



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

20 August 2024

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 20 August 2024.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Ian Bye
Cr Scott Rossetti
Cr Garry Stephens (online)
Cr Carolyn Crossley
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Jill Wood
Cr John Tatterson
Cr Marcus McKenzie

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cr Gayle Maher

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1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR MAHER

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 Tuesday 6 August 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 6 August 2024.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 6 August 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

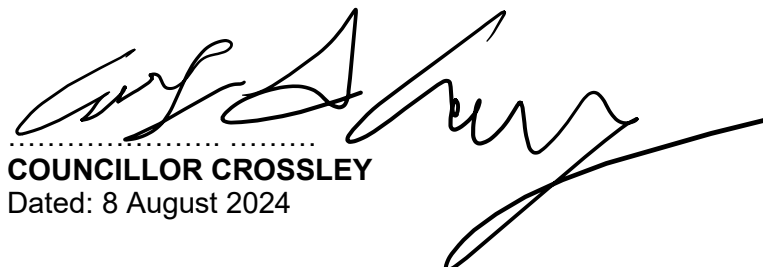
6.1. RENEWABLE ENERGY AND OFFSHORE WIND INVESTMENT

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

I, Councillor Crossley, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 August 2024.

Motion

1. *That Council affirms its commitment to supporting renewable energy initiatives, particularly investment in offshore wind projects in the identified Bass Strait offshore wind area. With 25GW of generation under investigation in the Gippsland offshore wind declared area, Gippsland has an opportunity to facilitate large scale sustainable produced energy generation for all Victorians, and that opportunity is in front of us now, not in 15 to 20 years in the future.*
2. *That Council continues to advocate for state and federal support for offshore wind projects through policy initiatives and funding mechanisms, including:*
 - a. *That the Mayor, write to State and Federal government ministers Bowen and D 'Ambrosio that the Wellington Shire Council wishes to re-affirm it's positive position on renewable energy investment in Gippsland; and*
 - b. *That the Mayor, write to the State and Federal Gippsland elected representatives requesting their support for the renewable energy sector that has the potential to support thousands of jobs in Gippsland and across the supply chain.*
3. *That Council collaborates with industry stakeholders, community groups, and educational institutions to promote the opportunities within renewable energy in our region.*
4. *That Council continues to advocate to the State Government for the timely delivery of an overall transmission plan for Gippsland that responds to both offshore wind and onshore renewable energy investment, and that the plan be developed in consultation with the community.*



COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY
Dated: 8 August 2024

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE

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- 3. That Council collaborates with industry stakeholders, community groups, and educational institutions to promote the opportunities within renewable energy in our region.**
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CARRIED

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS acknowledged the opening of the extension to the Yarram Early Learning Centre which took place on Friday 16 August. Councillor Stephens was present along with his colleagues Councillor McKenzie and Councillor Ripper. It was a great afternoon. The facility is excellent and is being used for the kindergarten space at Yarram which frees up the whole of the existing childcare facility. The facility creates approximately 66 new places. It is a wonderful facility created mostly by the Building Blocks Program grant from the State Government of over \$2 million and, together with the Wellington Shire and the childcare committee, is now being well used. Councillor Stephens congratulated the Shire for securing its first Building Blocks Program grant for which there are another couple in progress. It is a great edition to the infrastructure of Yarram and district.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE acknowledged the busy day that was Friday 16 August in Yarram. Not only was there the Yarram Early Learning Centre opening, but there was also the official opening of the 'missing link' of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Welshpool and Alberton. The day started with a bike ride from Yarram station through to Alberton which involved more than twenty bike riders. A bike from the Middle of Everywhere team was awarded to the winner of a raffle. At the Alberton official opening, there were at least fifty attendees on the day. It was fantastic to see everyone come out and enjoy the event. Councillor McKenzie was joined by his colleagues Councillor Ripper and Councillor Stephens, also supported by the Chief Executive Officer, David Morcom, the General Manager Built and Natural Environment, Chris Hastie, and General Manager Development, Andrew Pomeroy. Councillor McKenzie thanked the Middle of Everywhere team which has been a great promotion for the region and the Shire and extended a big thank you and congratulations to Chris Hastie and team on the successful co-build with the South Gippsland Shire Council. Councillor McKenzie has already been hearing great stories about the horse rides and the bike rides. It will be so good for the area. Councillor John Schelling was also present, representing the South Gippsland Shire Council.

On behalf of the Wellington Shire Council, Councillor McKenzie thanked the State Government for the \$6.5M investment, now making this Great Southern Rail Trail the second longest rail trail in Australia, stretching from Nyora to Alberton. Councillor McKenzie requested his thank you be passed on to the respective teams involved and re-iterated his appreciation to the teams and individuals involved, his colleagues and the Chief Executive Officer who was "MC" on the day.

MAYOR BYE added to this acknowledgement by highlighting a pleasant co-incidence whereby the very winner of the bike at the event, Nelly, happened to be within close proximity of the Mayor and approached the Mayor in person with a verbal thank you for the wonderful event and gifting of the bike.

MAYOR BYE acknowledged the Middle of Everywhere Car Rally hosted by Wellington Shire and the Middle of Everywhere team. He acknowledged the over 250 volunteers for making it such a successful event. Well done team! This is the third instalment for this round of the Australian Rally and Victorian Rally Championships which took place over two days. There was a ceremonial start with a record number of rally cars entered at the Port of Sale. The event was fantastic and well attended with a record number of teams and people attending. There were over 7000 spectators over the Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Bye re-iterated his thank you to the volunteers as, without the volunteers, these events cannot successfully operate.

Mayor Bye congratulated Harry Bates who won the championship for the second year in a row. The event concluded at the Boisdale Hill Climb, a great venue for spectators to see what is on display. It is great to showcase the little towns such as Boisdale, Briagolong, Newry, Cowwarr; which benefit from this event as well as the Heyfield Recreation Reserve, the home base for the event. It was announced on television on Sunday that the Year 4 event will return to the Shire. This is exciting news as it is such a great event to have.

Mayor Bye commented on feeling 'chuffed' by his encounter with a particular team and shared his personal experience and story. The team had raced this year and had presented Mayor Bye on the Sunday with a hat imprinted with "No Hear No Fear". The imprint was a reference to the team's hearing impairment. Both team members are severely impacted by hearing loss. As a result, Andrew Myer and his navigator use sign language for navigation whilst racing. They use their fingers to indicate distance in meters. They raced the Victorian rally championship on the Saturday and indicated they will return next year and hope to finish in the top ten. As the Victorian Rally does not race on the Sunday, Mayor Bye reached out to the Australian Rally Championship co-ordinators to express how great it would be to see such a team participate on the Sunday. Much to Mayor Bye's delight, the co-ordinators did reach out to the team and allowed this team to do the final stage of the Hill Climb, the only car that was allowed from the Victorian Rally Championships. It was then at the end of this Hill Climb that the race team presented Mayor Bye with the hat. It was such a special moment - an event that can appeal to all participants.

MAYOR BYE also acknowledged the Gippstar Awards held at the Morwell Bowling Club and commented on the impressive and extraordinary number of talented sports people around the Gippsland area of all. Some of the talented sports people from Wellington included:

- *Cohen Wade* as monthly winner of the Tetrathlon;
- *Corey Buys* as junior monthly winner for Polocrosse who also competed in the Australian team in the world championships in South Africa where they placed 2nd in the world 'on a borrowed horse' (they cannot take their own horse);
- *Zali Gallagher* for monthly winners in the surf life saving Beach Sprints and Flags;
- *Ava Harrington* for the Tetrathlon (Ava came 21st in the world championships);
- *Jessica Jackson* for the monthly winner in the surf life saving Beach Sprints and Flags.

Mayor Bye also acknowledged the extraordinary Andrew Crozier from Traralgon who recently swam the English Channel in 10 hours and 50 minutes.

MAYOR BYE acknowledged some very special awards won by the Wellington Shire which he presented; the Gippstar Team of the Year Award won by the *Maffra Basketball Eagles Under 14 Boys Squad* (this team won the Division One Country Championships which is extraordinary for a little town); the Gippstar Club of the Year Award won by the *Sale United Football Club*. The Gippsland United Football Club has won many championship and team events. There was also The Special Achiever of the Year Award went to *Del Aherne*, a member of the Wellington Hockey Club. Mayor Bye re-iterated his congratulations for these great achievements and commented on how much these individuals have represented their sports as well as the team representation.

Finally, Mayor Bye acknowledged that unfortunately there was a fire at the Morwell Bowling Club last night with some building damage but hopes they can get back on track and rebuild quickly.

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

10.1. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT - JULY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE

RECOMMENDATION
<i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i>
COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR WOOD
<i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i>
CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON as representative Chair over the past two years of the South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc. (SEATS), provided a verbal update on the Sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Gippsland Conference held last Thursday and Friday in Sale at our Nakunbalook building. The minutes of the meeting will be provided to the General Manager, Chris Hastie.

SEATS is a group of like councils up and down the East Coast between Baw Baw and Wollongong who advocate around transport related issues with road, rail and other transport infrastructure.

The role of Chair alternates every two years between New South Wales and Victoria, so Councillor Tatterson has been privileged to be the Victorian Chair over the past two years. New South Wales is currently holding elections, so the new Chair which will be a New South Wales based Chair, will be appointed after the Caretaker period concludes.

It was a very successful two days. Councillor Tatterson thanked Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development who provided a very good introduction to Wellington for all the delegates in attendance. It was very well received. Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment was in attendance and Lachlan McDonald, the Director of the Department of Transport, a very senior Government official, who spoke about the challenges and long-term planning to get key projects up. He spoke of the Sale-Traralgon duplication highway and some of the issues and time it has taken, but also acknowledged it has now been achieved. By undertaking the project in a slow and 'piece meal' way, it has allowed for highway completion, whereas the alternative of a 50km highway duplication may have resulted in it ending up on the national agenda, having never been started and never been funded.

Lachlan McDonald highlighted that whilst it is great to get big projects up, it can be better to break them down into smaller projects to increase the likelihood of getting them delivered with incremental safety improvements. At the end of the day this means our community is a lot safer.

Councillor Tatterson also summarized some of Lachlan McDonald's commentary in relation to the Princes Highway funding that is available at the moment and the previous centre median barriers that have been installed between Sale and Bairnsdale. Since barrier installation, there have been no fatalities; they have moved away from nearly one fatality per year for this section of road to no fatalities since 2019. It was highlighted that this is the benefit of planning and a collegiate approach of SEATS in advocating around these transport related issues, such as the issues with the lower highway speed limits which causes issues with the transport network for product delivery coming out of Gippsland destined for Melbourne and New South Wales. Lachlan spoke of the importance of getting some of these speed limits lifted in the future so a truck driver can do a trip to Melbourne and back in a day or do two trips in a day from Baw Baw to Melbourne and back. The costs of not being able to do this are passed onto the consumer, so it is important for the community to have an efficient and effective road network.

Councillor Tatterson re-iterated that it was a very successful meeting and that the Delegates were amazed at the venue. It was great to take the meeting away from the office and hold it at the back of Lake Guyatt in such a natural setting in the middle of town. Councillor Tatterson thanked Chris Hastie and team for organising the building.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT - JULY 2024

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

12.2. COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PURPOSE

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR WOOD

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

CARRIED

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 29 July to 11 August 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 29 July to 11 August 2024.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 29 July to 11 August 2024.

CARRIED

13.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes*

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 6 August 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - JUNE 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 June 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 June and 30 June 2024.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

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

CARRIED

14.2. PROPOSED SALE - (PART) COBAINS ROAD, SALE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

For Council to authorise the sale of land described as Proposed Lot 1 (PS905306F) Cobains Road, Sale.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Resolve that the property described as Proposed Lot 1 (PS905306F) Cobains Road, Sale as shown on the plan within is not required for Council purposes.***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to offer the land for sale to the Victorian School Building Authority at the current market value and execute necessary documents.***
- 3. Note that the information contained in the confidential documents at Attachment 14.2.2 Valuation Report – Proposed Lot 1 (PS905306F) Cobains Road, Sale and Attachment 14.2.3 Heads of Agreement – Proposed Sale Proposed Lot 1 (PS905306F) Cobains Road, Sale are designated pursuant to section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Development on 9 August 2024 because they relate to the following grounds:
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that — if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

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CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. ESTABLISH TRUST FOR NATURE COVENANT ON COUNCIL PROPERTY - NEILS ROAD, TARRAVILLE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

PURPOSE

To recommend that Council consider protection for a high value vegetation community on a parcel of Council freehold land at Neils Road, Tarraville, through a Trust for Nature covenant.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress the registration of a Trust for Nature covenant over the Council land at Neils Road, Tarraville, Standard Parcel Identifier 21C\PP3557, for the purposes of conservation protection.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to progress the registration of a Trust for Nature covenant over the Council land at Neils Road, Tarraville, Standard Parcel Identifier 21C\PP3557, for the purposes of conservation protection.

CARRIED

15.2. ASPHALT PROGRAM URBAN STREETS SALE AND HEYFIELD 2024/25

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

For Council to consider entering a 2024/25 contract for asphalt re-sheeting of urban streets in Sale and Heyfield. This is part of the asphalt program that occurs on an annual basis for various locations throughout the shire.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025 – 004 Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets, Heyfield and Sale 2024/25; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment Tender Contract 2025 – 004 Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets, Heyfield and Sale 2024/25, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 9 August 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020;***
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

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CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphaltting & Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd.

15.3. MILLS STREET RECONSTRUCTION WORKS HEYFIELD

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

For Council to consider entering a contract for the reconstruction of a section of Mills Street in Heyfield.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025 – 005 Evaluation Report for Mills Street Reconstruction Works, Heyfield; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment Tender Contract 2025 – 005 Evaluation Report for Mills Street Reconstruction Works, Heyfield, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 9 August 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

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- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025 – 005 Evaluation Report for Mills Street Reconstruction Works, Heyfield; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment Tender Contract 2025 – 005 Evaluation Report for Mills Street Reconstruction Works, Heyfield, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 9 August 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Gippsland Gas and Water Pty Ltd.

15.4. VELORE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS NAMBROK

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

For Council to consider entering a contract for the reconstruction of a section of Velore Road in Nambrok.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Contract 2025 – 006 Evaluation Report for Velore Road Reconstruction, Nambrok; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment Tender Contract 2025 – 006 Evaluation Report for Velore Road Reconstruction, Nambrok, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 09 August 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

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- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment Tender Contract 2025 – 006 Evaluation Report for Velore Road Reconstruction, Nambrok, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 09 August 2024 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphaltting & Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd.

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

An email enquiry was received from Max Goddard regarding possible re-opening of boat ramps.

A letter has been sent to Mr Max Goddard.

There has been a number of issues with sand movement and coastal erosion in Loch Sport, however both Seagull Drive and Charlies Street boat ramps remain open. Some minor works have been undertaken and Wellington Shire Council will continue to advocate to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to build further mitigations.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

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 will now come to a close at 5.43pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

Details redacted.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at 5.44pm.