



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 19 November 2024, commencing at 5:00 PM

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2024.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2024.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged Remembrance Day, 11.00am on 11 November.

Lest We Forget.

During Council caretaker period, Councillor Ripper attended the Stratford Remembrance Day service. Councillor Ripper is proud to call herself an ex-service woman and would like to acknowledge her colleague, Councillor Lowe, as an ex-service man.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the opening of show season in Wellington Shire with the 134th Maffra Agricultural show held on the weekend of 25 to 27 October. The Maffra show had over 4000 people attend over 3 days.

The following weekend the 159th Sale and District Agricultural Society show was held and more than 10,000 people attended over the weekend.

Councillor Madeley passed on her congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in both shows and to the volunteers involved in bringing these events to the local community.

The Yarram Show will be held this weekend.

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

10.1. YOUTH MAYOR QUARTERLY REPORT NOV 2024

ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, TAHLIA SCHNEIDER

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 7 October 2024 to 10 November 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 7 October 2024 to 10 November 2024.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 7 October 2024 to 10 November 2024.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2024, for information.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - SEPTEMBER 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 September 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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

CARRIED

15. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.

ONLINE COMMENTS

A congratulatory email was received this morning from Gayle Maher addressed to the new Council, Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Chief Executive Officer read out Gayle Maher's email message to all Council meeting attendees.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

Nil

16. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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

CARRIED

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5.15pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

Details redacted.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at 5.16pm.