



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 7 October 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 7 October 2025.

Cr Scott Rossetti (Mayor)

Cr Cindy Madeley (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman (Online)

Cr Liz Foat (Online)

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Carmel Ripper

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

APOLOGIES

Cr Garry Stephens

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MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to make a difference. We listen and lead to provide quality services that improve life for all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"Wellington Shire Council acknowledges our offices are located on the traditional lands of the Gunaikurnai nation. We pay our deep respects to their Elders past, present and future and acknowledge their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to their land and waters."

1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

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 16 September 2025.</i>	
COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR LOWE	
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 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 7 October 2025 -

Motion

That Council:

1. ***Expresses concern over the Victorian Government's new provisions for planning permits to remove canopy trees on private property.***
2. ***Notes the lack of consultation, clarity, and administrative burden placed on local councils.***
3. ***Resolves to write to the Minister for Planning requesting:***
 - ***A review of its potential impacts - on private property rights and Council resources.***
 - ***Consideration of exemptions for regional and rural councils.***
 - ***Justification for the burden of extra costs to private residences to maintain their properties.***
4. ***Requests that the Mayor send a formal letter to the Minister outlining Council's position and concerns.***
5. ***Place a Notice of Motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) requesting that MAV adopt a unified position opposing the recent amendment to the planning scheme which requires community members to obtain a planning permit for the removal of trees on private property.***

COUNCILLOR LOWE

Dated: 29 September 2025

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

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 - ***A review of its potential impacts - on private property rights and Council resources.***
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4. ***Requests that the Mayor send a formal letter to the Minister outlining Council's position and concerns.***
5. ***Place a Notice of Motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) requesting that MAV adopt a unified position opposing the recent amendment to the planning scheme which requires community members to obtain a planning permit for the removal of trees on private property.***

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 TATTERSON acknowledged the official opening of the Aqua Energy Leisure Centre after a redevelopment, attended yesterday by a number of Councillors. In attendance was the Member for Eastern Region, Mr Tom McIntosh MP, along with the Mayor and Jack, Chair of Gippsland Swimming, who spoke during the opening event. This is a fantastic facility with the pool, pool halls and facilities, universal design, change rooms, 7 swimming lanes, improved pool access and now a 24/7 gymnasium which will allow people to exercise. Shift workers can come in whenever they like. This fantastic indoor facility is a credit to the Wellington Community. The Mayor was present this morning to welcome first users. Councillor Tatterson congratulated all the staff involved in “making this happen”, in particular to Ross McWhirter, the Manager throughout the project, for his leadership and to his team; to Chris and the projects team and Brooker Builders. Such a build shows what local trades and builders are capable of delivering. Councillor Tatterson thanked Councillors, the Council, the State and Federal Government and particularly the John Leslie Foundation for their support and funding to enable the project.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER spoke of the ‘Councillor Community Conversations’ which provide an opportunity for Councillors and Council staff to enhance the community consultation process and engage with community groups, businesses and industry groups and other stakeholders. Visits undertaken as part of Councillor Community Conversations on the day included the planned Grassdale subdivision North Sale expansion; Stratford Pine Lodge Reserve tennis club; Briagolong Mechanics Institute historic hall (still in original and pristine condition, including the original library); Neighbourhood House and Recreation Reserve Hall Committee; the Stratford Mechanics Institute where there were over 100 volunteers present. There were also historical tours, discussions and briefings on the ‘sister cities’ (6 Avons in the world), the Shakespeare Festival, the Museum and the Stratford Court House. There were also visits to the upgraded Stratford Library and the ‘Engineers Hut’. Councillor Ripper thanked all the Councillors, people and many volunteers who came out for the day.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the Victorian Seniors Festival, an annual statewide celebration that has been running for over 40 years each October. Councillor Madeley attended the Seniors Community Expo at the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex (GRSC) in Sale yesterday as part of the festival. This event was a fantastic opportunity for senior community members to come together and explore a wide range of services and activities available to them. The expo was a free drop-in event that featured numerous stall holders offering valuable information and services. Attendees had access to health checks and information on many health services as well as opportunities for involvement in local groups and clubs. Councillor Madeley had some great conversations with members of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, the CWA and other organisations and thanked all involved in the event. Coming up this week for the Seniors Festival events will be the Country Concert, being held Friday 10 October, 1.30pm, at the Wedge and ‘Dance through the Decades’ being held

Tuesday 14 October, 10.00am – 12.00pm, at the Gippsland Regional Sports Centre. More information can be found on the Website.

COUNCILLOR LOWE acknowledged the remarkable success and community spirit behind the 8th Anglican Avon Funfair held on Saturday in Stratford with more than 700 attendees. The day was a true celebration of the town's vibrancy and togetherness. The Funfair offered an abundance of food, activities and music. There were sausages in bread, cakes and slices, jumping castles, lucky dip toys and tractor-pulled trailers for the children; the Men's Shed with their homemade wooden graders; the Landcare Group and other community organisations; the CFA and SES fire engines, safety equipment and displays to showcase local emergency services. These events are vital to strengthening the community connection and celebrating local talent, hard work and generosity.

Councillor Lowe thanked the organisers, volunteers and sponsors and every contributor who put in effort to make the 8th Anglican Avon Funfair such a memorable and successful day, in particular a special heartfelt thanks to Reverend David Perryman and the Parish community for their dedication in bringing this event to life.

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 MADELEY attended the Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN) meeting held last Friday 3 October and provided an update.

A number of items were discussed, such as the success of the Gippsland New Energy Conference held in Traralgon last month. The conference brought together Australia's regional leaders in the transition to renewable energy and this event saw government officials, industry pioneers and community advocates converge to shape the future of the Gippsland renewable energy zone. Some Councillors were present, including the Mayor on the Wednesday.

The GCCN is currently working through feedback on the 2 day event to ensure that the next event takes on feedback from this year's attendees. Coming up in November, GCCN in conjunction with Federation University and the Victorian Government will be posting a range of workshops focussing on a circular economy. These circular futures workshops are a chance for businesses to learn how they can save money and grow their businesses by identifying better ways of doing things.

A key discussion at the meeting was around the recommended actions from the Gippsland Offshore Wind Community Assembly report. This report was presented at the Gippsland New Energy Conference (GNEC) conference in Traralgon and it outlines key actions to ensure coastal Gippsland benefits from offshore wind projects. These actions were adopted by the project advisory group on 2 September and include establishing a permanent coastal assembly to amplify local voices creating a moderated online forum for transparent

information sharing and advocating for independent oversight. GCCN will shortly be going out and asking people to join the coastal assembly and, whilst people do not have to be supportive of offshore wind, it is required people want to find out more information and be prepared to talk about the potential benefits to the community.

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 8 September to 28 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 8 September to 28 September 2025.

CARRIED

11.2. IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/25 AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT 2024/25

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve 'in principle' the draft Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 as attached, subject to no material changes by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO); and*
- 2. Authorise the Councillor representatives on the Audit & Risk Committee, and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to certify the documents in their final form.*

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Approve 'in principle' the draft Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 as attached, subject to no material changes by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO); and*
- 2. Authorise the Councillor representatives on the Audit & Risk Committee, and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to certify the documents in their final form.*

CARRIED

11.3. S6 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL STAFF

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolve that –

- 1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Council Staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument as attached.*
- 2. The S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Council Staff comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer.*
- 3. On the coming into force of the S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Council Staff, the current S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Council Staff dated 20 May 2025 is revoked.*
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Council Staff must be performed, and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.*

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolve that –

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CARRIED

12. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

12.1. COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES 2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Annual Report highlighting the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for the period 2024/25; and*
- 2. Acknowledge the volunteer contribution made by the Community Asset Committee members during this period.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Annual Report highlighting the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for the period 2024/25; and**
- 2. Acknowledge the volunteer contribution made by the Community Asset Committee members during this period.**

CARRIED

12.2. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That :

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes of Attachment 12.2.1 Place Names Committee meeting held on 15 September 2025;*
- 2. Council continue to create broad community awareness of the State Government campaign “Remember a Local - Name a Place”;*
- 3. The un-named road labelled “Unknown #49” off Dargo Street, Sale, be named Bowerbird Close and that the selected name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and*
- 4. The Mayor send a letter to the Gunaikunai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation inviting them to participate in the naming process for the recently constructed North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve.*

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That :

- 5. Council receive and note the minutes of Attachment 12.2.1 Place Names Committee meeting held on 15 September 2025;**
- 6. Council continue to create broad community awareness of the State Government campaign “Remember a Local - Name a Place”;**

7. The un-named road labelled “Unknown #49” off Dargo Street, Sale, be named Bowerbird Close and that the selected name be registered with Geographic Names Victoria; and
8. The Mayor send a letter to the Gunaikunai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation inviting them to participate in the naming process for the recently constructed North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve.

CARRIED

12.3. 2026 - 029 WILLIAMSONS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, DENISON

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.3.2 - 2026 – 029 Tender Evaluation Report for Williamsons Road Reconstruction Denison and;*
2. *Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.3.2 - 2026 – 029 Tender Evaluation for Williamsons Road Reconstruction Denison, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (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 LOWE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.3.2 - 2026 – 029 Tender Evaluation Report for Williamsons Road Reconstruction Denison and;**
2. **Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.3.2 - 2026 – 029 Tender Evaluation for Williamsons Road Reconstruction Denison, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (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.**

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Bairnsdale Road Services Pty Ltd for the Williamsons Road Reconstruction, Denison.

12.4. 2026 - 034 MARSHALLS ROAD DENISON RECONSTRUCTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.4.2 - 2026 – 034 Tender Evaluation Report for Marshalls Road Denison Reconstruction and;*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.4.2 - 2026 – 034 Tender Evaluation Report for Marshalls Road Denison Reconstruction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020
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except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.4.2 - 2026 – 034 Tender Evaluation Report for Marshalls Road Denison Reconstruction and;*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.4.2 - 2026 – 034 Tender Evaluation Report for Marshalls Road Denison Reconstruction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020
(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.*

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Sure Constructions Vic Pty Ltd for the Marshalls Road Denison Reconstruction.

12.5. 2026 - 027 ASPHALT PROGRAM URBAN STREETS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.5.2 - 2026 – 027 Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets and;***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.5.2 - 2026 – 027 Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (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 WELLS

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 12.5.2 - 2026 – 027 Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets and;**
2. **Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 12.5.2 - 2026 – 027 Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 24 September 2025 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 (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.**

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphalting & Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd for the Asphalt Program Urban Streets.

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

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

YVONNE MARTIN - President of Sale Citizen Centre – Addressed Council in reference to her concerns and requirement for clarification around ownership of the Sale Senior Citizenship Centre located on Desailly Street and seeks assistance from the Wellington Shire Council for resolution, for which Yvonne believes the matter has persisted since attempted changes to management of the Centre in 2022.

The Mayor thanked and acknowledged the matters raised in Yvonne's presentation.

14. IN CLOSED SESSION

14.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider a confidential item as defined by section 3(1) being:

- 1) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989***

CARRIED

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5.41pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

14.2. CONFIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES TENDER



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Under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* a meeting considering confidential information may be closed to the public.

I declare that the information contained in this report **RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*;

(I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989

I further declare that the circumstances of this report necessitate consideration in a meeting closed to the public pursuant to sections 66(2)(a) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Further explanation:

The confidential ground applies due to the report information including information being commercial in confidence.



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CHRIS HASTIE
GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
23/09/2025

14.3. MOVE OUT CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at 5.43pm.