

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 September 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 September 2025.

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Liz Foat

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Garry Stephens

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Geoff Wells

Andrew Pomeroy, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor) Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Barry Hearsey, Acting 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

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR MADELEY

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 September 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

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR LOWE

I, Councillor Edward Lowe, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 16 September 2025 -

Motion

That Council:

- a) (i) Place a notice of motion to the Australian Local Government Association calling for a unified stance against the desecration of the Australian National Flag.
 - (ii) Australian Local Government Association advocate to the federal government for the introduction of specific federal legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.
- b) (i) Place a notice of motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria calling for a unified stance against the desecration of the Australian National Flag.
 - (ii) Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to the State government for the introduction of specific state legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.
- c) (i) Send correspondence to the Honourable Darren Chester MP and Danny O'Brien MP advocating for legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.

COUNCILLOR LOWE

Dated: 08 September 2025

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

- a) (i) Place a notice of motion to the Australian Local Government Association calling for a unified stance against the desecration of the Australian National Flag.
 - (ii) Australian Local Government Association advocate to the federal government for the introduction of specific federal legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.
- b) (i) Place a notice of motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria calling for a unified stance against the desecration of the Australian National Flag.
 - (ii) Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to the State government for the introduction of specific state legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.
- c) (i) Send correspondence to the Honourable Darren Chester MP and Danny O'Brien MP advocating for legislation to protect the Australian flag from acts of deliberate damage, burning or desecration.

COUNCILLORS For: (7) Councillor Ripper, Councillor Tatterson, Councillor Wells, Councillor Rossetti, Councillor Bannerman, Councillor Lowe, Councillor Stephens

COUNCILLORS Against: (2) Councillor Madeley, Councillor Foat

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 incredible community effort behind Gippsland's biggest Pyjama Day held on 12 September 2025. This annual initiative is the largest community fundraiser for the Sale based charity, *A Better Life for Foster Kids*, founded by Heather Baird, herself a former foster child. The event brought together schools, businesses and community groups across Gippsland wearing pyjamas to raise funds, awareness and essential goods for children in out-of-home care and their carers.

The goals are threefold; to raise money to support children in Foster and Kinship care; to grow awareness of the challenges these children face, and to collect donated goods to provide immediate support during emergency placements. Final numbers are still being tallied, but early reports suggest this year is the biggest year yet for community involvement. Councillor Madeley commended the dedication of all involved, especially the local schools, businesses and the charity *A Better Life for Foster Kids*.

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged the Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC) held on 9 September 2025 in Traralgon alongside Councillor Madeley and Councillor Wells. The event brought together a diverse range of stakeholders and offered a valuable platform to engage with the emerging vision on the energy future for Gippsland centred around the broader theme of 'Powering Victoria with purpose'. Key presentations for the day highlighted Gippsland's strategic importance in leading Victoria's transition to renewable energy. There were also productive discussions held with stakeholders on the topic of workforce development which acknowledged the growing need for education and training pathways that support career transitions and equip students with emerging roles in the energy sector, however much of the dialogue remains at an early exploratory stage. Cross sector collaboration was acknowledged as critical to develop a workforce that is skilled and adaptable to the region's energy needs. Overall, the Conference was an insightful experience which re-enforced Gippsland's leadership role in the energy space and the pressing need for proactive planning to support a skilled future-ready workforce and emphasised the value of ongoing dialogue to shape the educational infrastructure required for a just and effective energy transition into the region.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS acknowledged the Woodside Football Netball Club and congratulated the seniors football team and their B Grade Netball team, both of whom won premierships in the North Gippsland Football and Netball League last weekend.

Councillor Rossetti also extended a congratulations to all, including the Boisdale Reserves.

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: COUNCILLOR SCOTT ROSSETTI

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

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 August 2025.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 August to 7 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 August to 7 September 2025.

CARRIED

13.2. PROPOSED COMMUNITY LOCAL LAW (AMENDMENT) LOCAL LAW 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

DR SEAN MULCAHY (Online) – addressed Council on behalf of Rainbow Local Government, a campaign to promote inclusion and representation in local councils.

Sean supported the proposed amendment to the local law which removes Clause 4.1(6). Sean explained that the current clause discriminates against transgender, non-binary, and intersex individuals, limiting their right to equal and effective protection under the law. Referring to legal advice obtained by Council, Sean stated the clause is likely to be inconsistent with the Equal Opportunity Act, the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, and the Local Government Act, and therefore must be removed.

Sean noted that while Council has unisex options in some amenities, many older facilities only offer male or female options. Under the current law, non-binary people cannot access these facilities, which causes distress, exclusion, and a sense of being unwelcome in public spaces.

Sean explained that removing the clause would align Wellington Shire Council with many other councils. Feedback from 74 councils that have already removed the clause shows no negative community impacts or evidence of compromised safety. Offensive and threatening behaviour in public spaces is already prohibited under existing laws. Council and Rainbow Local Government have consented to orders from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) to present an updated local law recommending the clause's removal. Council has also agreed not to enforce the clause.

Sean shared that if the recommendation to remove the clause from the local law is not adopted, Rainbow Local Government would have to consider making further claims through VCAT or the Supreme Court. In conclusion, Sean noted that removing the clause would foster an inclusive environment where all community members feel safe, respected, and supported.

EMILY BRAITHWAITE - addressed Council in reference to her hesitations around the amendment to the local law. As a mother expecting her first child, and, having had the personal experience herself of encountering a male in the female showers, Emily fears the day she cannot take her little girl to a toilet break due to what she may be exposed to. Compassion can be shown without compromising women and girls. Emily requests that Council consider the community responses and feedback and show leadership in such a situation where the voice of the community differs to the VCAT recommendation; to show courage even when it is 'against the flow'. There are other options that could be considered, rather than an all-or-nothing situation. Emily encouraged Council to keep the discussion open and look for a different solution.

BECK WALLACE - having previously emailed Council, Beck read out her correspondence which focussed on genuine safety concerns for women and parents with biological men being able to legally access female amenities by claiming another gender. Predators exist in the community, and the goal of inclusivity should not come at the risk of safety to others and the community. Are we protecting adult feelings and valuing adult safe spaces over the safety of the most vulnerable and children? Another solution should be considered, one that is a more inclusive, safe and intelligent way to create space without changing the legal system to weaken community safety in the name of inclusivity. Courage in leadership is required. If a law is passed to allow it, we are all responsible for the outcome.

KATHY MANSFIELD - addressed Council in support of amending the local law to remove Clause 4.1(6). From a global perspective, Kathy referred to seeing 'wedge' issues relating to transgender people tear communities apart. Kathy hopes the Wellington Shire can join the human rights perspective of most other councils and eliminate this statute. This is a really difficult time for people who are 'othered' in society and to be 'othered' tears one apart as one is not allowed to join society, no matter how many laws are kept, or kindness is shown. There is no evidence of trans folk damaging or harming people that Kathy is aware of. Kathy encouraged the Wellington Shire Council to move in line with the huge majority of other councils in Victoria.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Having:
 - a) completed the statutory process under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2020 for the making of Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025; and
 - b) obtained a certificate under section 74(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 from a suitably qualified lawyer who states that they are of the opinion that the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 is consistent with the local law requirements as attached to this Report as Attachment 13.2.1; and
 - c) undertaken a community engagement process in respect of the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025,

resolve to make the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in the form attached to this Report as Attachment 13.2.2.

- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the making of the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the Local Government Act 2020.
- 3. Note that the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 will come into operation on 17 October 2025.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Having:
 - a) completed the statutory process under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2020 for the making of Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025; and
 - b) obtained a certificate under section 74(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 from a suitably qualified lawyer who states that they are of the opinion that the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 is consistent with the local law requirements as attached to this Report as Attachment 13.2.1; and
 - c) undertaken a community engagement process in respect of the proposed Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025,

resolve to make the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in the form attached to this Report as Attachment 13.2.2.

- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the making of the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the Local Government Act 2020.
- 3. Note that the Community Local Law (Amendment) Local Law 2025 will come into operation on 17 October 2025.

COUNCILLORS For: (7) Councillor Ripper, Councillor Tatterson, Councillor Wells, Councillor Foat, Councillor Rossetti, Councillor Madeley, Councillor Stephens

COUNCILLORS Against: (2) Councillor Bannerman, Councillor Lowe

CARRIED

13.3. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEMBER

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Appoint an independent member to Council's Audit & Risk Committee for a three year period (in accordance with its charter) commencing 29 October 2025 and expiring 28 October 2028; based on the recommendation in the attached confidential Evaluation Report Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointment 2025 of this Council meeting agenda; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached Evaluation Report Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointment 2025 is designated confidential under section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 4 September 2025 because it relates to the following grounds:
 - (f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs,
 - except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicant can be made public.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council:

- Appoint an independent member to Council's Audit & Risk Committee for a three year period (in accordance with its charter) commencing 29 October 2025 and expiring 28 October 2028; based on the recommendation in the attached confidential Evaluation Report Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointment 2025 of this Council meeting agenda; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached Evaluation Report Audit & Risk Committee Member Appointment 2025 is designated confidential under section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 4 September 2025 because it relates to the following grounds:
 - (f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.
 - except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicant can be made public.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful candidate is Leanne Mulcahy for the 3-year term from 29 October 2025 to 28 October 2028.

13.4. AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting 25 August 2025 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Wellington Shire Council Audit & Risk Committee Minutes 25 August 2025; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Wellington Shire Council Audit & Risk Committee Minutes 25 August 2025 of this Council meeting agenda is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 29 August 2025 because it relates to the following grounds:
 - e) legal privileged information; and
 - *I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.*

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That:

- Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting 25 August 2025 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Wellington Shire Council Audit & Risk Committee - Minutes 25 August 2025; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential document Wellington Shire Council Audit & Risk Committee Minutes 25 August 2025 of this Council meeting agenda is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 29 August 2025 because it relates to the following grounds:
 - e) legal privileged information; and
 - I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.

CARRIED

13.5. PROGRESS OF 2021-25 COUNCIL PLAN AND HEALTHY WELLINGTON 2024/25 QUARTER 4

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the Council Plan 2021-25 for Quarter 4, 2024/25.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council receive the attached update on progress of the Council Plan 2021-25 for Quarter 4, 2024/25.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT - APRIL TO JUNE 2025

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 April to 30 June 2025.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 April to 30 June 2025.

CARRIED

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - JULY 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 and 31 July 2025.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 and 31 July 2025.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. 2026-014 MACALISTER STREET DRAINAGE RENEWAL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the Macalister Street Drainage Renewal, Sale.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.1.2 2026–014 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for the Macalister Street Drainage Renewal; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.1.2 2026–014 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to the Macalister Street Drainage Renewal was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:
 - (g) 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 TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

- Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.1.2 -2026–014 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for the Macalister Street Drainage Renewal; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.1.2 2026–014 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to the Macalister Street

Drainage Renewal was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:

(g) 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.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Fowlers Asphalting Pty Ltd for the Macalister Street Drainage Renewal.

15.2. 2026-025 SKEELS STREET CONSTRUCTION HEYFIELD

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.2.2 2026–025 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for Skeels Street Reconstruction, Heyfield; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.2.2 2026–025 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to Skeels Street Reconstruction, Heyfield, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020
 - (g) 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 LOWE

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.2.2 2026–025 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for Skeels Street Reconstruction, Heyfield; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.2.2 2026–025 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to Skeels Street Reconstruction, Heyfield, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020
 - (g) 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.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphalting and Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd for the Skeels Street Construction Heyfield.

15.3. 2026-031 RIVER STREET RECONSTRUCTION WORKS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.3.2 2026-031 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for the River Street Reconstruction, Heyfield; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.3.2 2026-031 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to the River Street Reconstruction, Heyfield was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020:
 - (g) 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 LOWE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

- Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 15.3.2 -2026-031 Tender Contract Evaluation Report for the River Street Reconstruction, Heyfield; and
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 15.3.2 2026-031 Tender Contract Evaluation Report relating to the River Street Reconstruction, Heyfield was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020;
 - (g) 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.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as McInnes Earthmoving Pty Ltd for the River Street Reconstruction, Heyfield.

16. 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

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

17.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

- 1. That the meeting be closed to the public to consider confidential information pursuant to section 66(2)(a) 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

IN CLOSED SESSION

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at: 6.27pm.

17.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S 2024/25 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

Details Redacted.

CARRIED

17.3. MOVE OUT CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at: 6.29pm.