



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

21 May 2024

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 21 May 2024.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

NIL

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

Councillor Stephens declared a general conflict of interest for item 16.1 Community Assistance Grants - March 2024.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 May 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 May 2024.

COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 May 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 MAHER acknowledged the Gippsland Academy of Sports Awards which she attended on Friday night. The Gippsland Sports Academy supports just over 300 athletes from across Gippsland. The athletes graduated from their various 2023 sports programs. It was nice to see Ash Nicholes win the Tim Forsyth Award for excellence and outstanding achievements amongst all athletics across all sports; Dan Auteri won the overall Phil Shelley Award for his outstanding service in contribution to swimming and Kody Said won the David Drane Award for consistent improvement over the season.

They have had two successful pilot programs for hockey and boys netball, with over 40 athletes registered and playing hockey from across all of Gippsland. The guest speaker on the night was Rhydian Cowley, an Olympic race walker who has represented Australia at both Rio and Tokyo games and will go to Paris to represent Australia in the Paris 2024 Olympics. It is always lovely to see a Gippsland ambassador who is doing really well.

COUNCILLOR MAHER also acknowledged this week's National Volunteers Week and thanked and honoured all volunteers for the valuable contributions made. Council has over 170 facilities that are run by Communities of Management which consist largely of community volunteers. Our community is built on strength, kindness and the commitment of individuals who selflessly give their time, energy and resources to make Wellington Shire a much better place for everyone.

Some councillors met with the community volunteers yesterday at a 'Thank You' afternoon tea. There is a further event tomorrow at the Wedge in Sale between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and another on Thursday at Golden Beach between 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Veronica Maybury Recreation Reserve. Councillor Maher encouraged volunteers – and also those who may wish to consider volunteering – to come along.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged the Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally which took place over the weekend with approximately 2000 attendees and commended the Heyfield Vintage Rally Committee and all volunteers for their organization of the rally, noting the

exceptional work of the volunteers who gave their time so freely and worked tirelessly for days prior to the weekend whilst ‘having fun’. It was an absolutely wonderful two days for Heyfield. Machines were brought from diverse locations all over Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia, including steam rollers and old tractors bought in by locals.

Over the years, there has been continual upgrades to the Recreation Reserve where the rally takes place, which is in magnificent condition. Councillor Ripper acknowledged the amount of economic development for a large area around Heyfield with a lot of people staying over the weekend.

One ‘awesome’ aspect which stood out for Councillor Ripper was seeing how much the rally was a friendly, family orientated event. There was a Grand Parade on both days. It was good to see a lot of young girls on tractors and steam engines/rollers in the presence of their parents.

COUNCILLOR BYE acknowledged the Star Hotel in Sale and their great team who, last night, won the Australian Hoteliers Association Victoria State Award, the “People’s Choice Award”. This is the second year in a row that the Star Hotel has won this award which is based on community votes from across the State.

COUNCILLOR BYE also acknowledged and congratulated Tequa Plumbing and Civil, on their significant award win which took place in Melbourne on Saturday night at the Civil Contractors Federation Victoria People and Training Awards. Tequa won the “Training Employer of the Year Award” for Victoria as well as being nominated for two other finals categories: the “Women in Civil Excellence Award” and the “Leadership Excellence Award”.

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 - APRIL 2024

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i></p> <p>COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS</p> <p><i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT - APRIL 2024

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR WOOD

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

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 29 April 2024 to 12 May 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 April 2024 to 12 May 2024.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 29 April 2024 to 12 May 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 7 May 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 7 May 2024 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 May 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 May 2024 as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 May 2024 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2024

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council with information on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2024.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024.

CARRIED

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - MARCH 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 March 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 March and 31 March 2024.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 March and 31 March 2024.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. PARK AVENUE, COWWARR SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME - FINAL CERTIFICATE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

To present to Council for consideration the final cost certificate for the Park Avenue, Cowwarr Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2202.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Park Avenue, Cowwarr Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2202; and*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Park Avenue, Cowwarr Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2202 based on the total levy amount of \$25,200.*

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Park Avenue, Cowwarr Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2202; and*

- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Park Avenue, Cowwarr Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2202 based on the total levy amount of \$25,200.*

CARRIED

15.2. HODGES ROAD, COONGULLA SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME - FINAL CERTIFICATE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE

To present to Council for consideration the final cost certificate for the Hodges Road (CH00 – CH200), Coongulla Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2101.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Hodges Road, Coongulla Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2101; and*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Hodges Road, Coongulla Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2101 based on the total levy amount of \$21,600.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Final Cost Certificate for the Hodges Road, Coongulla Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2101; and*
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the final apportionment amounts due from property owners for the Hodges Road, Coongulla Special Charge Street Construction Scheme – Scheme No 2101 based on the total levy amount of \$21,600.*

CARRIED

16. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

16.1. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS MARCH 2024

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITIES, FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

PURPOSE

For Council to approve the allocation round of Community Assistance Grants March 2024, as detailed in the confidential attachment 16.1.3 *Community Assistance Grants March 2024 Recommendations* with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note this report;***
- 2. Approve the allocation of Community Assistance Grants March 2024, as detailed in the confidential attachment 16.1.3 Community Assistance Grants March 2024 Recommendations, with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications; and***
- 3. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Community Assistance Grants March 2024 Recommendations of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Community & Culture on 13 May 2024 because it relates to the following ground:***
(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

Councillor Stephens has declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at item 16.1 Community Assistance Grants - March 2024.

Left Chambers: 5.29pm

Councillor Crossley has declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at Item 16.1 Community Assistance Grants - March 2024.

Left Chambers: 5.31pm

Councillor Stephens and Councillor Crossley Returned to Chambers: 5.33pm

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note this report;***
- 2. Approve the allocation of Community Assistance Grants March 2024, as detailed in the confidential attachment 16.1.3 Community Assistance Grants March 2024 Recommendations, with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications; and***
- 3. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Community Assistance Grants March 2024 Recommendations of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local***

Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Community & Culture on 13 May 2024 because it relates to the following ground:

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

17. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

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

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

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

ONLINE COMMENTS

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 5.33pm

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

18. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:

- a) Council business information*
- b) Security information*
- c) Land use planning information*
- d) Law enforcement information*
- e) Legal privileged information*
- f) Personal information*
- g) Private commercial information*
- h) Confidential meeting information*
- i) Internal arbitration information*
- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information*
- k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information*
- l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989*

IN CLOSED SESSION

NIL