



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 2 September 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 2 September 2025.

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Liz Foat

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Garry Stephens (Online)

Cr John Tatterson

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

Kim Salleh, Manager Customer and Communications

Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

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1. APOLOGIES

NIL

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

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 August 2025.</i>	
COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR WELLS	
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 August 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

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 attended last Friday the 2025 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victorian State conference. This year's theme of 'Make your Mark' set the tone for a dynamic and inspiring couple of days and brought together staff from across Victoria's local government sector, councillors, officers and leaders. There were two standout keynote speakers, Fabian Dattner, who spoke of values based leadership and the courage to lead with integrity, and Simon Waller, a futurist, who challenged attendees to think differently about the future and how the future can be shaped through innovation and strategy. Other topics included disinformation, social media, civility and public life and how to work together to find collective solutions to complex challenges. These sessions provided networking opportunities and practical tools to take back to respective Councils and communities. Councillor Madeley felt energised, encouraged and proud to be part of a sector that is not only evolving but leading the way in inclusive and impactful leadership. Councillor Madeley thanked ALGWA and Hume City Council who hosted the two day event.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY also acknowledged the mosquito monitor, Barry Curtain, who last week attended the Mosquito Control Association of Australia conference in Torquay as the Wellington Shire Council team had been chosen to present on the ongoing surveillance work to monitor the exotic species of the Salt Marsh mosquito which exists in the Wellington Shire. Through this presentation, the Wellington Shire Council was awarded the local government conference award for an outstanding abstract. Councillor Madeley congratulated Barry and the team on the presentation and their ongoing work and commitment to the mosquito control program. The knowledge and efforts of the mosquito monitors make a big difference to preventing mosquito born illness.

COUNCILLOR WELLS attended the Gippsland Business Awards night which occurred last Friday night. It was a fantastic evening celebrating the outstanding achievements of businesses across the region and highlighted the innovation, resilience and community impact of Gippsland enterprises. Councillor Wells was incredibly proud to share that Tequa Plumbing and Civil, based right here in Sale, was awarded the Trade and Technical Services Award and the prestigious Business of the Year Award. This is a significant achievement. Tequa has demonstrated exceptional leadership in water treatment and environmental solutions with consistent growth and strong community values. This win is a testament to the calibre of businesses within the region, and it was inspiring to see so many local businesses throughout the Gippsland region. Council received the gold level sponsorship in recognition of the Shire's continued support of local business and regional economic development.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER attended the Maffra Dog Show last weekend. It was a great show with plenty of different dogs. The Sale-Maffra and District Kennel Club celebrated the milestone of their 65th year anniversary whilst the Macalister All Breeds Kennel and Obedience Club also recognises its 33rd anniversary of dedication to training and discipline.

Both clubs have given much to the sport, the exhibitors and the community. In attendance were international judges from New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, Denmark and West Australia. The Maffra Showground is highly sought after, due to the undercover area made available by the cattle pavilions for the exhibitors and dogs, especially useful during wet weather.

Councillor Ripper also attended the Middle of Everywhere Gippsland Rally on Sunday at Heyfield and acknowledged the event and the efforts of the broader tourism visitor's information team led by Michael Kewish who did a spectacular job supporting the event and showcasing the region. The professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to delivering a high quality event to visitors played a key role in the event's success. There were 250 volunteers and 48 rally teams with their crews and supporters and an increase on last year's attendance numbers with 8000 spectators over the 3 days. There was also a night rally, held for the first time in Victoria, which proved to be a massive drawcard with approximately 1000 attendees. Ash Timber made the trophies which were crafted from timber to which Councillor Ripper presented some of the trophies. Much of the economic benefits from the event flowed on to the local shops and accommodation businesses.

MAYOR ROSSETTI acknowledged the rally and was present when the testing of cars took place in Stockdale where the Mayor had the privilege of spending time with Harry Bates, the Australian Champion. The Mayor had the experience of Harry Bates taking him for a fast drive in a Yaris at 180km/hour down a narrow gravel road. The extraordinary skill and achievements of the 'No Hear No Fear' rally team was also acknowledged, a team of hearing impaired individuals who use hand signal communications to race. This team is truly inspiring and actively demonstrating that there are no limitations to people with disabilities.

Mayor Rossetti also attended St Mary's last week for the announcement that St Thomas' will move to 'Our Lady of Sion' as part of a major restoration and redevelopment of the Sion Convent, a large project in the Diocese of Sale. The school will be renamed from St Thomas' Primary School to 'Our Lady of Sion Catholic Primary School'. St Thomas' will continue to be honoured with a learning centre built on the ground called the St Thomas' Centre. The Bishop acknowledged that the decision around the name was challenging, and they undertook school community engagement to establish the name. Councillor Rossetti congratulated the Catholic Diocese on this redevelopment which will keep Sale as a base for good quality education and help to continue to attract residents to the area.

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

COUNCILLOR WELLS as a representative of the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management, provided an update on an issue that has been expressed strongly over the past couple of meetings in relation to the aging facilities.

The building is 25 years old. It remains a vital community hub, but much of the infrastructure has reached the end of its serviceable life. A full report will be submitted to Council to argue in favour of a refurbishment. As it is a much loved facility and supports a wide range of local activities, it would be an appropriate investment.

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 11 August to 24 August 2025.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 11 August to 24 August 2025.

CARRIED

11.2. REVIEW OF S5 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION TO THE CEO

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That, in the exercise of the power conferred by s 11(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), Wellington Shire Council (Council) resolve that –

- 1. There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached S5 Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.*
- 2. The instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor.*
- 3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are revoked.*
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.*

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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CARRIED

12. 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 5.20pm.

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5.20pm.

13. 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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NIL