



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## **RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 4 February 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM**

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 4 February 2025.**

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)  
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

### **APOLOGIES**

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)  
Cr Catherine Bannerman

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## 1. APOLOGIES

MAYOR ROSSETTI  
COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

## 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**

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 December 2024.*

**COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

**That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>FROM MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
NIL			

## 5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

## 6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

## 8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged and thanked Councillor John Tatterson for an outstanding 50 years of dedicated service to the Sale-Maffra Cricket Association, noting that his legacy will continue to influence the game for years to come.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged Australia Day and associated events held in the Wellington Shire from Yarram to Dargo. Councillor Ripper congratulated the many volunteers who both received awards and assisted in organising the various Australia Day events.

Councillor Ripper also acknowledged the citizenship ceremony held in Sale on Australia Day, welcoming 40 new citizens and officiated by Mayor Rossetti. Federal Member, Hon. Darren Chester MP and State Member, Danny O'Brien MP handed out citizenship certificates and plaques.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the great Australia Day event she attended in Loch Sport, run by the Lions Club of Loch Sport.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON acknowledged the regional Gippsland Cricket league championship finals which were held in the Sale-Maffra area. Councillor Tatterson congratulated all clubs and players involved and Sale-Maffra on being the successful winners in the women's and men's finals.

## 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. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

## 11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 11.1. COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2024

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council:*

- 1. Receive and note the December 2024 Council Performance Report as attached; and*
- 2. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer's advice that a revised 2024/25 budget is not required.*

**COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive and note the December 2024 Council Performance Report as attached; and**
- 2. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer's advice that a revised 2024/25 budget is not required.**

**CARRIED**

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 12.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 December 2024 to 26 January 2025.*

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

**That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 December 2024 to 26 January 2025.**

**CARRIED**

## 12.2. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

NIL

### RECOMMENDATION

***That:***

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 9 December 2024 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 9 December 2024;***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 9 December 2024 of this Council meeting agenda was designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 12 December 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.***

**COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR FOAT**

***That:***

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee 9 December 2024 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 9 December 2024;**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 9 December 2024 of this Council meeting agenda was designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 12 December 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.**

**CARRIED**

## 13. 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

The following Council Meeting Question and Comment Submissions were received via the Wellington Shire Council website or by email:

HAYDEN NICHOL, SALE – Question regarding Green Waste Bin Roll-Out.

ANTHONY DAVID ZIDARICH – Question regarding future support for community members experiencing food distress.

DEAN HURLSTON – Question regarding catering costs for public Council Meetings.

The CEO noted that a response will be provided to all three submissions and a copy of the responses provided to all Councillors.

### FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

ALAN HEYWOOD, PEARSONDALE – addressed the Council regarding damage to a levee bank on a property owned by the Rivers Apartments complex in Wurruk and asked about Council's action in response to the damage.

The CEO indicated the General Manager Built and Natural Environment will follow-up to ensure all relevant details are captured then a response will be provided to Mr Heywood.

Meeting declared closed at: 5.16pm.

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

## 14. 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*

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IN CLOSED SESSION

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NIL