



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 17 June 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 17 June 2025.

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Liz Foat

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens (Online)

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment

Catherine Hicks, Communications Advisor

Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr John Tatterson

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1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR RIPPER
COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

Councillor Foat declared a general conflict of interest for item 14.1 Amendment C122well – Public Acquisition Overlay.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

| RECOMMENDATION | |
|---|--|
| <i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 June 2025.</i> | |
| COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR WELLS | |
| That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 3 June 2025. | |
| 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. NOTICE OF MOTION - SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS THE PRINCES HIGHWAY, STRATFORD

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR LOWE

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

That Council write to The Hon. Melissa Horne, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, to request the state government install a safe pedestrian crossing across the Princes Highway between Wellsford Street and Industrial Road, in Stratford noting that;

- a) Safe pedestrian access across the Princes Highway in Stratford, particularly from Wellsford Street, is of critical importance. This route is frequently used by residents to access essential health and fitness services, and a secure crossing point is urgently needed to ensure the wellbeing of the community.
- b) Establishing a safe pedestrian crossing will directly enhance the health and safety of Stratford residents. It will reduce the risk of accidents and provide a secure route for individuals accessing vital local services.
- c) Improved pedestrian infrastructure will benefit young mothers, the elderly, and other vulnerable community members who wish to access the Stratford Gymnasium and physiotherapy centre. Encouraging walking over vehicle use aligns with the Victorian Government's environmental and sustainability objectives, promoting healthier lifestyles while reducing traffic and emissions.
- d) A formalised, safe crossing will remove the current hazard of residents particularly those with limited mobility needing to navigate a dangerous section of the Princes Highway. This upgrade would significantly improve safety and peace of mind for the community.

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 MADELEY acknowledged the official opening on Friday 6 June of the Turner & Australia exhibition hosted at the Gippsland Art Gallery. The landmark exhibition explores the profound influence of J.M.W Turner on Australian Art, showcasing 11 of the 14 original Turner works available in Australia. The event was well attended, reflecting the community's strong interest in cultural events.

The exhibition is expected to attract thousands of visitors to Wellington Shire and contribute an estimated \$4 million to the local community. This underscores the significant economic and cultural impact such events have on the region. Councillor Madeley thanked all gallery staff involved in organising this event. Turner and Australia will be on display until 24 August 2024.

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged and thanked TAFE Gippsland for hosting several Wellington Shire Councillors and the Mayor last week at the Port of Sale campus. It was an opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art facilities and witness the diverse range of vocational courses and facilities, including a kinder room, aged care facilities, computerised responder 'dummies' and hands-on training. Such facilities and training are invaluable to the community in reinforcing support for local education and ensuring community access to quality training and career pathways.

COUNCILLOR FOAT also acknowledged the Science and Engineering Challenge held at the Gippsland Regional Sport Complex on Friday 13 June attended by 175 students from six local schools. The overall winner of the day was Gippsland Grammar. The students demonstrated remarkable creativity, enthusiasm and problem solving skills.

The event was made possible through the support of major sponsors, Lockheed Martin Australia, with Iberdrola, Regional Development Victoria, the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, the Victorian Skills and Jobs Centre, and Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network.

Councillor Foat expressed her pride in being a member of the community and as an educator that values and invests in education and development of our youth. Such events inspire students and strengthen connections between education and local industry. It is clear the Gippsland region is nurturing the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS congratulated and acknowledged the two well known Yarram residents Esme Rash and Wendy Pope who were both awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday Honours for their contributions to the community. There is a long list of organisations that Esme Rash and Wendy Pope have supported over many years. Both are very unassuming ladies and it is wonderful to see Esme Rash and Wendy Pope acknowledged in this way.

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

ACTION OFFICER: MAYOR SCOTT ROSSETTI

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for May 2025.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for May 2025.

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR FOAT and Councillor Bannerman attended the Strategic Land Use Planning Project (SLUPP) meeting held last Tuesday. There are many key projects underway. Some strategies and plans fall under the West Sale Industrial Land. Discussions are occurring with service agencies related to drainage requirements to finalise the development plan. Councillor Foat outlined current key projects including:

- The Maffra Township Developer contribution;
- The draft Stratford Structure Plan;
- The Planning Scheme Amendments C120well;
- Documents are being finalised for the technical corrections amendment to address anomalies in mapping and provisions at a municipal-wide level;
- Proposed inclusion of public acquisition overlay to sections of land fronting Cobains Road in Sale for road widening which is being presented to Council tonight for authorisation;
- Proponent Private Planning Scheme Amendments; and
- Requests for approval of development plans for sub-division of land supply for housing in Stratford and Rosedale.

COUNCILLOR WELLS provided an update on his attendance at the Gippsland Critical Minerals Community Advisory Group meeting held Friday 13 June. There are continued consultations with farmers as some are against the project. They are awaiting reports from the State Government and working with Gippsland Water to ensure water allocations which will enable the project to progress. There is hope of conducting a full live trial run in January 2026. Councillor Wells noted that this will be a good project for the Wellington Shire and the East Gippsland Shire with the potential for around 300 jobs.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received for May 2025.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received for May 2025.

CARRIED

12.2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND POLICY

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Policy.

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Policy.

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 26 May to 8 June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 26 May to 8 June 2025 subject to an amendment to 3 June 2025 record noting that Councillor Bannerman was in attendance.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 26 May to 8 June 2025 subject to an amendment to 3 June 2025 record noting that Councillor Bannerman was in attendance.

CARRIED

13.2. ADOPTION OF 2025/26 BUDGET, PROPOSED RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the:

- 2025/26 Budget including:
 - 2025/26 Fees and charges
 - 2025/26 Capital Works Program
- 2025/26 Declared Rates and Service Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. ***Council adopt the 2025/26 Budget, as attached, including:***
 - ***2025/26 Fees and charges***
 - ***2025/26 Capital Works Program******in accordance with Section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020; and***
2. ***Council adopt the following declared rates and charges for the period commencing on 1 July 2025 and concluding on 30 June 2026:***
 - A) ***Pursuant to the provisions of sections 158, 161 and 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently these remain saved provisions under the 1989 Act), the Wellington Shire Council hereby resolves to declare that the amount it intends to raise by rates and annual service charges is \$75.5M***

| Type of Rate or Charge | \$'000 |
|--|--------|
| General Rate | 65,488 |
| Garbage Charge | 6,274 |
| Waste Infrastructure Charge | 2,170 |
| EPA Levy Charge | 564 |
| Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge | 16 |

- B)
 - (1) ***It be further declared subject to paragraph 4 of this Part, the general rate be raised through the application of differential rates.***
 - (2) ***A rate in the dollar of 0.003610 be specified as the general rate.***
 - (3) ***It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined so that the amount payable be the Capital Improved Value multiplied by the rate in the dollar of 0.003610.***
 - (4) a) ***It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions.***

b) A differential rate (80% of the general rate) be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:

(i) Farm Land:

Means any land that:

Is "Farm Land" within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder

a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and

b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and

c) where the ratepayer is a Primary Producer with any evidence/ruling confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office, registered ABN and business plan.

C) Garbage Charge:

(1) An annual service charge of \$295.00 be declared for the collection and disposal of garbage in respect of Residential premises to which the service is available – whether or not the owner or occupier of any such premises avails themselves of the service.

D) Waste Infrastructure Charge:

(1) An annual service charge be declared for the development of Landfills, Recycling facilities, Transfer Stations and the rehabilitation of Landfill sites, and provision of facilities for ongoing monitoring of landfills, to ensure that Council can continue to provide a waste disposal service.

(2) The charge be \$70.00 for each property in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied. This charge will not apply to properties identified as being within the Ninety Mile Beach Restructure Plan Stages 7 – 22 with the exception of those properties with an existing dwelling where the charge will still apply.

E) EPA Levy Charge:

(1) An annual service charge of \$26.50 be declared to cover the costs levied by the Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills, not otherwise recouped.

(2) The charge be levied on each property to which a Garbage Charge is applied, at the rate of one EPA Levy Charge for each Garbage Charge – except those properties recently the subject of the Ombudsman's report into non developable blocks along Ninety Mile Beach and noted on Council's website.

F) Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge:

(1) An annual service charge of \$641.8 be declared for wastewater availability in respect of Residential and Commercial premises

in the township of Boisdale, to contribute towards the costs of operation and management of the Boisdale Common Effluent System (the System).

- (2) *The charge be levied on each property which is connected to the System, at the rate of one charge per tenement connected.*

G) Cultural and Recreational Land:

- (1) *The amount of \$83,500 (excluding service charges) be declared as payable in accordance with section 4 of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, having regard to the services provided by the Council to the community from this recreational land.*

H) Pursuant to the provisions of section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently this remains as a saved provision under the 1989 Act), Council declares a Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for conservation purposes.

- (1) *Council considers that this rebate will ensure that the biodiversity values of the land will be protected for the benefit of the broader community.*
- (2) *The rebate will apply only to the land that is affected by a covenant as described in the covenant document.*
- (3) *The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land, in accordance with the Sustainability Policy.*
- (4) *Conditions apply as per Council's Policy 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.*

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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- (3) The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land, in accordance with the Sustainability Policy.**
- (4) Conditions apply as per Council’s Policy 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.**

COUNCILLORS For: Six (6)

COUNCILLORS Opposed: One (1)

CARRIED

13.3. INTENTION TO DISPLAY THE COMMUNITY LOCAL LAW (AMENDMENT) LOCAL LAW 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Authorise the publication of a notice in accordance with section 73(3) of the Local Government Act 2020;**
- 2. Approve a four week community engagement process for the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 to be undertaken from 30 June 2025 to 31 July 2025;**
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor changes to the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 before community engagement commences, where changes are required for correctness, clarity, formatting or similar purposes; and**
- 4. Adopt the updated Public Toilets Policy, as attached.**

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

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- 4. Adopt the updated Public Toilets Policy, as attached.**

COUNCILLORS For: Five (5)

COUNCILLORS Opposed: Two (2)

CARRIED

13.4. FUTURE WELLINGTON: COMMUNITY VISION 2041

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Community Vision 2041, as attached.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council adopt the Community Vision 2041, as attached.

CARRIED

13.5. COUNCIL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 3, 2024/2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-2025 Council Plan for Quarter 3 2024/25.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the 2021-2025 Council Plan for Quarter 3 2024/25.

CARRIED

13.6. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES & DELEGATES 2025/2026

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees in accordance with the attached updated Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2025/2026.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees in accordance with the attached updated Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2025/2026.

CARRIED

13.7. S11B INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 2017)

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council appoint and authorise the Council Officers referred to in the attached instrument titled 'S11B Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Environment Protection Act 2017)' as set out in the instrument.*
- 2. That the instrument come into force immediately upon being signed by Council's Chief Executive Officer and remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke the instrument.*
- 3. That Council revoke the S11B Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Environment Protection Act 2017) dated 21 May 2025.*

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR LOWE

- 1. That Council appoint and authorise the Council Officers referred to in the attached instrument titled 'S11B Instrument of Appointment and*

Authorisation (Environment Protection Act 2017)' as set out in the instrument.

2. That the instrument come into force immediately upon being signed by Council's Chief Executive Officer and remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke the instrument.
3. That Council revoke the S11B Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Environment Protection Act 2017) dated 21 May 2025.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. AMENDMENT C122WELL - PUBLIC ACQUISITION OVERLAY

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Request Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and Exhibit Amendment C122well to the Wellington Planning Scheme, in accordance with section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;*
2. *Prepare Amendment C122well to the Wellington Shire Council Planning Scheme to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) in favour of Wellington Shire Council to land located at 37A, 49 and 65 Cobains Road, Sale subject to Ministerial Authorisation; and*
3. *Place Amendment C122well on Public Exhibition in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, subject to Ministerial Authorisation.*

Councillor Foat declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at this item.

Councillor Foat left the Council meeting at 5.56pm.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council:

1. **Request Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and Exhibit Amendment C122well to the Wellington Planning Scheme, in accordance with section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;**
2. **Prepare Amendment C122well to the Wellington Shire Council Planning Scheme to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) in favour of Wellington Shire Council to land located at 37A, 49 and 65 Cobains Road, Sale subject to Ministerial Authorisation; and**
3. **Place Amendment C122well on Public Exhibition in accordance with the requirements of Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, subject to Ministerial Authorisation.**

CARRIED

Councillor Foat returned to the Council meeting at 5.58pm.

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - APRIL 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2025.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2025.

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

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

16. IN CLOSED SESSION

16.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

1. 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.
2. The grounds for designation under section 3(1)(g)(ii) have been made as the information is deemed confidential to protect the personal information.

CARRIED

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 6.02pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

16.2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

Details redacted.

CARRIED

16.3. COUNCILLOR LEAVE

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR LOWE

Details redacted.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR LOWE

Details redacted.

CARRIED

16.4. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at: 6.05pm.