



WELLINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

**Tuesday 5 August 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM**

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 5 August 2025.**

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Garry Stephens (Online)

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Phillip Phillipou, Acting General Manager Corporate Services

Ashley Smirl, Acting Manager Economic Development

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment

Kim Salleh, Manager Customer and Communications

Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

## **APOLOGIES**

Cr Liz Foat

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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## 1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR FOAT

## 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 GOVERNANCE**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 July 2025.</i>
<b>COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR WELLS</b>
<b>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 July 2025.</b>
<b>CARRIED</b>

## 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 MADELEY acknowledged the opening of the Nakunbalook Art Show held at the Nakunbalook Environmental and Cultural Education Centre in Sale. This exhibition showcased a stunning collection of paintings and sculptures and local artists' interpretations of the Grandfather Tree, a reference to 'Nakunbalook', a Gunaikurnai word meaning Grandfather gumtree, which stands for knowledge and place. These ancient redgums hold deep cultural and ecological significance in the region. Councillor Madeley extended a thank you to the organising committee of Cindy Tong, Dawn Stubbs, Sharon Ray and Glenn Finlay.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged National Tree Day which was celebrated on Sunday 27 July 2025 with a community planting event at Flooding Creek. There were 60 volunteers who together planted around 1000 native plants, including 80 endangered Grey Billy Buttons which is part of the 'Raising Rarity' project (a partnership with schools, Sale Botanic Gardens and the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria). By the end of the week with the help of 200 local students, 22,100 native plants had been added to the Flooding Creek area. This event was part of a Green Links grant from the Victorian Government and supports Wellington Shire Council's ongoing revegetation program.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY attended the inaugural TAFE Gippsland Education Awards which were held at the Wedge in Sale on Friday. This was the first time TAFE Gippsland have formally recognised their outstanding community of local students, trainers and industry partners and demonstrates the important role vocational education plays in building local skills, supporting regional industries and opening up new opportunities for the community. There were two award recipients from the Wellington Shire; Cameron Leadoux won Apprentice of the Year for Food and Fibre, and Tate Chisholm won Apprentice of the Year for Carpentry.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the Gippsland Writers Festival that she attended in Yarram where a lunch event was held with acclaimed author Nikki Gemmell. She noted that the annual festival is a vibrant part of the Wellington Shire arts calendar.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY congratulated Councillor Wells who has been awarded life membership of the Sale-Maffra Cricket Association. This prestigious honour is a testament to his outstanding service, dedication and long-standing commitment to the growth and success of local cricket. Councillor Wells has left a lasting legacy, a truly well deserved honour.

COUNCILLOR WELLS attended the Rural Councils Victoria conference held over 2 days in Yarrawonga last week. Low-income housing and the contentious fire services levy were strongly discussed, along with budgeting difficulties faced by smaller councils with increasing CPI set against rate caps. On a positive note, the Wellington Shire's "The Middle of Everywhere" promotional campaign was praised by other Councils.

COUNCILLOR LOWE acknowledged Darcee Young, an outstanding member of the Sale Small Bore Rifle Club. Darcee has made a tremendous impact on the club, both a talented rifle shooter and a kind and humble young woman. At just 15 years of age, Darcee holds 6 state records and has represented Australia overseas and has now moved to Melbourne, having been awarded a scholarship to the Victorian Institute of Sport in Maribyrnong. She will be the only athlete at the Institute representing the sport of shooting and will receive specialist training from the best shooters in Victoria.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged the recent visit by 8 Councillors to the East Sale Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) base. Base Manager, Mr Jim Sutton, escorted the Councillors around the base. Councillors visited the No. 1 Flying Training School unit, followed by the School of Air Traffic Control. Councillor Ripper had the enjoyable experience of flying in the PC21 simulator.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER attended the Grey Wolf awards at Morwell on Saturday, the Cub Scout's highest honour in the Cub Scouts section of the Scouts; the pinnacle of scouting at this stage, and a milestone in scouting life. There were 4 young recipients from the Wellington Shire; Levi, Harry, Ivy and Lincoln.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER also acknowledged the Ben Cruachan Walking Club 60th Anniversary and her attendance at the 60th Anniversary dinner in Maffra. Many members were in attendance. It is a wonderful group within the Wellington Shire, contributing to fitness and better mental health outcomes. Councillor Ripper thanked the club for her invitation to the dinner.

## 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 REPORT AUGUST

**ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, DARCIE WRIGHT**

*Technical issues in the Council Meeting arose during the presentation of this item and the live streaming of the meeting ended at 5.23pm.*

*As a consequence, Councillor Stephens' online attendance concluded at 5.23pm and he was excused from the remainder of the Council Meeting.*

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.***

**COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR LOWE**

***That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.***

**CARRIED**

## 11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN presented an update on the Southerly Ten (Star of the South) Community Advisory Group who meet approximately every 2 months.

The Group recently met in Toora. Southerly Ten are currently working through finalisation of the environmental statements in preparation for an exhibition period for public review.

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 12.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE**

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 7 July to 27 July 2025.*

**COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 7 July to 27 July 2025.*

**CARRIED**

### 12.2. S11A INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987)

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE**

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council appoint and authorise the Council Officers referred to in the attached instrument titled 'S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Planning and Environment Act 1987)'.*
- 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 previous S11A Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Planning and Environment Act 1987) made by resolution of Council on 15 April 2025.*

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WELLS**

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**CARRIED**

## 13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 13.1. QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS – MARCH TO JUNE 2025

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note the information regarding applications received under the Quick Response Grants Scheme (QRGS) for the period March 2025 to June 2025 as per Attachment 13.1.4.*

##### **COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR MADELEY**

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**CARRIED**

*The Chair announced the successful recipients of the Quick Response Grants as:*

- *Yarram and District Cricket Club*
- *Maffra Bowls Recreation Inc.*
- *Sale Maffra Badminton Association*
- *Rosedale Community Care Inc.*
- *Boisdale Public Hall*
- *Munro Public Hall Committee of Management*
- *Sale Baseball Club*

### 13.2. RE-OPENING UNUSED ROAD OFF ARNUP ROAD, WURRUK

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That pursuant to section 407(1) of the Land Act 1958, as it is desirable in the public interest, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to write to the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action, requesting the unused road licences 1502256 and 1502359 held over the government road off Arnup Road at Wurruk be revoked alongside abutting Reserves Res 1 and 2 PS518800 and Res 1 PS518806, as they are required for public traffic.*

##### **COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE**

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**CARRIED**

### 13.3. PLANT PURCHASE GRADER AND ROLLER RURAL EAST

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report for Supply and Delivery of one Motor Grader and Roller for the Maffra Depot (Rural East Road Maintenance team), Tender VP462363.***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential documents 13.3.2 Grader and Roller Restricted Assessment and 13.3.3 Tender Evaluation Report as designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 25 July 2025 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;  
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

#### COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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**CARRIED**

The Chair announced the successful tenderer for the Grader and Roller as KOMATSU Australia.



## 14. 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

ANGELA WIEBENGA – submitted five questions online to Council. The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged receipt of the five questions which have been distributed to Councillors.

The Chief Executive Officer provided a summary of the questions raised by Angela Wiebenga.

- The initial question related to the proposed amendment of the Local Law and public bathrooms, which has been a previous agenda item, focused on how Council deals with threatening behaviour and the LGBTIQ+ community;
- the second question was in relation to promoting local Church groups on the Middle of Everywhere website and Council's position on this;
- the third question related to the Council Community Assistance Grants Program, an allocation of \$5000 to a local church group to run a leadership program and seeking clarification on guidelines and assessment criteria for how Council undertake assessments for the grant program;
- the fourth question related to Council rates and 'rateability' for one of the local church groups and their assets;
- the final question requested information on how much Council has spent on advertising with the Gippsland times.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that responses will be provided to Angela and also provided to Councillors.

### FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

The recording of this Council meeting came to a close.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.39pm.

## **15. IN CLOSED SESSION**

***That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential 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