wellington, mental health primary prevention education across a lifespan has been a focus. However, it is important to look at mental health with consideration to the other three priorities. |
| 3.4.2  | Major Initiative - In response to the Federal Government reforms for Home and Community Care determine the most appropriate supports to be facilitated by Council for people to age positively in community. | Facilitator, Funder, Advocate | Council continues to advocate and facilitate programming and initiatives as identified in the yet to be adopted 'Ageing Well in Wellington' strategy. Council's investment in a Positive Ageing and Disability officer has seen an increase in programming, connection and inclusion in the 55+ age range. | Progressing | 90% | Successful programming such as 'Dying to Know' will be rolled out to the whole of Wellington. Evaluation of the first program indicates that the program and model will be a success in all regional towns. |
| 3.4.2.1  | Key Project - Respond to the Federal Government Home and Community Care funding reform. | Facilitator, Funder, Advocate | The 'Ageing Well in Wellington' strategy is yet to be adopted, however this will be presented to Council in 2024. | Progressing | 95% | Council continues to be actively advocating for all demographics, with focus on priority groups including, seniors and people living with a disability. |
| 3.4.3  | Initiative - Advocate for increased access to appropriate health services to meet the modern health challenges of the community including increased mental health and wellbeing services and education to reduce the stigma of accessing services in a post-COVID environment. | Facilitator, Advocate | Significant Youth Mental Health First Aid training was rolled out in Wellington Shire. This has seen teachers, support staff and wellbeing leaders in every secondary school in Wellington receive Youth Mental Health First Aid. As part of this systematic whole of community approach, year 8 students in | Progressing | 75% | Mental Health continues to be one of the four key priorities of Health Wellington. Whilst Mental Health is a whole of population consideration, there has been a significant focus on youth. If the Live4Life model is successful there will be an uplift in the whole of |

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| | | | <p>Wellington will receive Youth Mental Health First Aid to build their capacity in help seeking behaviours for themselves and others.</p> <p>The final set of training will be rolled out to community members, targeting people who work or volunteer at sporting clubs, local business and other organisations that are frequented by youth in Wellington.</p> | | | the community's capacity to respond to Mental Health. |
| 3.4.3.1  | Key Project - VicHealth Youth Mental Health project. | Advocate, Facilitator | <p>The Youth Mental Health Project - Wellington Ways to Wellbeing, has been successfully implemented.</p> <p>Council continues to work with some of our schools to implement/support the leadership framework as this ensures the project's continuation and sustainability.</p> | Completed | 100% | <p>Wellington Ways to Wellbeing has been successfully implemented across several secondary schools within Wellington.</p> <p>This program aims to provide a framework to support good mental and physical health for young people.</p> |
| 3.4.4  | Major Initiative - Support employers with the attraction, recruitment and long-term retention of health specialists and allied health workers into hospitals and schools and to service NDIS and My Aged Care packages. | Facilitator, Advocate | Council continues to provide assistance where appropriate, and in particular extending the offer to utilise The Middle of Everywhere branding to attract workforce applicants. | Progressing | 90% | <p>Improve access and participation to activities, programs and services that support good mental health.</p> <p>Improve access to services that support and maintain mental illness.</p> |
| 3.4.5  | Major Initiative - Create a Wellington Shire Health and Wellbeing Partnership with health and community agencies which focuses on preventing, supporting and responding to health and wellbeing issues as outlined in the Healthy Wellington 2021-25 Strategy. | Facilitator | <p>The first Wellington Health and Wellbeing Coalition facilitated session occurred last quarter.</p> <p>Key partners and agencies were in attendance, with extensive partnership mapping occurring before the establishment of the Coalition.</p> <p>Evaluation from the session is underway, we a model and framework for the Coalition to be decided.</p> | Progressing | 75% | <p>There has been significant partner mapping to determine what agencies should be a part of the partnership.</p> <p>Consideration was made to determine what level of organisation should attend the partnership.</p> |

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| 3.4.6  | Major Initiative - Use Healthy Wellington 2021-25 to focus on the health and wellbeing needs of the senior population. Prevent and address barriers to accessing community, social, health and lifelong learning services. | Facilitator, Funder, Advocate | <p>Council continues to roll out actions from the four priorities in the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing plan.</p> <p>The Positive Ageing officer continues to advocate and advise through a positive ageing lens over the four health priorities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gender equality; • mental health; • health and climate change; and • active living. | Progressing | 75% | <p>Active living has been a focus for programming for seniors.</p> <p>Many regional facilities have been activated to offer soft exercise on a regular basis.</p> |
| 3.4.7  | Initiative - Achieve Rainbow Tick accreditation of Council services to reduce stigma and discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people. | Provider, Facilitator | <p>Council continue to work toward 'Rainbow Ready' Status.</p> <p>The last quarter an internal 'health check' was conducted as part of the Rainbow Ready Local Government Guide.</p> <p>Council will review the outcomes of the internal audit when available.</p> | Progressing | 50% | Council continues to supports local diversity and inclusion programs and initiatives across the whole Wellington community. |

| Indicators of Success: | Baseline | 2021-22 Result | 2022-23 Result | 2025 Target |
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| 3.1 An inclusive, diverse, and resilient community | | | | |
| Community satisfaction with perception of diversity and accessibility in the community (SDG 10.2) | Not currently measured | Indicator being reviewed | Indicator review completed. Additional question included in the 2024 Community Satisfaction Survey | Identify baseline. Continual improvement on WSC score. |
| 3.2 An actively engaged community | | | | |
| Community satisfaction with Council decisions (SDG 16.7.2) | (2020) Wellington Shire 58/100 (Large Rural was 52/100) | Wellington Shire 59/100 (Large Rural 51/100) | Wellington Shire 54/100 (Large Rural 48/100) | Continual improvement on WSC score |
| Community satisfaction with Council engagement (SDG 16.7.2) | (2020) Wellington Shire 57/100 (Large Rural was 54/100) | Wellington Shire 55/100 (Large Rural 51/100) | Wellington Shire 53/100 (Large Rural 49/100) | Continual improvement on WSC score |
| Community satisfaction with level of Council lobbying (SDG 16.7.2) | (2020) Wellington Shire 57/100 (Large Rural was 53/100) | Wellington Shire 59/100 (Large Rural 51/100) | Wellington Shire 55/100 (Large Rural 49/100) | Continual improvement on WSC score |
| 3.3 Opportunities for everyone to work, learn, create, play and share | | | | |
| Participation rates in kindergarten for 4 year olds (SDG 4.2.2) | (2020) Participation rate 91.89% | Participation rate 89.9% Enrolment rate is 98.7% | Participation rate 93% Enrolment rate is 99.1% | Better than Gippsland average |
| Active library members in municipality (SDG 4.6) | (2019-20) 13% active library members | 10.68% active library members | 10% active library members | 15% |
| Participation at Council-run performing arts events (SDG 4.7) | (2018-19) 21,300 visits | 17,296 visits | 20,652 visits | Increase by 2% |
| Participation in Gippsland Art Gallery programs and events (SDG 4.7) | (2018-19) 39,600 visits | 48,475 visits (includes 26,000 visits to the Archibald Prize) | 39,611 visits | Increase by 2% |
| 3.4 Improved access to and participation in support services focusing on those who are vulnerable including: young children, youth, people living with a disability and seniors | | | | |
| Availability of NDIS services within Wellington Shire to meet service demand (SDG 10.2) | (2020) 49% of NDIS funding used by participants | LGA data not available, overall Victorian result 72% of NDIS funding used by participants | 70% of NDIS funding used by participants as at Q4 2022/23 | 80% of NDIS funding used by participants |
| Proportion of children attending Maternal and Child Health 3.5 years ages and stages visit (SDG 3.8) | (2017) 71.3% | Yarram & District Health Service 52% Central Gippsland Health Service 45% | Yarram & District Health Service 29.2% Central Gippsland Health Service 65.2% | 90% |

DIRECTION

4

Services and Infrastructure



'We are a connected community with access to the services and infrastructure we require.'

AQUA ENERGY, SALE

Key projects*

- Accelerate Urban Paths Plan delivery (4.4.3) ❤️
- Aqua Energy redevelopment (3.3.5 , 4.3.5) ❤️
- Investigate delivery of Gippsland Regional Sports Complex Stage 2B (4.3.5)
- Briarolong Tennis Court refurbishment (4.3.5)
- LED lighting upgrades at Stratford Recreation Reserve and Rosedale Recreation Reserve (4.3.5)
- Streetscape improvements: Cowwarr and Port Albert (4.3.1)
- 'A Warmer Pool for Yarram' project (4.3)
- Stephenson Park, Sale, changerooms redevelopment (4.3.5)
- Stratford outdoor pool solar upgrade and pool blanket (4.3)
- Seacombe boat ramp upgrade (4.3.4)
- Town entry improvement program: Maffra and Heyfield (4.3)
- Port Albert Mechanics Institute facade and rising damp treatment (4.3.5)
- Wurruk pump track (4.3)
- Seaspray levy rehabilitation (4.3)



*subject to successful business case and funding

Council Plan Theme 4: Services and Infrastructure


 - linked to Healthy Wellington Plan

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------|----------|--|
| 4.1.1 | Initiative - Investigate a shared services operating model to expand innovative activities, enable operational efficiencies, contain costs, and take advantage of other revenue generating opportunities to benefit the organisation and community. | Provider, Facilitator | Both the Wellington Shire Council (WSC) and East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC) have investigated the myriad of available options for establishing a Shared Services operating model. Both Councils are currently working towards improving and standardising ICT systems and processes across both organisations and once this program of work is completed the shared service operating model options will be reviewed. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.1.2 | Initiative - Continue to improve our long-term finance and asset planning to ensure that the Council remains financially sustainable. | Provider | Our current Long-term Financial Plan (LTFP) denotes strong financial sustainability and aligns with our asset plans. Council's 2021/25 Asset Plan was adopted by Council in June 2021 alongside the LTFP. Planning has commenced on the next iteration of Council's Asset Plan. The purpose of the Asset Plan is to demonstrate responsible management of Wellington Shire Council infrastructure assets, comply with the Local Government Act 2020 and model the funding required to maintain assets in their current condition. It includes dashboard summaries of the following asset classes- Roads, Paths, | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |



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| | | | Bridges & Major Culverts, Drainage, Property and Open Space. | | | |
| 4.2.1  | Initiative - Provide services that are easy to use, valued by the community and give best overall worth back to Council and the community. | Provider | <p>Council's operational reviews of the Library Services Network and Aqua Energy have been completed.</p> <p>The Gippsland Livestock Exchange Facility review is pending completion (delayed due to a significant external change in the selling marketplace in Gippsland).</p> <p>The Aqua Energy redevelopment has commenced with whole facility practical completion estimated for 30 June 2025.</p> <p>These reviews and the enhancement of Aqua Energy will inform and establish future enhancements to service delivery and opportunities for efficient operations for our community.</p> | Progressing | 90% | Conducting thorough service reviews will ensure services are resourced and structured to meet understood community needs, and optimise community engagement and social connections, thus enhancing community resilience and wellbeing. |
| 4.3.1  | Initiative - Work to ensure that our town centres are activated, safe, clean, have appropriate facilities and are well-maintained. | Provider, Regulator | <p>High community satisfaction with urban streetscapes and amenity.</p> <p>Teams are adhering to service level requirements in and around Central Business District's (CBD's), as well as connected public open spaces (parks and reserves).</p> <p>Streetscapes, facilities and supporting infrastructure are renewed and upgraded in line with relevant plans.</p> <p>Community activities to increase social connectedness and create opportunities for inclusion in community life are supported in collaboration with Council's Economic Development team and</p> | Ongoing | 100% | <p>Increase participation in organised sports, fitness, and recreational activity - ongoing growth in enquiries/bookings to utilise council maintained sports grounds and parks/open space for a range of organised sports and active recreation pursuits.</p> <p>Increase participation in passive recreational activities such as walking and cycling - gravel path renewal works across the shire ensuring passive recreation opportunities are maintained.</p> |



| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
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| | | | Communities & Culture team, during Parks Week and other programs. E.g. Festivals, Parades and other street events. | | | |
| 4.3.1.1 | Key Project - Streetscape improvements: Cowwarr. | Provider, Regulator | Project completed during the 2022/23 financial year. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.1.2 | Key Project - Streetscape improvements: Port Albert. | Provider, Regulator | All work on the Tarraville Road footpath and the Wharf Street streetscape upgrade has been completed. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.1.3 | Key Project - Town entry improvement program: Maffra. | Provider, Regulator | Shoulder sealing works undertaken by Department of Transport and Regional Roads Victoria. Project is complete. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.1.4 | Key Project - Town Entry improvement program: Heyfield. | Provider, Regulator | Project completed during the 2022/23 financial year. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.1.5 | Key Project - Seaspray levee rehabilitation. | Provider, Regulator | All works excluding a small section located on private property has been completed. This section of land is above the flood level but does not have the 300mm freeboard. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.2 |  Initiative - Plan for the key growth communities across the shire from a 'place-based' approach holistically considering the built environment, community, and economic directions concurrently. | Provider, Facilitator | The draft Growth Management Strategy has been prepared and will be presented to a Council briefing on 7 May 2024 and thereafter will be released for community and stakeholder comment. | Progressing | 90% | Reduce barriers for people who are trying to access or feel included in community life (work, education, and recreation). |
| 4.3.3 |  Initiative - Ensure green infrastructure (trees and vegetation) provision is a key component of the built environment and design of the public realm facilitates sustainability, liveability, and social connectivity. | Provider, Advocate | Contractor has been engaged to undertake the bulk of the tree planting program commencing May 2024 and take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete the work in the west of Stratford township. | Progressing | 90% | Proactive tree planting program where key opportunities exist for street trees to continue, with a key focus in Stratford township west. |

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| | | | <p>Between April and August this year 1,373 new street trees will be planted as part of Council's annual Urban Forest Renewal program.</p> <p>Earmarked streets to receive trees are included in the townships of Sale, Maffra, Wurruk, Stratford, Heyfield, Yarram, Rosedale, Gormandale, Longford, Seaspray, Woodside Beach and Port Albert.</p> <p>Almost 1,500 trees to be planted as part of the 2024 Urban Forest Renewal Program.</p> <p>Proactive tree planting and maintenance works will look to commence urban greening of Sale. This will be part of the 2025 Urban Forest Renewal Program.</p> <p>Forestree is continuing to be populated - current numbers are 12,802 total trees with 1,116 planting locations identified for future planting programs.</p> | | | <p>This will contribute to amenity improvement, shading of streetscapes increasing resilience from climate related temperate changes.</p> <p>Shading of footpaths, and contribution to general health and wellbeing of residents in these communities.</p> |
| 4.3.4 | Initiative - Assess our key tourism areas and benchmark against like towns to ensure the right mix of Council services and facilities is provided to meet peak tourist demand and ongoing community requirements. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | <p>Currently working on a high level document to represent Council's position that will guide future tourism activities and investments.</p> <p>The document will bring our tourism areas into the spotlight and provide a focus going forward.</p> <p>It will draw on recent works done by Tourism Ninja and Destination Gippsland as well as the future of The Middle of Everywhere.</p> <p>Complete by June 30.</p> | Progressing | 90% | Not applicable |

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
|---|--|---|---|-------------|----------|--|
| 4.3.4.1 | Key Project - Seacombe boat ramp upgrade. | Funder, Provider, Facilitator | Completed in late 2022, providing improved boating access to Seacombe and The Straits. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5  | Initiative - Support volunteer facility managers whose work contributes to improved community mental and physical health by activating, upgrading, and repurposing existing multi-use sporting, cultural and social facilities in preference to establishing new. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>The Reactivating Community Facility Volunteers project, funded by Black Summer Bushfire Recovery and Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA) has resulted in the creation of a Committee Volunteer Support Officer role.</p> <p>This position is funded until March 2025 and directly supports volunteer facility managers by increasing volunteer capacity and supporting delivery of events, programs and volunteer support initiatives.</p> <p>To improve the condition and access of facilities Committees of Management have been supported with Risk & Maintenance Subsidies totaling \$942,392 and direct maintenance support of over \$250,000.</p> <p>No new facilities acquired or built.</p> | Progressing | 65% | The Reactivating Community Facilities Volunteers project delivers programs and projects resulting in volunteer capacity building which in turn results in increased participation at facilities, increased awareness of needs and efficient use of facilities. |
| 4.3.5.1 | Key Project - Investigate delivery of Gippsland Regional Sports Complex Stage 2B. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>At Leisure Planners have been appointed to undertake the business case review and develop concept designs to assist in informing Council direction for future development of the site.</p> <p>Background review has been completed and stakeholder engagement has commenced.</p> | Progressing | 30% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5.2 | Key Project - Briagolong Tennis Court refurbishment. | Facilitator, Funder, | Final works completed in November 2023 providing the community with 4 compliant tennis courts, one which also | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |

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|-----------------|---|---|--|-----------|----------|--|
| | | Provider, Advocate | serves as a multipurpose court enabling competition/training netball and social basketball and soccer. | | | |
| 4.3.5.3 | Key Project - LED lighting upgrades at Stratford Recreation Reserve and Rosedale Recreation Reserve. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>LED lighting infrastructure installed on the main oval at Rosedale Recreation Reserve with funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>LED lighting infrastructure installed on the main oval at Stratford Recreation Reserve with funding through the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - LED Lighting program.</p> | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5.4 | Key Project - 'A Warmer Pool for Yarram'. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | <p>Project delivered in time for 2022/23 season.</p> <p>Community consultation completed with Yarram Community to understand programming desires and expectations.</p> <p>New facility infrastructure has enabled additional programming, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to Swim (over 120 participants); • Warm water exercise sessions (3 sessions per week); • Increased school usage; • Increased lap swimming; • Increased recreational swimming; <p>Increased programming has resulted in attendances being up 48% from a 5-year average, which is the highest ever recorded season.</p> | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
|-----------------|--|---|---|-----------------|----------|---|
| 4.3.5.5 | Key Project - Stephenson Park, Sale, changerooms redevelopment. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Works completed in time for the 2022 Football / Netball Season. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5.6 | Key Project - Stratford outdoor pool solar upgrade and pool blanket. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Project delivered on time and within budget. Increased water temperature has enabled additional patronage from previous seasons. | Completed | 100% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5.7 | Key Project - Port Albert Mechanics Institute facade and rising damp treatment. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Rising Damp treatment project being managed by the Assets & Projects team. | Progressing | 60% | Not applicable |
| 4.3.5.8 | Key Project - Wurruk pump track. | Facilitator, Funder, Provider, Advocate | Project to be refocused on renewal of BMX track. Timing of renewal works to be confirmed. | Not Progressing | 0% | Not applicable |
| 4.4.1 |  Major Initiative - Advocate strongly to State Government and local stakeholders for improvements to the passenger train service to key regional centres. | Advocate | Council continues to advocate to the Minister for Transport for an increase in train services for Sale. Funding for new train stabling at Bairnsdale was provided in the 2022-23 State Budget. Awaiting completion of level crossing removal program. | Progressing | 90% | Advocating for the continual improvement and upgrading of rail services will promote healthier, safer, cleaner and more cohesive community. In addition to the economic benefit, any improvement will also provide the community easier access to other regional services. |
| 4.4.2 |  Major Initiative - Advocate strongly to State Government and local stakeholders for improvements to the inter-town transport network connecting major towns to key regional centres in Gippsland. | Advocate | Council continues to advocate for inter-town connection. Mapping existing and establishing transportation services and raising community awareness of existing services has been a priority this quarter. | Progressing | 60% | Council officers continue to partner and liaise with key organisations. Council's investment in the Positive Ageing and Disability Officer role has seen a significant amount of advocacy work through the roles capacity to |

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes | Council's role | Progress update comments | Status | Progress | Healthy Wellington Framework Considerations: |
|---|--|------------------|---|-------------|----------|---|
| | | | The mapping has also highlighted services gaps, and this will guide further advocacy, planning and partnerships. | | | network, partner and lead advocacy for transport. |
| 4.4.3  | Initiative - Address community road safety and connection issues via active travel projects (education) and road and footpath improvements which will build a physically active, safe, and connected community. | Provider, Funder | Council continues to deliver education programs to schools to build capacity around active travel and road safety. Council is still awaiting confirmation of the application for the 24/25 funding. If secured, Council aims to continue programs and education to partners. | Progressing | 80% | Internal partnership with business units responsible for the Urban Paths plan is currently occurring. The plan is in draft form and responsible officers are supporting in an advisory capacity. |
| 4.4.3.1  | Key Project - Accelerate Urban Paths Plan delivery. | Provider, Funder | The overall Urban Paths Program expenditure has increased over the term of the current Council Plan when compared to the original forward capex program. Since adopting the plan, almost 25% of path improvements to be delivered under the plan have been implemented which aligns with anticipated Urban Path delivery timeframes. Subject to Council budget approvals over the forward capex program, we anticipate being able to accelerate overall delivery further, noting that a review/update of the Urban Paths Plan is due to be completed over the coming 18 months. | Completed | 100% | Path construction allows improved pedestrian access for the Wellington community. |

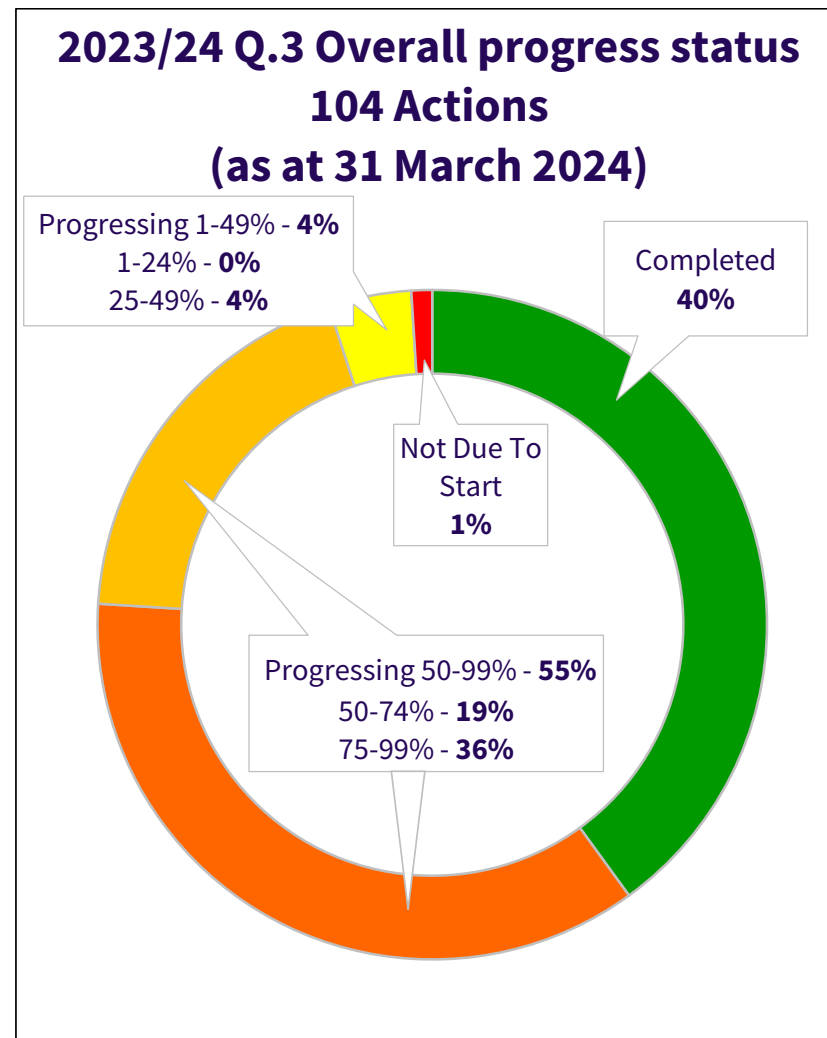
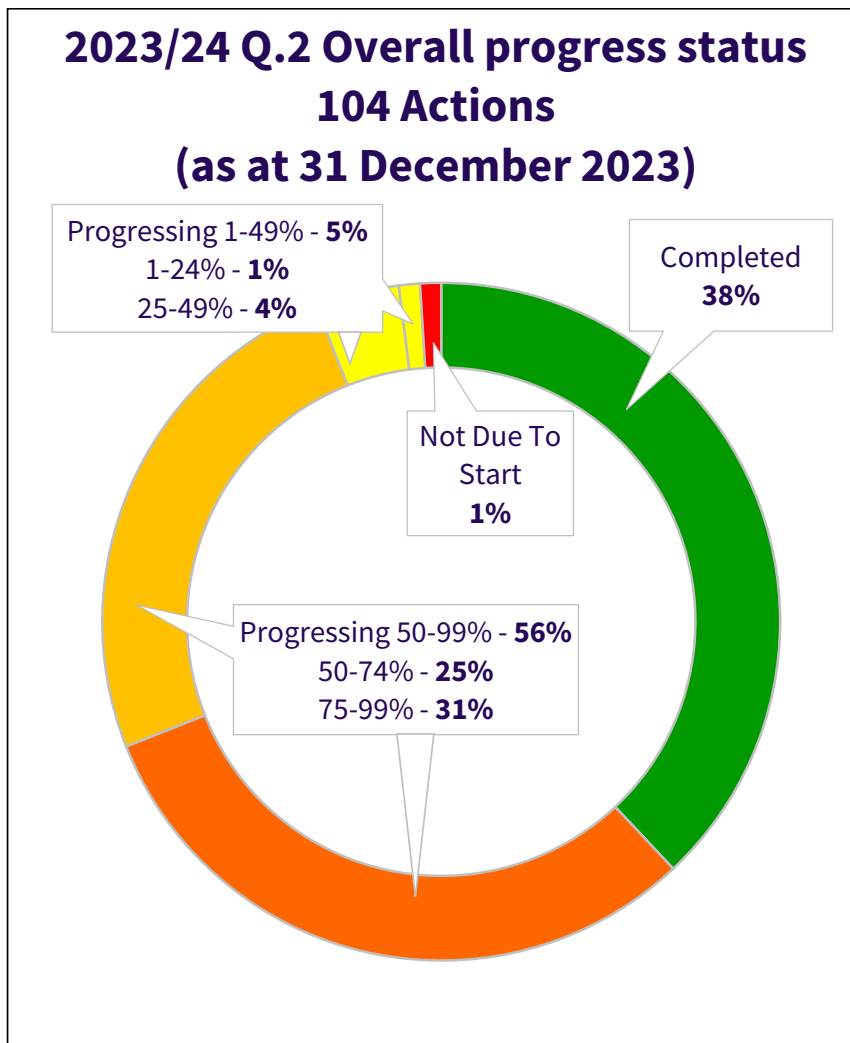
| Indicators of Success: | Baseline | 2021-22 Result | 2022-23 Result | 2025 Target |
|--|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 4.1 A financially sustainable, high performing organisation | | | | |
| Working capital (Current assets as a percentage of current liabilities) (SDG 16.6) | (Similar Councils 2019-20) 299.58% | 324.89%* *corrected from 326.58 | 470.80%* *corrected from 409.98% | Better than similar councils |
| Loans and borrowings as a percentage of rates (SDG 16.6) | (Similar councils 2019-20) 18.73% | 1.13% | 0.67% | Better than similar councils |
| 4.2 Services deliver operating efficiencies and best value | | | | |
| Community satisfaction rate with Council's overall performance (SDG 16.6.2) | (2020) Wellington Shire 62/100 (Large Rural was 55/100) | Wellington Shire 62/100 (Large Rural 55/100) | Wellington Shire 58/100 (Large Rural Council 52/100) | Continual improvement on WSC score |
| 4.3 Well planned and sustainable towns, facilities and infrastructure | | | | |
| Reduction in the Wellington Shire retail vacancy rate (SDG 11.a) | (2021) 6.7%* * Baseline corrected from 11.40% | 6.0% | 7.98% | 10% |
| % of Community Managed Facilities accessibility audit recommendations delivered (SDG 9.1) | (2020) 5% of items | 10% audit recommendations delivered | 12% audit recommendations delivered | 10% each year |
| 4.4 Safe and well-used transport connections across all modes of travel | | | | |
| Community satisfaction with condition of sealed local roads (SDG 9.1) | (2020) Wellington Shire 59/100 (Large Rural 47/100) | Wellington Shire 54/100 (Large Rural 45/100) | Wellington Shire 50/100 (Large Rural 40/100) | >52/100 |
| Increase in kilometres of active travel routes in Wellington Shire as identified under the urban paths plan (SDG 11.2) | (2021) 259km* * Baseline corrected from 237km | 264km | 269.5km | Increase by 2km of paths annually |



2023/24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress – at a glance

Includes: Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects

Current as at 31 March 2024





2023/24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress – at a glance

Includes: Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects

Current as at 31 March 2024

1 – Environment and Climate Change

Total Actions - 28



Completed



Progressing

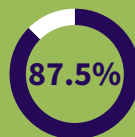


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8 Major Initiatives



Completed



Progressing 50-99%



Progressing 1-49%



Not Due To Start

10 Initiatives



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Not Due To Start

10 Key Projects



Completed



Progressing 50-99%



Progressing 1-49%



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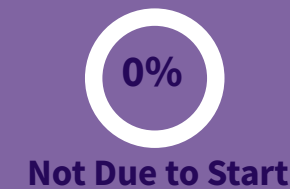
2023/24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress – at a glance

Includes: Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects

Current as at 31 March 2024

2 – Economy and Sustainable Growth

Total Actions - 24



7 Major Initiatives



Completed



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9 Initiatives



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8 Key Projects



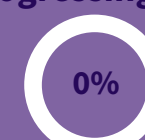
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Not Due To Start



2023/24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress – at a glance

Includes: Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects

Current as at 31 March 2024

3 – Liveability and Wellbeing

Total Actions - 26



Completed



Progressing



Not Due to Start

7 Major Initiatives



Completed



Progressing 50-99%



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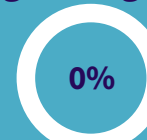
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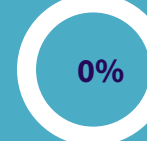
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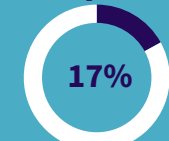


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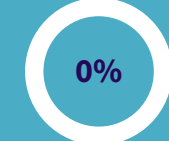
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2023/24 Q.3 Council Plan Progress – at a glance

Includes: Major Initiatives, Initiatives and Key Projects

Current as at 31 March 2024

4 – Services and Infrastructure

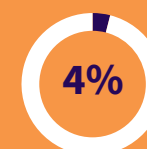
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2 Major Initiatives



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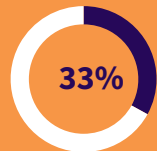


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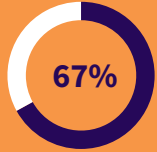


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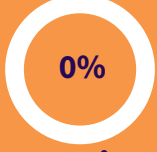
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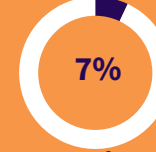


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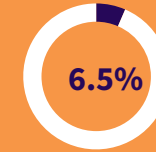
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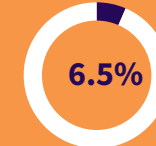
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13.3. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 29 May 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the Minutes in Brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 29 May 2024 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 29 May 2024 attachment was designated confidential under the definition of Confidential Information in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 4 June 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:***
 - e) legal privileged information; and***
 - l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.***

BACKGROUND

Council maintains an Audit & Risk Committee in accordance with section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Audit & Risk Committee is an independent advisory Committee to Council and its primary objective is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating the organisation's ethical development. Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee are reported direct to Council.

A copy of the minutes in brief from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting of 29 May 2024 is attached and is provided for the information of Council and the public in general.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes in Brief Audit & Risk Committee 29 May 2024 [**13.3.1** - 10 pages]
2. Confidential header [**13.3.2** - 1 page]
3. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Audit & Risk Committee minutes 29 May 2024 [**13.3.3** - 353 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive and note the minutes from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting of 29 May 2024 or
2. To seek further information and consider the minutes at a future meeting.

PROPOSAL

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 29 May 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The *Local Government Act 2020*, section 53(1) requires Council to establish an audit committee. Council's Audit & Risk Committee is an Advisory Committee to Council and operates within the Terms of Reference and Charter adopted by Council.

The Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference require the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee to be forwarded to an ordinary meeting of the Council, including a report explaining any specific recommendations and key outcomes.

This report complies with the legislative requirements and the Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference requirements.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2021-25 Theme 4 "Services and Infrastructure" states the following strategic outcome:

Strategic Outcome 4.1: *"A financially sustainable, high performing organisation."*

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic outcome.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

The Audit & Risk Committee Charter identifies the management of risk as one of the primary objectives of the Audit & Risk Committee. The Audit & Risk Committee monitors the risk exposure of Council by determining if management has appropriate risk management processes and adequate management information systems in place.

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES IN BRIEF – 29 MAY 2024

Present: Mr Chris Badger (Chair) (via Teams)
Ms Sarah Heath (via Teams)
Mr Tony Smith (via Teams)
Councillor Garry Stephens (via phone)
Councillor Gayle Maher (Via Teams)

In attendance: Mr David Morcom (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Arthur Skipitaris (General Manager Corporate Services)
Mr Ian Carroll (Manager Corporate Finance)
Mr Gordon Robertson (Crowe) (via Teams)
Mr Kapil Kukreja (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)
Mr Gautam Goswani (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)
Ms Amrit Kaur (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)
Mr Andy Viswanath (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)
Mrs Sheryl Saynor (Executive Support Officer)

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

3. Closure of Meeting to Public

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

That the meeting be closed to the public under Section 66(5) of the Local Government Act 2020 to discuss legal privileged information and information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.

CARRIED

4 Declaration of Interest

Chris Badger advised that he is a member of the CarbonNet Community Reference Group.

5. Adoption of Previous Minutes – 26 February 2024

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

That the Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 February 2024.

CARRIED

6. In Camera Session (conducted at 1.30pm)

Chris Badger advised that Items 7.4, 7.8, 7.9, and 7.15 were discussed in camera.

7.1 Action Items from Previous Minutes

Councillor Maher/Tony Smith

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

(I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989. be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

CARRIED

7.2 Changes to Accounting Policies/Accounting Standards

Tony Smith/Gayle Maher

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CARRIED

7.3 Audit Strategy Memorandum

Councillor Maher/Tony Smith

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.4 Strategic Internal Audit Plan

Tony Smith/Councillor Stephens

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CARRIED

7.5 Internal Audit Report - Review of Cyber Security (Essential Eight) - 58

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.6 Internal Audit Report - Review of Rates Revenue (incl. data interrogation) - 84

Councillor Stephens/Councillor Maher

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.7 Status of Audit Recommendations

Councillor Maher/Tony Smith

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.8 Annual review of Internal Audit Performance

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.9 Internal Audit Tender Postmortem Review

Councillor Stephens/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.10 VAGO Report: Results of 2022/23 Audits: Local Government

Sarah Health/Councillor Maher

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.
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CARRIED

7.11 Review of Asset Revaluation Methodology Report

Councillor Maher/Tony Smith

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.12 Review of Strategic Risks

Councillor Stephens/Sarah Heath

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it note the amendments suggested by the Committee.

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CARRIED

7.13 Risk Reporting - Six monthly report of strategic risks to Council's operations, their likelihood and consequences of occurring and risk minimisation strategies

Sarah Heath/Councillor Maher

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that they approve the strategic risks attached.

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CARRIED

7.14 OH&S Matters

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.15 Business Continuity Plan Exercise

Tony Smith/Sarah Heath

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.16 Legislative Compliance Register Update

Councillor Maher/Councillor Stephens

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CARRIED

7.17 Artificial Intelligence User Policy

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.18 Biannual Report to Council on Audit & Risk Committee Activities

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

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CARRIED

7.19 Review of Council Policies

Councillor Stephens/Sarah Heath

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CARRIED

7.20 ICT and Cyber Security Update

Councillor Stephens/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.21 Draft 2024/25 Budget

Councillor Stephens/Tony Smith

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CARRIED

7.22 Summary of Gifts Register

Tony Smith/Sarah Heath

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CARRIED

7.23 Financial Report

Sarah Heath/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.24 Register of Commissioned Reports

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

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CARRIED

7.25 Key Risk Matters Update

Sarah Heath/Garry Stephens

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*(e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies
be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

CARRIED

7.26 Insurance Report

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

CARRIED

7.27 Fraud Report (incl. red flag report)

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.
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CARRIED

7.28 Review of Audit & Risk Committee Annual Plan

Tony Smith/Councillor Maher

That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report. That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 as confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2024 because it relates to the following grounds:

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CARRIED

7.29 General Business

Sarah Heath/Tony Smith

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CARRIED

8. Rotating Assessment and Feedback on Meeting - Tony Smith

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.32PM.



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18 JUNE 2024

I declare that the information contained in the attached document **WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - MINUTES** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;
- l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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ARTHUR SKIPITARIS
General Manager Corporate Services
4 June 2024

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - APRIL 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 Statutory Planners during the month of April 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April 2024 and 30 April 2024.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Planners have delegated authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to make planning decisions in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme, including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, extensions of time, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

Attachment '*Planning Decisions Report - April 2024*' details the planning permit decisions made between 1 April and 30 April 2024.

Attachment '*Planning Trends Report - April 2024*' provides an overview of recent planning permit trends including decisions made, efficiency of decision making and the estimated value of approved development (derived from monthly planning permit activity reporting data).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Decisions Report - April 2024 [**14.1.1** - 4 pages]
2. Planning Trends Report - April 2024 [**14.1.2** - 3 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Receive 1 April - 30 April 2024 Planning Decisions Report; or
2. Not receive 1 April - 30 April 2024 Planning Decisions Report and seek further information for consideration at a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note the report of recent planning permit trends and planning application determinations between 1 April - 30 April 2024.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The monthly report communicates information about planning trends and determinations including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, refusal of planning permits, and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

All planning decisions have been processed and issued in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

All planning decisions have been issued after due consideration of relevant Council policy, including Council's Heritage Policy, and the requirements of the Planning Policy Framework in the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2021-25 Theme 2 "Economy and Sustainable Growth" states the following strategic outcomes:

Strategic Outcome 2.1: *"A diverse economy that creates jobs and opportunities."*

Strategic Outcome 2.3: *"An increase in variety of housing choice to support equitable access to housing."*

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic outcomes.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Planning decisions are made in accordance with the relevant environmental standards to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

**PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS
BETWEEN 1/04/2024 AND 30/04/2024**

| Application No/Year | Date Received | Property Title & Address | Proposal | Status |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|
| 173-2.00/2022 | 31/01/2024 | Assessment No. 255323 PC: 379567S 2 SEVENTH AVE PARADISE BEACH | Buildings & works associated with the construction of a dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 5/04/2024 |
| 180-3.00/2022 | 15/03/2024 | Assessment No. 358333 LOT: 1 TP: 324782V 834 BUNDALAGUAH RD BUNDALAGUAH | B & W associated with the extension of a dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 18/04/2024 |
| 275-2.00/2022 | 19/02/2024 | Assessment No. 114561 PC: 355282U 52 TI-TREE DR GOLDEN BEACH | B & W associated with the construction of a dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 26/04/2024 |
| 516-1.00/2022 | 16/11/2022 | Assessment No. 424515 LOT: 2 PS: 709716D 127 ROSEDALE-FLYNNS ROSEDALE | 3 lot subdivision of the land. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 26/04/2024 |
| 277-1.00/2023 | 21/08/2023 | Assessment No. 308494 PC: 382063E 2 LAURA ST MAFFRA | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 18/04/2024 |
| 284-2.00/2023 | 19/10/2023 | Assessment No. 453936 PC: 375548T 6-8 CALLADALE CT GORMANDALE | Buildings & works associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Withdrawn 2/04/2024 |
| 321-1.00/2023 | 20/09/2023 | Assessment No. 450155 PTL: 28 LP: 1673 39 HAGANS RD COBAINS | Two lot subdivision of the land. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 19/04/2024 |
| 335-1.00/2023 | 4/10/2023 | Assessment No. 60624 CA: 36B 20-26 DARGO ST SALE | B & W associated with construction of an outbuilding. | Withdrawn 2/04/2024 |
| 354-1.00/2023 | 13/10/2023 | Assessment No. 259119 LOT: 1186 LP: 40160 159 SEVENTH AVE PARADISE BEACH | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 5/04/2024 |
| 367-1.00/2023 | 20/10/2023 | Assessment No. 111930 LOT: 3 LP: 94572 95 NEILSONS RD TOONGABBIE | Two lot re-subdivision (boundary realignment). | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 9/04/2024 |
| 396-1.00/2023 | 17/11/2023 | Assessment No. 362715 LOT: 2 PS: 547907V 5,667 TRARALGON-MAFFRA TINAMBA | U & D of the land for group accommodation. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 24/04/2024 |

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| Application No/Year | Date Received | Property Title & Address | Proposal | Status |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|--|--|
| 402-1.00/2023 | 22/11/2023 | Assessment No. 110304 LOT: 4 PS: 4292 1,169 CAIRNBROOK RD GLENGARRY | 2 lot subdivision of the land (house excision). | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 29/04/2024 |
| 409-1.00/2023 | 28/11/2023 | Assessment No. 452631 LOT: 1 & 2 TP: 174013 27 RIVERSDALE RD MAFFRA | Re-subdivision of land into two lots and removal of an easement. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 18/04/2024 |
| 427-1.00/2023 | 15/12/2023 | Assessment No. 452060 LOT: 11 PS: 736786C 46-48 WELLINGTON PARK SALE | U & D of land for food and liquor license. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 15/04/2024 |
| 14-1.00/2024 | 22/01/2024 | Assessment No. 255620 PC: 360114N 31-35 FIFTH AVE PARADISE BEACH | Buildings and Works associated with the construction of an outbuilding | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 3/04/2024 |
| 25-1.00/2024 | 1/02/2024 | Assessment No. 430975 LOT: 5 PS: 724770L 5/19 STEPHENSON ST SALE | Buildings & works associated with the construction of 2 outbuildings. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 4/04/2024 |
| 29-1.00/2024 | 5/02/2024 | Assessment No. 353920 LOT: 5 LP: 25103 100 BOISDALE ST MAFFRA | 2 Lot S/B/D and construction of second dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 3/04/2024 |
| 38-1.00/2024 | 13/02/2024 | Assessment No. 402545 LOT: 11 PS: 524075V 8 NORTHLAND DR SALE | Change or extension of use and waiving of carparking. | Withdrawn 4/04/2024 |
| 47-1.00/2024 | 19/02/2024 | Assessment No. 60731 CA: 4 SEC: 7 27 DARGO ST SALE | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 10/04/2024 |
| 50-1.00/2024 | 22/02/2024 | Assessment No. 111864 LOT: 1 TP: 899454D 634 NEILSONS RD COWWARR | 2 lot re-subdivision of the land. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 9/04/2024 |
| 52-1.00/2024 | 26/02/2024 | Assessment No. 243683 LOT: 2018 LP: 70938 78 TOORAK AVE LOCH SPORT | B & W associated with the construction of a dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 23/04/2024 |
| 54-1.00/2024 | 26/02/2024 | Assessment No. 356006 LOT: 2 PS: 92304 13-17 RAILWAY PL MAFFRA | Use of the land for a place of assembly (Festival) | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 16/04/2024 |
| 55-1.00/2024 | 26/02/2024 | Assessment No. 196402 LOT: 10 LP: 33071 86 MAIN RD SEASPRAY | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2024 |

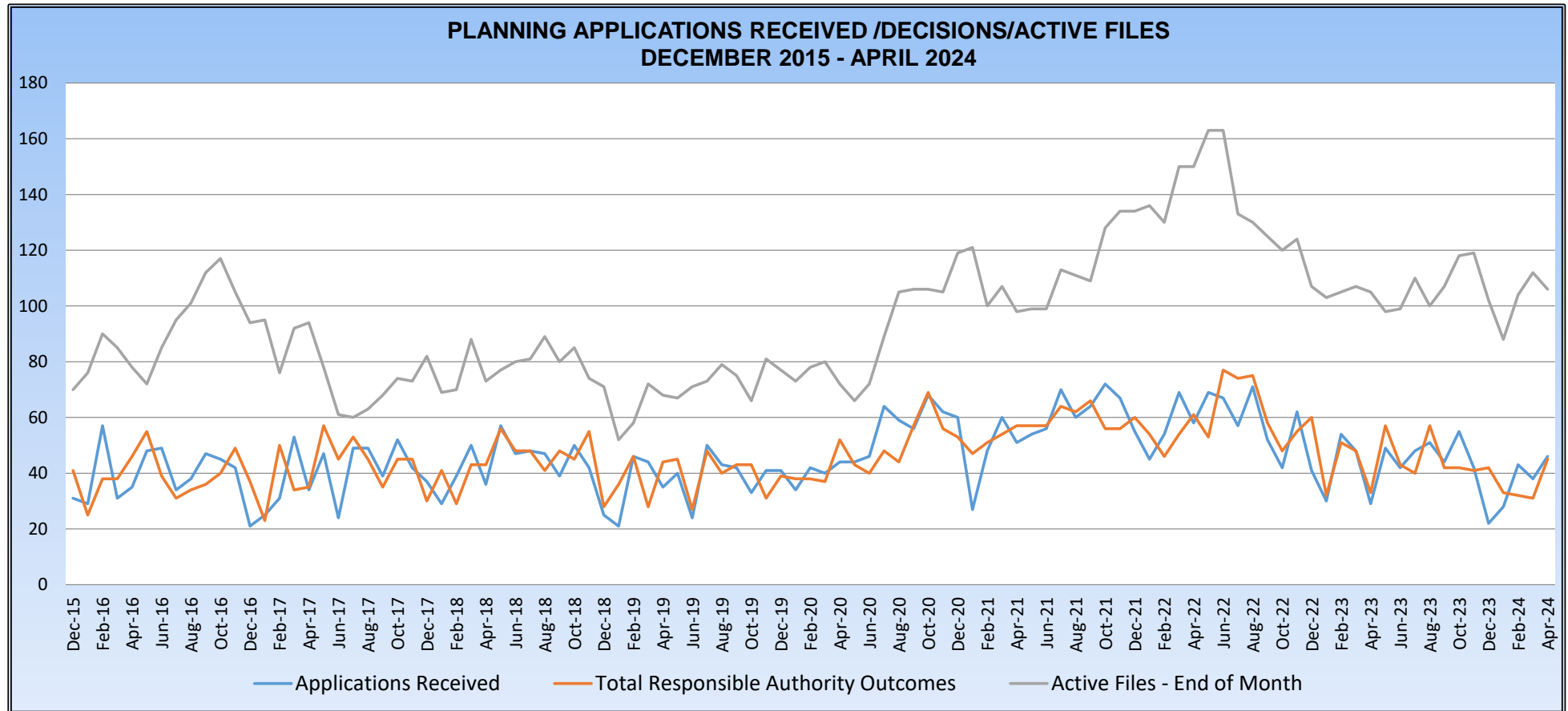
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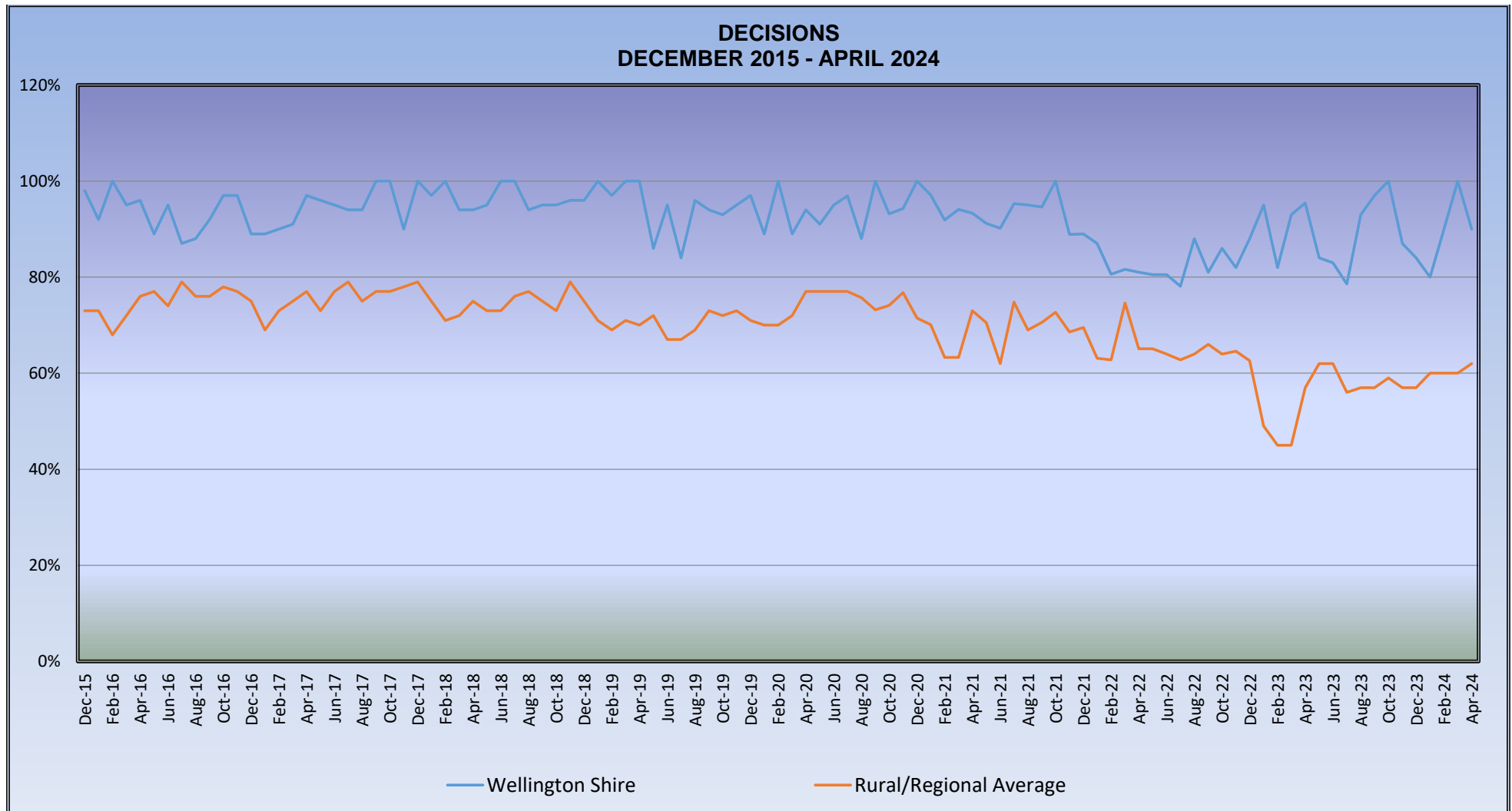
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| 57-1.00/2024 | 27/02/2024 | Assessment No. 339069 PC: 353903Y 47 LANDY ST MAFFRA | 3 lot staged subdivision of the land. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 15/04/2024 |
| 60-1.00/2024 | 1/03/2024 | Assessment No. 428649 LOT: 1 PS: 713678K 16 MARTINS RD WILLUNG SOUTH | B & W associated with the extension to an existing dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 5/04/2024 |
| 62-1.00/2024 | 5/03/2024 | Assessment No. 271957 LOT: 1 TP: 516419W 441 CALROSSIE-WON WRON WON WRON | B & W associated with the construction of a replacement dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 24/04/2024 |
| 65-1.00/2024 | 7/03/2024 | Assessment No. 300905 LOT: 1 TP: 710558 352 TARRA VALLEY RD YARRAM | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 4/04/2024 |
| 66-1.00/2024 | 7/03/2024 | Assessment No. 308890 CA: 5 SEC: 34 EDWARD ST MAFFRA | B & W ass with the construction of a roof over an existing building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 16/04/2024 |
| 68-1.00/2024 | 7/03/2024 | Assessment No. 14050 LOT: 1 LP: 148974 24-36 MAFFRA-SALE RD SALE | Use & development of the land for a display home. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 11/04/2024 |
| 76-1.00/2024 | 21/03/2024 | Assessment No. 376236 LOT: 3 PS: 317421J 5 GOWRIE RISE WOODSIDE BEACH | B & W ass. with the const. of an ext. to an existing outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 11/04/2024 |
| 80-1.00/2024 | 22/03/2024 | Assessment No. 231084 LOT: 2576 LP: 70942 52 GOODLETT AVE LOCH SPORT | Buildings & works associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2024 |
| 81-1.00/2024 | 22/03/2024 | Assessment No. 363341 LOT: 2 PS: 128396 676 MEWBURN PARK RD MAFFRA | B & W associated with the construction of an agricultural building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 4/04/2024 |
| 83-1.00/2024 | 25/03/2024 | Assessment No. 205237 CA: 15 SEC: 2A 236 ROSEDALE-FLYNNS ROSEDALE | B & W associated with the construction of an agricultural building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 4/04/2024 |
| 84-1.00/2024 | 25/03/2024 | Assessment No. 357731 CA: A1 SEC: A BEN CRUACHAN RD MONOMAK | Use of the land for a motorcycle racing event. | Withdrawn 11/04/2024 |
| 85-1.00/2024 | 25/03/2024 | Assessment No. 358440 LOT: 2 PS: 613364S 105 COBAINS RD BUNDALAGUAH | B & W associated with the construction of an agricultural building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2024 |

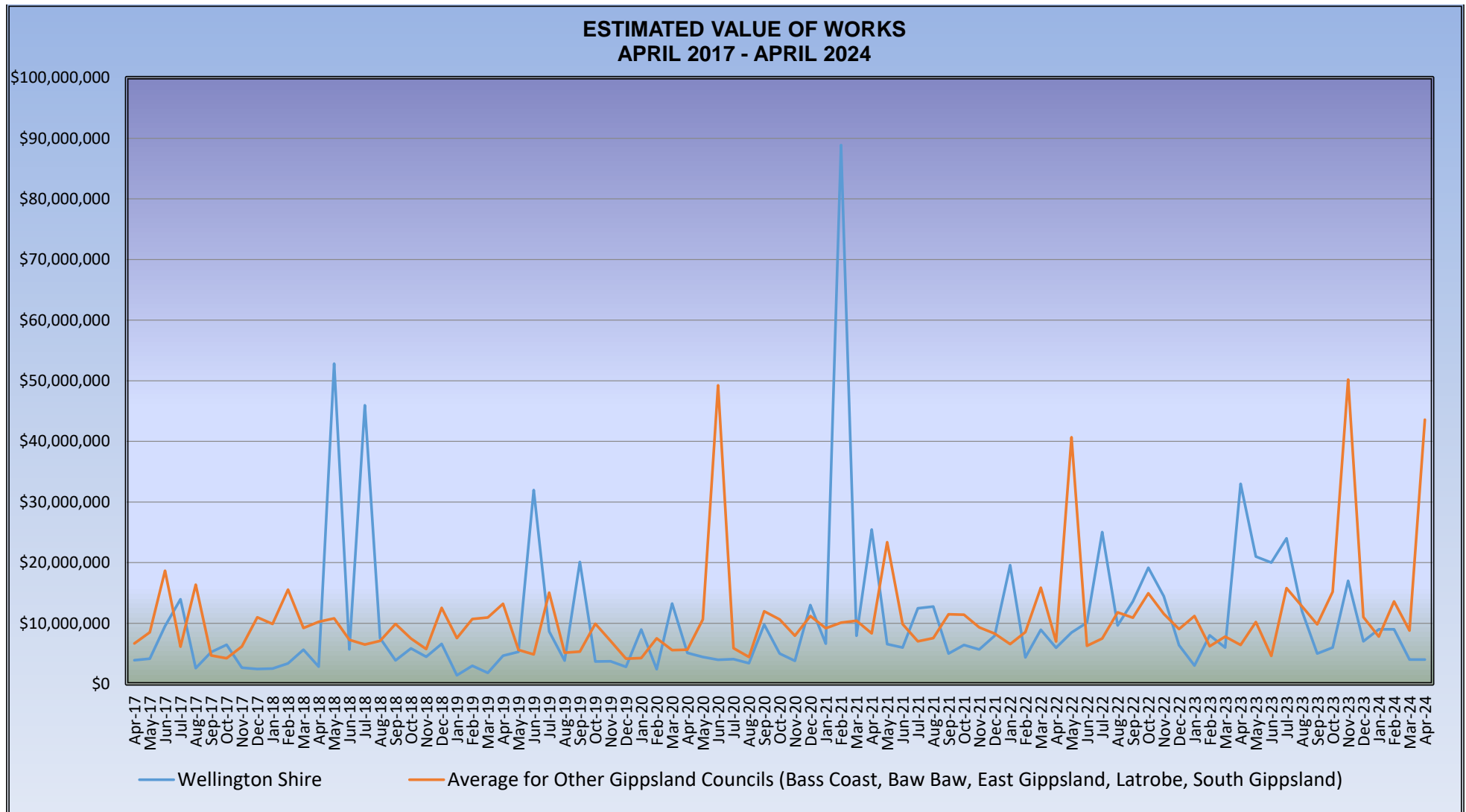
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| 88-1.00/2024 | 26/03/2024 | Assessment No. 101709 CA: 32 SEC: A 1,167 DENISON RD DENISON | B & W assoc with the construction of an ext to an existing dwelling. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 4/04/2024 |
| 95-1.00/2024 | 4/04/2024 | Assessment No. 279760 CA: 3 SEC: 9 7 BRIDGE ST TARRAVILLE | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 12/04/2024 |
| 97-1.00/2024 | 5/04/2024 | Assessment No. 406884 LOT: 1 PS: 605248Q 34 FRIENDS RD ROSEDALE | B & W associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 10/04/2024 |
| 98-1.00/2024 | 5/04/2024 | Assessment No. 304741 LOT: 1 TP: 112933J 69 GEORGE ST MAFFRA | B & W associated with the construction of a swimming pool & fences. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 17/04/2024 |
| 102-1.00/2024 | 10/04/2024 | Assessment No. 280230 LOT: 12 PS: 44853 11 CHRISTOPHER ST MCLOUGHLINS BEACH | Buildings & works assoc with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 26/04/2024 |
| 107-1.00/2024 | 12/04/2024 | Assessment No. 428425 LOT: 1420 LP: 56680 10 SEA FOAM AVE GOLDEN BEACH | B & W associated with the const. of a dwelling & a small 2nd dwelling. | Withdrawn 30/04/2024 |
| 108-1.00/2024 | 12/04/2024 | Assessment No. 85712 PC: 160272X 668 PRINCES HWY MONTGOMERY | B & W associated with the construction of an agricultural building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 17/04/2024 |
| 114-1.00/2024 | 16/04/2024 | Assessment No. 449199 PC: 377396E 37-49 LIVINGSTON RD YARRAM | Buildings & works associated with the construction of a storeroom. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/04/2024 |
| 117-1.00/2024 | 17/04/2024 | Assessment No. 196618 LOT: 4 LP: 44581 39 MAIN RD SEASPRAY | Buildings & works associated with construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 26/04/2024 |
| 122-1.00/2024 | 19/04/2024 | Assessment No. 223677 LOT: 1265 LP: 58872 56 BANKSIA ST LOCH SPORT | Buildings & works associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/04/2024 |

Total No of Decisions Made: 45







15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

For Council to receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024 and to consider the recommendations from that meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024;**
- 2. The un-named lane between 78 and 80 Macalister Street, Sale, be named Temperance Lane and the proposed name be advertised and, if no objections received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and**
- 3. The trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside, be named Blue Wren Lane; and**
 - i) A letter be sent to adjoining property owners and it be advertised that the trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside, be named Blue Wren Lane, and if no objections are received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and**
 - ii) The Woodside Primary School be thanked for its previous contribution to the approved name list.**

BACKGROUND

The Place Names Committee is an advisory committee of Council that meets quarterly to make recommendations to Council on geographical place name issues.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Place Names Committee Minutes [15.1.1 - 23 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee and consider the recommendations; or
2. Not to receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee and consider the recommendations and seek further information for consideration at a future meeting.

PROPOSAL

That:

1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024;
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 - ii) The Woodside Primary School be thanked for its previous contribution to the approved name list.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The Local Government Act provides Council the power to approve, assign or change the name of a road, but in doing so Council must act in accordance with the guidelines provided in the Geographical Place Names Act 1998.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2021-25 Theme 3 "Liveability and Wellbeing" states the following strategic outcome:

Strategic Outcome 3.2: *"An actively engaged community."*

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic outcome.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.



**PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING
14 MAY 2024 AT 2:00 PM
MACALISTER RIVER ROOM / TEAMS
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:

Councillor Scott Rossetti (Chair)
Councillor Gayle Maher
Councillor Carolyn Crossley
Ray Weber (Acting Manager Assets & Projects)
James Blythe (GIS Officer)

APOLOGIES: Nil

MEETING OPENED: 2:00 p.m.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved:
Cr Maher/Cr Crossley

That the minutes of the previous Place Names Committee meeting on 13 February 2024 be accepted.

CARRIED

2.0 CURRENT ISSUES

2.1 Recognition of indigenous females

The names of three indigenous women were nominated by a local historian. The names have been forwarded to Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation for endorsement.

Parley – one of two wives of Thomas Bungelene. Imprisoned with the rest of his family in Dandenong Police Paddocks. In June 1848 she and her two young sons were separated from the family, to the Merri Creek Orphanage.

Mumbalk (died 5 August 1848) – one of two wives of Thomas Bungelene. Died in captivity during imprisonment of Bungelene and his family in the search for the White Woman.

Bessie **Cameron** nee **Flower** (1851-1895) Aboriginal educator at Ramahyuck.

Refer to Attachment 2.1.

GLaWAC are intending to set up a committee comprised of Elders and this matter is expected to be considered by them.

2.2 Proposed road names for subdivision PS904015 off Mill Lane, Rosedale

The following road names are proposed by the developer for a subdivision off Mill Lane, Rosedale:

- Angus Place;
- Edith Street;
- Rhys Crescent;

The developer has been asked to provide background information on the names to ensure that they meet 'Principle H - Using Commemorative Names' of the Naming Rules for places in Victoria.

Furthermore, confirmation is sought as to whether the roads designated as Street and Crescent will eventually be open-ended roads in future stages of subdivision.

It should be noted that the use of first names in road naming is now permitted under the revised naming rules although last name is still preferred.

Refer to Attachment 2.2 for the plan of subdivision.

The developer has been re-contacted but no response has been received to date.

2.3 Indigenous names

A list of Gunai place names was presented to the Place Names Committee for use in future naming. The names were approved by a Gunaikurnai language expert.

Refer to Attachment 2.3.

It was moved at the 8 August 2023 Place Names Committee meeting that the Place Names Committee write to GLaWAC seeking comment and approval to use the list of Gunai place names (verified by a Gunaikurnai language expert) relevant to Wellington Shire in future naming proposals and to enquire if there are any other names that they would like included on the Council Approved Names Register.

Names intending to be used from this list should be separately directed to GLaWAC for approval.

2.4 Naming of Common Property as road for proposed subdivision at 29 Tyson Road, Heyfield

A request has been received to name the Common Property as a private road for a development off 29 Tyson Road, Heyfield.

The proposed name is Hind Place, which has been selected from the Council Approved Name Register. A duplicate name check in VicNames resulted in no similar names within a 15km radius.

There is no requirement to name common property under the naming rules.

Refer to Attachment 2.4.

It was moved at the 13 February 2024 Place Names Committee meeting that for the subdivision at 29 Tyson Road, Heyfield, the private road be named Hind Place subject to the developer agreeing to the following conditions:

- i) The road sign also bears the inscription 'Private Road' and be installed at the developer's expense;
- ii) All future maintenance works and associated costs for the private road sign be borne by the Owners Corporation of the development.

The above recommendation was ratified at the Council meeting on 19 March 2024, the developer notified with the sign to be installed.

**It was moved:
Cr Crossley/Cr Maher**

That this item be closed.

CARRIED

3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Proposal to name unnamed lane between 78 and 80 Macalister Street, Sale

A request has been made to name the unnamed lane between 78 and 80 Macalister Street, Temperance Lane.

The lane is owned by Council and is adjacent to the Temperance Hall which dates back to 1874. The proposed name gives recognition to this historical building which turns 150 years this year.

A duplicate name search in VicNames resulted in Templeton Street, Sale and Templetons Road, Kilmany within the 15km radius. Geographic Names Victoria has given informal in-principle support for the proposal.

Refer to Attachment 3.1

**It was moved:
Cr Crossley/Cr Maher**

That the unnamed lane between 78 & 80 Macalister Street, Sale, be named Temperance Lane and the proposed name be advertised and if no objections received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria.

CARRIED

3.2 Proposal to name unnamed road off Austins Road, Woodside

A request has been received to assign a rural road number to a property that is located along an unnamed road accessed off Austins Road, Woodside.

There is an unused road licence on an untrafficable section of the road reserve between the unnamed section and Claydon Road.

The road is currently not listed on Council's Register of Public Roads for maintenance purposes.

Refer to Attachment 3.2.

**It was moved:
Cr Maher/Cr Crossley**

That:

- **The trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside be named BLUE WREN LANE; and**
- **A letter be sent to adjoining property owners and it be advertised that the trafficable section of the un-named road off Austins Road, Woodside be named BLUE WREN LANE, and if no objections are received within 30 days, then the name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and**
- **The Woodside Primary School be thanked for its previous contribution to the approved name list**

CARRIED

3.3 Proposed road names for subdivision at 216 Longford-Loch Sport Road, Longford

The following road names are proposed by the developer for a subdivision off Longford-Loch Sport Road, Longford:

- Summerhill (name of the farm/property, non-commercial);
- De Havilland;
- Hercules;
- Hornet;
- Macchi;
- Mirage;
- Pilatus;
- Red Sales;
- Roulettes;
- Telstars.

The names represent an Aeronautical theme in recognition of the nearby East Sale RAAF base and the close geographical location of the Dutson bombing range which operated for nearly 60 years until 2000.

A duplicate name search was conducted in VicNames and all names meet the duplicate name rule.

Refer to attachment 3.3 for a synopsis of each name.

**It was moved:
Cr Rossetti/Cr Crossley**

That the proposed aviation theme is supported by the Place Names Committee and that the proponent seek consent from the associated parties related to the proposed names.

CARRIED

Late Item:

Cr Crossley raised the Victorian Government's *Victoria's Gender Equality Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2027* which includes a target for the commemoration of women in naming of Places, Roads and Features. It was agreed that officers will provide additional information for consideration at the next meeting.

4.0 NEXT MEETING

13 August 2024

5.0 CLOSE

Meeting closed at 2:45pm.

Attachment for item 2.1

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2020 12:31 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Putting her Name on it - Wellington - Indigenous

Hello [REDACTED]

Here is a formal nomination of three names for Indigenous Women. However I believe the first two at least should be subject to consultation with someone with speciality in 1840s Indigenous History. Possibly [REDACTED] may be the one to consult as to where that would be best sourced. I know [REDACTED] sourced their names from original documents, but I think it will still need some sort of corroboration / support.

So I am sending this in earlier than others, so that can commence.

[REDACTED]

Names of Indigenous Women for consideration for recognition

Parley – one of two wives of Bungelene. Imprisoned with the rest of his family in Dandenong Police Paddocks. June 1848 she and her two young sons were separated from the family, to the Merri Creek Orphanage.

Mumbalk (died 5 August 1848) – one of two wives of Thomas Bungelene – died in captivity during imprisonment of Bungelene and his family in the search for the White Woman.

Both the above should be referred to an appropriate Indigenous authority for a formal response as to their history and support for naming.

My source: Peter Gardner "Gippsland Biographies: Bungelene (died 1848)" in *Gippsland Heritage Journal* #10, June 1991, page 58. Primary sources are given there.

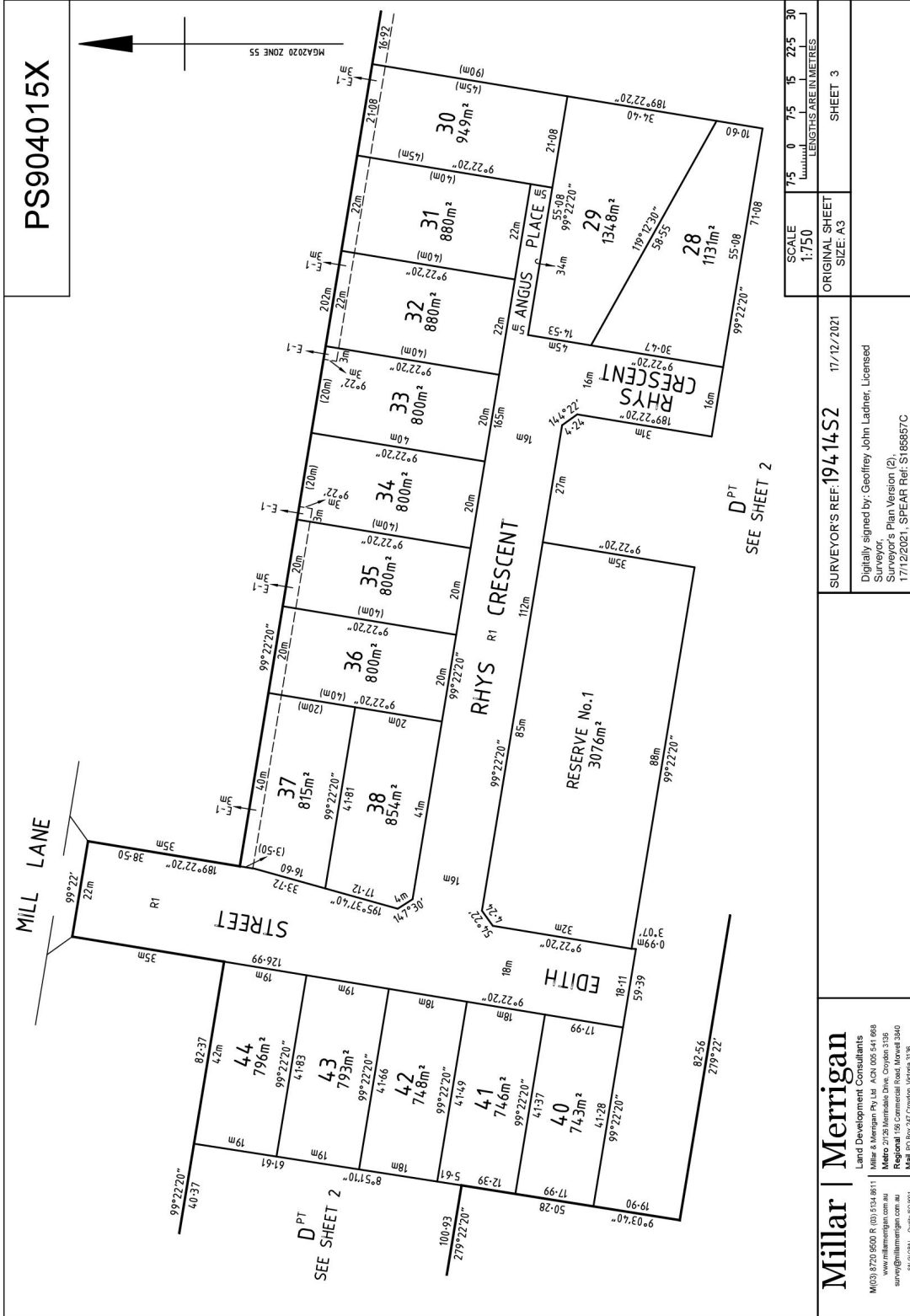
Bessie **Cameron** nee **Flower** (1851-1895) Aboriginal educator at Ramahyuck. The Cameron name may be in use, but Flower may not. I am in contact with family who are providing a biography.

In the meantime, see Australian Dictionary of Biography online:

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/cameron-elizabeth-bessy-12834>

I am sure local consultation would lead to more names being suggested.

Attachment for item 2.2



Attachment for item 2.3

APPENDIX P: GUNAI PLACE NAMES

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| Aberfeldy River | Nambruc (black possum) |
| Albert River | Lurt-bit |
| Anderson's Inlet | Toluncan (stringybark) |
| Bairnsdale | Wy-yung |
| Bairnsdale backwater | cow-wung |
| Black Mountain | Woorarra |
| Boggy Creek | Narka kowera or Ngurke-yow-wilt |
| Brodribb | Wrak Thum Balluk |
| Bruthen | Brewdthan Mungie |
| Buchan | Bukkan Mungie |
| Buchan River | |
| - 20 miles north of Buchan | Gellingail |
| Buchan Station | Tirtalack |
| Bulgurback Creek | Crung gruk |
| Bushy Park | Kutbuntaura (fire carrier) |
| Cabbage Tree Creek | Can-tohin |
| Cann River | Kam (Robinson 1844) |
| Cann River near mouth | Tambun (Robinson 1844) |
| Cape Conran | Kerlip or Murrow-gunnie |
| Cape Howe | Werregauno (Robinson 1844) |
| Castle Hills | Browit-dar-darnda |
| Castleburn Creek | War-dur |
| Clifton Morass | Nen-duck |
| coast between Latrobe and | Wea wuk |
| Yarra Rivers | . |
| Cobbannab Creek | Boollot |
| Cowwarr | Cowwarr (mountain)? |
| Cowwarr Creek | Bandow'ara |
| Creek at Dargo Inn | Lown gurrut (mountain ash) |
| Crooked River | Naylong or Dow wirra |
| Dargo | to have patience, to wait |
| Dargo River | Dairgo |
| Dargo town | Boulung-deera |
| Darry's Noo | Dam-gwennet (bell miner) |
| Dead Horse Creek | gurrun-gurran-yarn |
| deep creek at Bruthen | Nyelling |
| Deighton | Yowundeet (waterhole) |
| Donnelly's Creek | Darliban |
| east bank of Snowy mouth | Murloo (white pipeclay) |
| Eagle Point | Nur-rung |
| Ewen's Morass | Boom'boy |
| Ewing's Morass | Ya yung |
| Flooding Creek (Sale) | Way-put |
| Franklin River (at mouth) | Lung Lung Praren or Lang Lang |

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| Freestone Creek | Berin |
| Genoa River (Mallacoota) | Wurrundyan'garla |
| Goat Island | Tinnor |
| Good-luck Creek | Me-mel |
| Grant | Groggin (quartz crystal) |
| Healesville | Poork-poork-gill-yarn (head waters) |
| Iguana Creek | Corranderrk (Woiworung) |
| inlet from Tambo River to | Callad-euro |
| Kilmorie Morass | Toole-ne-yarn (water come in) |
| Jimmy's Point | Br: britta |
| Jindivick | burst asunder, consume |
| Jones' Bay | Dahduck or Nepoa daduck |
| Junerow | 40 miles east? of Omeo |
| Lake Bunga | Wundoang or Lane beuk or |
| - Lake King | La-en-Buke |
| Lake Reeve | Narran or Ngarran (moon) |
| Lake Tyers | Waimunyeera or Walmunyeera |
| -creek running into west side | Wannang-gatty or Warrngatta |
| -below station | Talia-bowee |
| -at Tarloo arm | Wirtgwirri |
| -at Nowa Nowa | Tarloo (penguin) |
| -deep hole in the lake | Nowre Nowre |
| -point on shore | Ngrung (den of monster) |
| Lake Victoria north shore | Danjanda |
| Lake Wellington | Munji |
| Lakes Entrance | Murla |
| Latrobe River | Nrungit (between present entrance |
| -at Lake Wellington | and Lake Bunga) |
| Latrobe River hilltop | Tangil (Woiworung word) |
| Lindenow Flat | Durtyowan |
| MacAlister River | Woollum-woollum |
| Mallacoota | Wuk-wuk |
| Marlo | Wirriwirndook yeerung woorindook |
| Merriman's Creek | (song of the emu-wren) |
| Mitchell River (at Lucknow) | Mallekotar (Robinson 1846) |
| Mitchell River (at Wy Yung) | Murraroo |
| Mitchell River silt jetties | Dur'lin or Boung-warl |
| Mitta Mitta River (lower) | Nibbor |
| Mitta Mitta River (upper) | Wahyang |
| Morwell | Wangan (at mouth) |
| Mossiface | Noorengong |
| | Nida-moolunga |
| | More Willie |
| | Marlung-dun (mussell shell) |

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| Mount Alfred (Boggy Creek) | Nuggor-yowatie |
| Mount Ararat | Nar-ri-uk (hairy, scrubby) |
| Mount Baldhead | Tarl-darn (a little snow) |
| Mount Bindi Range | Nonniyong |
| Mount Birregun | Gner-ing (gang-gang cockatoo) |
| Mount Cann | Berrn |
| Mount Cobberas | Cobbera |
| Mount Dawson | Barrat puck (bald head) |
| Mount Eillery | Bur-umpa |
| Mount Goongerah | Gungura |
| Mount Howitt | Toot-buck-nulluck (like a rope) |
| Mount Kent | Migga-the-rook (a yellow snake) |
| Mount Raymond | Dubbie |
| Mount Steve | Koor-nung-gatty (kangaroo apple) |
| Mount Tambo | Tambo |
| Mounts Taylor and Lookout | Builung-warl (two spears) |
| Mount Victoria | Chalebrogen |
| Mount Wellington | Nap Nap Marra |
| Mount Willie | Nowr Nowr |
| Murrandale | Tooruk (bullrush) |
| Murrandale Hill | Koorag angy (deep stony gully) |
| Mystic Park | Wallert (possums) |
| Neerim | tail; elevated, long, spear (Bunerong) |
| Newlands Backwater | Bram-ar-rung |
| Nicholson River | Dart-yung |
| Nicholson River backwater | Yowen-burrum |
| Nicholson River mouth | Ngarka-wallung (east bank) |
| Noojee | cease, exactly, content (Bunerong) |
| Notch Hill | Der-nung (skin or hide) |
| Numbla Mungie, | Omeo tribe name |
| Omeo | Jaitmathang (also tribe name) |
| Orbost | Dura |
| Orr's Creek | Dal-gowut (reeds) |
| Oven's River | Burwang |
| Pearl Point | Tarlo wyack or Py-yoot (small |
| seagull) | |
| Perry Point/River | Goomballa or Goombeela (climbing) |
| Point Ricardo | Marout ganny (rocky point) |
| Port Albert | Tarrawarrackel |
| Pretty Boy's Pinch | Tulloo bowie (Lory-tailed wallaby) |
| Quack Mungia Creek | Bannur-ghur (white gum) |
| Quack Mungie hills | kou-ark-munjee (kookaburra) |
| Ramahyuck | Nyeeboon |
| Ramrod Creek | Boung warl (camp spear) |
| Raymond Island | Grag-in |

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| Red Bluff | Ninnie |
| Rourke's River | Inja gut barapa |
| Sale | Wayput |
| Sandy Creek | warribatt (water holes) |
| Sarsfield | Tut toong |
| Seacombe or Straits? | Boollum boollum |
| Snake Island | Ngima |
| Snowy Bluff | Gelling-brook-wollung |
| Snowy River | |
| -above falls | Doorack |
| -the falls or rapids | Coongulla |
| -long water hole below falls | Gwurruc Gwurruc |
| -lower section | Karang gil (lots of water weed) |
| -east bank at mouth | Murloo |
| -small creek entering west side near mouth | Thuroong (snakes) |
| -west side of mouth | |
| -bluff | Mardgee-long |
| -two islands in mouth | Gellung-brook-wollung |
| -sand bar at mouth | Bulla bowl bowl |
| -jutting land near mouth | Margelong |
| -bay at the mouth | Cut wort (pigface) |
| -morass nearby | Giddi (swans) |
| -hill in swamp | Thalugada (tea tree swamp) |
| -lagoon on sea coast | Wort wort |
| Stony Creek (at Bruthen) | Bunjil Tambun |
| Stony Creek (at Lake Tyers) | Crocken (quartz crystal) |
| Stony Creek (Lake Wellington) | Lane glan (edible root) |
| Stratford | Darlimuria (little bit of clay) |
| Swan Reach | Nuntin |
| Tallangatta Creek | Wook-gook (mopoke) |
| Tambo River | Ginning matong |
| -mouth | |
| -near Tongio | Gwammung-bourn (pelican) |
| -upper | Tongio memial |
| - 25 miles downstream from high point | Tambo (perch) |
| -near Bindi | |
| -at Ensay | Jillun |
| -lower | Bindi memial (the stomach) |
| -inlet to Kilmorie Morass | Numbla munjee (black fish) |
| -bluff | Ber'rawan |
| Tarli Karng | Tool-ne-yarn (water come in) |
| -creek flowing into it | Kookoondalook (wasps in the trees) |
| Tarra River | |
| | Nigothoruk |
| | Blindit'yin (platypus) |

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| Tarra River mouth | Tarkira (place of shells) |
| Tarwin River | Toto-warra-warra or Jota-wara-wara-thun |
| Tarwin River mouth | Toluncan (stringy bark trees) |
| Thompson River | Carrang-carrang (brackish water), Carran Carran |
| Thurra River | Turrer (Robinson 1844) |
| Tolunyarry | point on coast near Ram Head |
| Tom's Cap region | Dambo-byo (hills south of |
| Merriman's Creek) | |
| Tom's Creek | Warrigallac |
| Tongio East | Carrara wira |
| Tongio Gap | Mungobabba |
| Tongio Mungie | Omeo clan name |
| Traralgon | Traralgon (plain's wanderer-a bird) |
| Tynong | Tynong (plenty of fish) |
| Upper Boggy Creek | Tallo-lumbruck (tadpole) |
| Wallagarough River | Tooronoo (at Mallacoota) |
| Warrigal Creek | Yau-ung |
| Waterford | Dalu-miarng (yam) |
| Wentworth River | Dabera'bara (rocky bank) |
| White Rock (SE of Yiruk) | Bunjil Borun (mister pelican) |
| Wilson's Promontory | Yiruk (Gunai), Wamoom (Bunerong) |
| Wongungarra River | Gwannam-o-rook (eagle-hawk) |
| Wonnangatta River | Wontwun |
| Woodside | Bellum bellum |
| Wuk Wuk | ground or earth |
| Wy Yung | duck |
| Yallourn | flat tray of plaited grass for collecting manna |
| Yarra River | Bira-amung |
| Yarragon | Yarragongatha (hair of head) |
| Yarram | river |

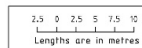
Attachment for item 2.4



PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987
 WELLINGTON PLANNING SCHEME
 This is the plan referred to in Planning Permit P722623
 and has been approved by Wellington Shire Council
 DATE: 27/07/2023
 SIGNED: Mark Beady
 STATUTORY PLANNER
 PAGE: 1 of 1

1. This is a proposed subdivision.
 2. See certificate of title for easement details.
 3. All dimensions are in metres unless otherwise stated.
 4. All bearings are in degrees, minutes and seconds.
 5. The area of this plan may not be exact.
 6. All measurements are to centre lines.

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Notations
 1:1 is as a title survey.
 See Certificate of Title for easement details.
 Datum: NZGD2000
 Levels are to the Australian Height Datum (AHD)
 Contour interval: 0.1m
 Total site area: 6370m²

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| <p>DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS VICTORIA</p> | <p>County of Tairāhiti Parish of Tinirāhiti Township of Hayfield Section 8</p> | |
| | <p>Tyson Road, Hayfield, 3038 Wellington Shire Council Crown Allotment: J (3Part) Lot 57 of PS324102 Part-centred HCA2020: E 481 040, N 5796 930</p> | |
| <p>Plan No. 222188 PR-1</p> | <p>Scale 1:250 - A3 1:500 - A2</p> | <p>Drawn 11/02/2023</p> |

8th of December, 2023

Dear Wellington Shire Place Names Committee,

RE: Name Request for Private Road at 29 Tyson Road, Heyfield.

Firstly, we would like to thank the Place Naming Committee for reviewing our application and providing some preliminary advice on how to lodge an application to name a private property road.

We are the owners of Lot 2, 29 Tyson Road in Heyfield (LOT: S2 PS: 324120J).

On the 28th of June we received approval for our planning permit application P72/2023, which allows for a 14 Lot subdivision of the land as referenced above. The lot sizes ranges from 329m2 to 490m2 and we are anticipating selling lots primarily to an older demographic looking to down size with close proximity to town amenities.

We have spoken to the current owners of 1/29, 2/29 and 3/29 Tyson Rd which share the common property road with us and have attached their letters of support to name the common property private road.

We have been informed by council that, *“Driveways or common property do not need to be named if the sites themselves are addressed to the main road. Exceptions can be made when benefits such as improved public safety or delivery of goods and services can be expected (Naming rules for places in Victoria 2022, p.30).”*

We would like to propose that an exception is made and that the road is named “Hind Place.” The name has been selected from the Council Approved Name Register - a screenshot of which is below:

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| Heyfield | Hind | ANZAC name suggested by Heyfield & District Historical Society in commemoration of lost soldier William Hind | 20-Mar-18 |
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The “Place” road type is in accordance with Clauses 4.3, 4.6.2, 7.2 and 8.3.2(a) within the AS/NZS 4819: 2011 Rural and Urban Addressing, specifying that a Place is *“a short, sometimes narrow enclosed roadway”* which we believe is fitting.

We are however happy for the committee to determine that another approved name or road type is more suitable, should that be the case.

We believe that there are two main benefits in having the road named. These are as follows:

Improved Public Safety

- Having a road name will make the 17 dwellings (3 existing and 14 new) more easily identifiable. This will increase public safety for emergency response and reduce confusion for transport, communication, and mail services. Given the likelihood that

the residents within the development will consist primarily of an older demographic, ensuring emergency response vehicles can easily and quickly identify dwellings will lead to increased safety.

Public Interests

- Similarly, to the point above when members of the public are trying to identify dwellings its will be considerably easier than having numbers linking back to Tyson Rd.
- A street address is more appealing to owners of each dwelling. Given there will be 17 owners there is a reasonable level of public interest in a private road name for numbers / identification purposes.
- Tyson Rd is our first subdivision project. We are forecasting to spend over a million dollars on infrastructure upgrades, taxes, real estate agents etc. We have worked collaboratively with council and community groups to bring well designed residential lots to market. From our perspective the lots have increased marketing value by having their own private road name and numbers. The community's economy will be positive impacted by our project and we are bringing very affordable housing options to Heyfield. The Community stands to benefit from successful development projects, and approving a road name will help contribute to the success of the project.

If an additional information be required then please let us know. If our attendance at the committees upcoming meeting be beneficial then we would be more than happy to attend.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Attachment for item 3.1



Hi Sandra, did you want formal "in principle" from the Registrar or are you happy with GNV providing? You don't really need to get down the avenue of formal in principle approval on this as it is straightforward. I am happy to give informal approval. There are no direct duplications or names that sound too similar and the association to place is strong.

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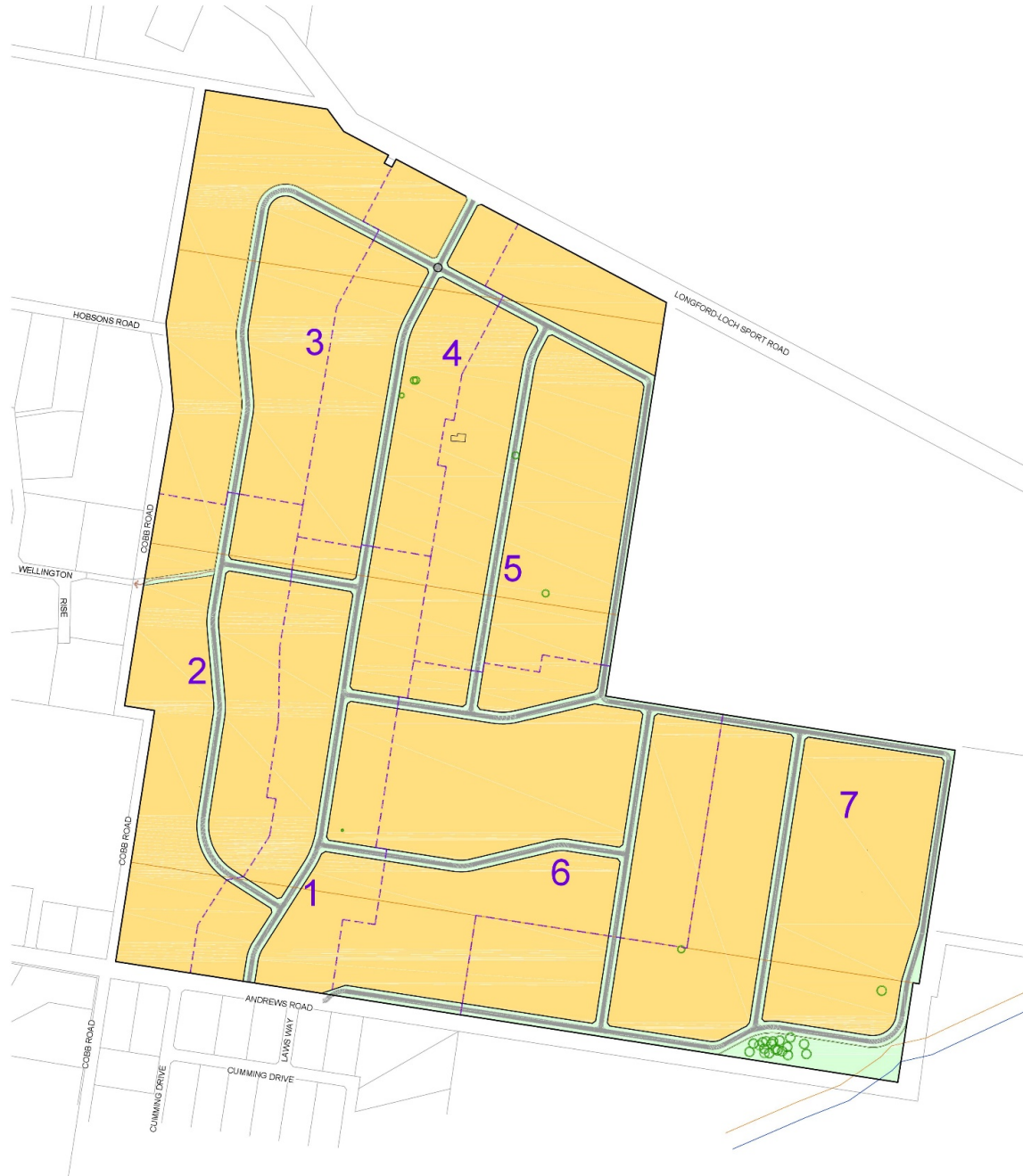
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Attachment for item 3.2



Attachment for item 3.3

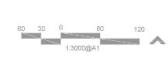


- LEGEND**
- Existing trees to be retained
 - Indigenous tree to be retained where possible
 - Existing internal title boundary
 - Waterway
 - 30m setback to waterway
 - Pedestrian link
 - Proposed Staging

NOTES:
 Dimensions hereon are subject to survey.
 This plan is subject to the approval of various statutory authorities.
 Property boundaries and contours shown hereon are derived from the and re-establishment survey supplied to Millar and Merrigan by others. The accuracy of this information has not been verified by this office.
 Contour vertical interval 10 metres.

OVERALL AREA 148.04ha
 182 Lots @ 885sqm average

| LAND BUDGET | | SITE AREA 146.04ha | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| LAND USES | AREA (ha) | % NET DEV. AREA | % NET DEV. AREA |
| RESIDENTIAL | 146.04 | 100% | 100% |
| ROADS | 1.22 | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| TOTAL AREA | 147.82 | 100% | 100% |



FOR DISCUSSION Millar & Merrigan and the NBA Group indicate the use of this drawing only for the purpose described by the status stamp above hereon. This drawing should be used in conjunction with all relevant contracts, specifications, reports and drawings of Millar & Merrigan Pty. Ltd. and NBA Group.

SUMMERHILL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 10:32 AM

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Place Name Suggestions

Hi [REDACTED],

Further to [REDACTED] email below and the "RAAF" associated names, it was also proposed to name the main road up the centre of the development "Summerhill" to reflect the name of the farm. The name of the development is also proposed to be Summerhill Estate to reflect the farm name.

Can you please add this to the list of names submitted to the committee.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 10:05 PM

[REDACTED]

Subject: Place Name Suggestions

To whom it may concern,

I have attached a list of proposed street names for the consideration of the Wellington Shire Place Names Committee for the Summerhill Rise (C116) rural living development at Longford. The names represent an Aeronautical theme in recognition of the nearby East Sale RAAF base and the close geographical location of the Dutson bombing range which operated for nearly 60 years until 2000. The proposed names along with brief synopsis and links to relevant information are included in the attachment to this email.

Should you have any queries or require additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

| Proposed Name In Honour Of | Commentary | Link To Articles |
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| Red Sales | When [REDACTED] from the UK in 1961 he | |
| [REDACTED] | conceived the notion that the RAAF should have a jet based aerobatic team using pilots from the Central Flying School, RAAF East Sale Vic. The team would be known as The Red Sales using four De-Havilland T-33 Vampires. | https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/disaster/aviation/display/107809-red-sales-aerobatic-team |
| [REDACTED] | Training commenced under the command of [REDACTED] and making their debut on 14 June 1962 as part of No 22 Navigator Course Graduation Ceremony at East Sale. Through July & August the Red Sales Aerobatic Team team flew four practice displays under the command of [REDACTED] in | |
| [REDACTED] | preparation for their first public performance scheduled for 16th September 1962. | http://www.adf-serials.com.au/research/redsales.pdf |
| [REDACTED] | The Red Sales were performing a low level barrel roll in diamond formation about 50m on the southside of Dutson Road (just down the road from the planned Summerhill Rise residential development) when all four aircraft struck the ground almost simultaneously. They crashed in | |
| [REDACTED] | close proximity to each other in a shallow dive and at an estimated speed of over 300 knots. The No 3 in the formation struck the ground slightly ahead and approximately 150 metres to the port side of the others. On impact, three aircraft exploded - | |
| [REDACTED] | wreckage and debris was scattered over a distance of approximately half a mile. | http://www.adf-serials.com.au/dfs/The-Red-Sales.pdf |
| De Havilland (Plane flown by Red Sales Aerobatic Team) | The tragic incident resulted in the loss of all four aircraft & six occupants named. | https://aerobaticteams.net/en/resources/i188/Roulettes-History.html |
| Telstars | The Telstars were formed in Feb 1963 still using De Havilland aircraft. They were then re-equipped with Macchi MB-326 aircraft in Feb 1968, but were | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roulettes |
| Roulettes | disbanded in Apr 1968 due to budget restraints. | |
| Macchi | In 1970, the Roulettes were formed to celebrate the RAAF's 50th anniversary to be held throughout the year of 1971. The Roulettes first air show was at Point Cook in Dec 1970. The team flew a Macchi | |
| Pilatus | MB-326 aircraft which were retired after the last airshow at Lakes Entrance in June 1989. The Roulettes switched over to the new Pilatus PC-9s in late 1989, and arrived at the composition they have used ever since: six Pilatus PC-9s plus a spare. The Macchi and Pilatus planes regularly few over | https://www.airforce.gov.au/community/event-participation/air-force-roulettes |

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| | the Summerhill Longford property in training flights | |
| Mirage | <p>The search for a replacement for the CAC Sabre began in the mid-1950s and after an extensive search the Dassault Mirage III was selected in March 1961. An initial order for thirty was placed, setting the scene for the RAAF receiving its first supersonic aircraft. Subsequent orders saw the number increase to 100 Mirage IIIO fighter-bombers and sixteen Mirage IIID two-seat operational trainers. The first RAAF aircraft (A3-1) was built in France and was handed over to the RAAF at Villaroche, near Paris, on 9 April 1963 and delivered to Australia in a RAAF C-130A Hercules. The 100th and final single-seat Mirage IIIO was delivered to the RAAF in December 1968. The final RAAF Mirage flight was on 8 February 1989 when A3-101 was flown from ARDU at Edinburgh to Woomera to join forty-seven of the type in storage pending their disposal.</p> <p>The Mirage supersonic aircraft flew regular practice bombing runs out of the East Sale RAAF base out over the Dutson bombing range located near the Summerhill property and it was not uncommon to hear the sonic boom throughout Sale in the 1970's as Mirage aircraft broke the sound barrier in Sale surrounds.</p> | <p>https://www.airforce.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-07/A3-Dassault%20Mirage%20II-%20%20pp418-423.pdf</p> |
| Hercules | <p>The RAAF's first strategic airlifter, the Hercules has frequently been used to deliver disaster relief in Australia and the Pacific region, as well as to support military deployments overseas. The aircraft saw extensive service during the Vietnam War, transporting troops and cargo to Southeast Asia and undertaking aeromedical evacuation. Nineteen of the RAAF's fleet of twenty-four C-130s took part in relief efforts in 1974–75 after Cyclone Tracy struck Darwin. Since then, the Hercules have been involved in humanitarian missions to New Guinea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Cambodia, Bali, Sumatra, and New Zealand. They have also seen service during the Iranian Revolution in 1979, the Fijian coups in 1987, operations in Somalia in 1993, INTERFET operations in East Timor in 1999–2000, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq from 2001 to 2021. In over fifty years of Australian service, the Hercules have accumulated more than 800,000 flying hours.</p> <p>The remaining Hercules C-130Js have accumulated over 100,000 hours and are expected to remain in</p> | <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_C-130_Hercules_in_Australian_service</p> |

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| | <p>service until 2030 and are regularly seen conducted training flights from the East Sale RAAF base.</p> | |
| <p>Hornet</p> | <p>The Australian Government announced on 20 October 1981 that 75 A and B variants of the F/A-18 would be purchased to replace the RAAF's Dassault Mirage III fighters.</p> <p>The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) operated McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet fighter aircraft between 1984 and 2021. The RAAF began to accept Hornets into service in 1985 with the last aircraft delivered in 1990. Owing to concerns over the airworthiness of the RAAF's General Dynamics F-111 bombers and delays to the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II program, the Australian Government ordered 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets in 2006 which were delivered in 2010 and 2011.</p> <p>The Hornets conducted limiting bombing practice runs at Duston before the its use was discontinued in 2000, however the hornets have been regular visitors to the area since for training and in recognition of RAAF milestones.</p> | <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McDonnell_Douglas_F/A-18_Hornet_in_Australian_service</p> |

15.2. QUARTERLY CAPITAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update and to note changes to the Capital Works Program made between 29 February and 5 June 2024 for the 2023/2024 financial year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,647,861 made since the end of February 2024, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$55,327,376 as shown in Attachment 15.2.1, which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

BACKGROUND

Council adopts a program of capital works and budgets accordingly for these works every year. The initial budget for these works is known as the Adopted Budget and this is the figure that Council is required to report against.

The budget is modified when projects are added due to carry forwards from the previous year, new grants, emergency works, or when projects are deferred or deleted due to changing circumstances or market forces throughout the year. This modified budget is known as the Adjusted Budget and in most years is several million dollars higher than the Adopted Budget. A factor to consider when adding budget and projects throughout the year, is that focus and resources are taken away from the original program and this impact on the original project program is inevitable. Adding resources when new projects are added helps, however planning/designs are usually not immediately available and new staff take time to recruit.

This quarterly update includes significant budget inclusions specifically related to the receipt of Government Funding associated with Natural Disaster responses in the Dargo and Licola areas. These works have already been completed. Additional Government Grants have also been received and these relate to the new operational requests such as the Arbovirus Trailer and EDRMS upgrade funding as part of the collaboration agreement with East Gippsland Shire Council. Other changes have also been included where savings from completed or deferred/cancelled projects have been transferred to projects requiring additional funds as shown in the attachment.

Attachment 15.2.1 details changes made to the Capex Budget since the last quarterly report presented to Council which included changes to the end of February 2024 and includes a brief description of each change. Also included in this attachment are the projects that have been cancelled or deferred and will not proceed in this financial year.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Adjusted Capital Works Budget Changes June 2024 For June Report [**15.2.1** - 1 page]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Accept the recommendations, noting the Adjusted Budget is now \$55,327,376; or
2. Not accept the recommendations.

PROPOSAL

That Council note changes to the 2023/2024 Adopted Capital Works Budget of \$3,647,861 made since the end of February 2024, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$55,327,376 as shown in Attachment 15.2.1 which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Adjusted Budget presented is the total of the Adopted Budget plus carry forward funds from the previous year's budget plus any additional grants received less projects cancelled throughout the year to date.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

Any impact associated with the budget changes detailed in this report will be communicated as required.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2021-25 Theme 4 "Services and Infrastructure" states the following strategic outcome:

Strategic Outcome 4.2: *"Services deliver operating efficiencies and best value."*

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic outcome.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Most of these changes are the result of funds being moved to balance the cost of over and under-runs and to remove projects that have been cancelled or deferred. Budget adjustments are assessed regularly to understand any impacts on overall program delivery and modifications to project phasing are made accordingly where appropriate.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ATTACHMENT 15.2.1

| Project | Adopted Budget | Budget at 29 February 2024 | Adjusted Budget at 5 June 2024 | Budget Change | Comment |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Jamieson - Licola Road (AGRN 999) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 332,236 | \$ 332,236 | Additional Natural Disaster Recovery Funding |
| Dargo High Plains Road (AGRN 988) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,715,382 | \$ 2,715,382 | Additional Natural Disaster Recovery Funding |
| Wonnangatta Road (AGRN 999) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 22,384 | \$ 22,384 | Additional Natural Disaster Recovery Funding |
| Jamieson Licola Road AGRN 1037 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 23,640 | \$ 23,640 | Additional Natural Disaster Recovery Funding |
| Civica EDRMS implementation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 | Government Funding Received |
| Purchase of trailer for Arbovirus - Grant Funding Received | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 61,674 | \$ 61,674 | Government Funding Received |
| Populus Software | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,000 | \$ 8,000 | Government Funding Received |
| Yarram Regent Theatre Light Bar | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | Funded from Savings in Event Budget |
| Stratford Caravan Park Office | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 219,545 | \$ 219,545 | Funded from Reserve |
| Dargo Transfer Station - Site Office | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | -\$ 30,000 | Cancelled Project Funds Returned to Waste Reserve |
| Yarram ELC Savings | \$ 300,000 | \$ 157,000 | \$ 127,000 | -\$ 30,000 | Savings to Operating Community Renewal works |
| Trellis Tech Software funds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,029 | \$ 20,029 | Energy Tracking Software Funded from Savings in Solar PV Program |
| Solar PV Installation Program | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 79,971 | -\$ 20,029 | Solar PV Savings to Energy Tracking Software |
| Purchase of Zero Turn Lawn Mower | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 9,045 | \$ 9,045 | Funded from Savings on Tractor & Mower Replacement |
| Tractor & Mower Replacement | \$ 120,000 | \$ 142,000 | \$ 132,955 | -\$ 9,045 | Savings to Zero Turn Mower Purchase |
| Western Carpark Entrance | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ 57,244 | \$ 27,244 | Additional Funding from Aerodromes Minor Capital and Savings from WSA Runway & Taxiway Repainting |
| WSA Runway & Taxiway repainting | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 37,402 | -\$ 12,598 | Savings allocated to Western Carpark Entrance |
| Minor Capital Aerodromes | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 25,354 | -\$ 14,646 | Savings allocated to Western Carpark Entrance |
| New software for GRLE not in budget. | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,268 | \$ 15,268 | New Software Funded from Savings in GRLE Truck Wash |
| GRLE Truck wash Chemical System Upgrades | \$ - | \$ 19,183 | \$ - | -\$ 19,183 | Savings to GRLE Software and Air conditioner |
| Sewer Pump | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,975 | \$ 10,975 | Emergency Works Sewer Pump Replacement |
| Customer Service Desk - Staff Safety | \$ 60,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 46,583 | -\$ 13,417 | Savings transferred to Emergency Sewer Pump Replacement |
| Air conditioner for Port Albert Fish n chips not in budget. | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,150 | \$ 14,150 | Replacement Equipment |
| Port Albert - Boat Ramp Toilet Block- Purchases | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 12,320 | \$ 12,320 | Additional Works Required for Project Finalisation funded from Toilet Renewal Savings |
| Port Albert - Boat Ramp Toilet Block- Contractors | \$ 250,000 | \$ 318,161 | \$ 344,736 | \$ 26,575 | Additional Works required for Project Finalisation funded from Yarram Depot Roof Renewal |
| Public Toilets Renewal Program | \$ 60,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 47,680 | -\$ 12,320 | Savings to Port Albert Boat Ramp Toilet |
| WEDGE Kitchen Equipment Replacement | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,502 | \$ 5,502 | Equipment Replaced from savings from Yarram Depot Renewal Program |
| Yarram Depot Renewal Works | \$ 260,000 | \$ 260,000 | \$ 191,000 | -\$ 69,000 | Savings Utilised for Equipment Replacement and OHS Wedge works |
| Lake Guthridge - Retaining Wall | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ - | -\$ 100,000 | Cancelled as Tenders Over Budget. To be Resubmitted. Savings to Support Wedge Hoist |
| Stratford Youth Play Precinct Upgrade | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 89,130 | -\$ 10,870 | Savings |
| The Wedge Dock Hoist | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 140,000 | \$ 140,000 | Wedge Hoist Funded from Lake Guthridge Retaining Wall and Yarram Depot Renewal Savings |

\$ 3,647,861

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| Adopted budget | \$42,692,005 | |
| Total Adjusted Capital Budget changes | \$51,679,515 | as at 29 February |
| Current Adjusted budget | \$55,327,376 | as at 5 June |

16. 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 –

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS –

Meeting declared closed at:

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

17. 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

COUNCILLOR

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