



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 December 2025, commencing at 5:00 PM

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

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Scott Rossetti

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment

Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development

Billie-Jo Thorburn, A/Manager Customer & Communications

Catie Thomson, Governance Officer

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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."

WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE BONDI BEACH INCIDENT - 14 DECEMBER 2025

Wellington Shire Council acknowledges the devastating incident which occurred on Sunday in Bondi and pays respect to all those affected by the Bondi massacre.

Mayor Madeley provided an address, as follows:

As a mark of respect, Australian flags have been flown at half-mast around the Shire. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, friends and all who are grieving or shaken by the events.

Our deepest gratitude is expressed to the first responders, police, paramedics, emergency services, life savers and community members for their courage and professionalism in confronting such difficult circumstances. Their swift actions, commitment to protecting lives and compassion for those affected reminds us of the strength and resilience within our communities. In moments of crisis, we turn our focus to these acts of bravery and care. Violence and hatred have no place in our nation and absolutely no place in Australia.

Mayor Madeley encouraged all those feeling distressed and shaken to remember that you are not alone. Support is available through Lifeline and Beyond Blue.

Councillor Madeley encouraged anyone in need to reach out to those services.

Wellington Shire observed a minute of silence in honour of the victims of the Bondi massacre.

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 December 2025.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 December 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 FOAT acknowledged the Sale College Awards and Presentation Ceremony last Friday. The Ceremony served as a strong reminder of how important education is and how it shapes the future and plays a vital role in acknowledging the achievements of students across a wide range of aspects of school life from academic success to leadership, music, the arts, sport and community involvement. Celebrating these milestones recognises the individual effort and inspires others to continue striving for their best.

A special mention goes to Sharntay McMillan who was awarded the Wellington Shire Encouragement Award in recognition of her commitment and perseverance and Keely Burrows-Kuizenga who was named the 2025 Dux of Sale College with an outstanding achievement for her schooling years.

Several staff retirements were acknowledged during the Ceremony, and notably the Principal, Brendan Staple. Councillor Foat read a few words in acknowledgement of the Principal Brendan Staple:

Brendan joined Sale College in 2000 and has been a consistently positive force in a variety of roles including lead teacher, assistant principal, and most recently College Principal. Over his 25 year tenure, he has guided the community through challenging times, keeping members connected and cared for during the Pandemic and navigating staff in crisis, becoming an expert in international recruitment and logistical complexities that accompany it. Throughout his career, Brendan has shown an

incredible ability to make tough decisions whilst maintaining strong positive relationships. His 'People First' principle has been central to his leadership. Brendan will leave a significant void in State Education as he steps into a well earned retirement. His ability to balance fun with the serious business of creating positive outcomes for everyone has truly been his "super power".

The Ceremony was a great reflection and transition that underscores the importance of education and the role we play in shaping future generations in the Shire.

Councillor Foat attended the 28th Annual Keith Hamilton Sale and District Toy Run and provided an acknowledgement, beginning with a comment on witnessing the enormity of it all and the 50+ bicycles riding up Raymond Street as part of the event. This event began with a simple, but powerful idea, to ensure all local children experience joy on Christmas morning. It was explained by the late Ian Kennedy's son, Darren, that this was the reason the event started here, following Ian and Keith Hamilton's participation in a Melbourne toy run where they realised local children in their own community were not benefitting from this event, thus inspiring the commencement of the toy run here.

Today, 28 years later, the vision continues, alongside the support of the Red Knights co-ordinated by Andy Young and Jacinta who helped bring everyone together. Approximately 40,000 toys and vouchers were donated which is the equivalent of one Budget truck, almost fully loaded. This makes a real difference to families 'doing it tough' at Christmas.

Councillor Foat sincerely thanked the Red Knights for all their efforts, the riders, the Victoria Police who escorted the riders and kept everyone safe, ESSO and others. Councillor Foat also thanked the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society who will now sort and distribute these gifts to local families. Together, these organisations, businesses and people help spread hope, smiles and Christmas magic throughout the community.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS attended the Yarram Secondary College Annual Awards Day on behalf of Mayor Madeley and extended congratulations to staff and students at Yarram and to Thomas Radon who achieved Dux of the School. It was an excellent day. The school has had a good year both academically and sporting wise.

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 CINDY MADELEY

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR WELLS provided an update on the Gippsland Critical Minerals Community Advisory Group meeting held in Bairnsdale which he attended on 11 December 2025.

The Group is still awaiting a number of environmental reports, but they are moving ahead quite strongly.

In the first quarter next year, they will carry out the live demonstration of the Pitt, having been granted the licences to do so. The Pitt will be 0.9 hectares with 3 hectares in the surrounding area. This will run for 7 months as a live test and then rehabilitation will commence. Some questions will hopefully also be answered for the local community.

Like many major projects in Wellington and East Gippsland, the project is likely around 4 years away, before it gets underway.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received for November 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 24 November to 7 December 2025.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 24 November to 7 December 2025.

CARRIED

13.2. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES & DELEGATES 2026

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees and as delegates to external bodies in accordance with the Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Councillors be formally appointed to Council Committees and as delegates to external bodies in accordance with the Register of Council Committees and Advisory Groups 2026.

CARRIED

13.3. PROGRESS OF COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29, QUARTER 1

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached progress update on the achievement of the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 1, 2025/26, 1 June to 30 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council receive the attached progress update on the achievement of the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 1, 2025/26, 1 June to 30 September 2025.

CARRIED

13.4. ADOPTION OF 2025-26 COUNCIL POLICIES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the 40 updated Council policies, as attached, thereby revoking the same existing policies.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council adopt the 40 updated Council policies, as attached, thereby revoking the same existing policies.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - OCTOBER 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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

CARRIED

14.2. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July to 30 September 2025.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 July to 30 September 2025.

CARRIED

14.3. QUARTERLY STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING UPDATE REPORT – QUARTER 4, OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the quarterly Strategic Land Use Planning Update Report for Quarter 4, October to December 2025, as attached.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council receive the quarterly Strategic Land Use Planning Update Report for Quarter 4, October to December 2025, as attached.

CARRIED

14.4. C120WELL (MAFFRA) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS & PROCEED TO PANEL

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and consider all submissions, including late submissions, made to Planning Scheme Amendment C120well, as outlined in Attachment 14.4.1 – C120well Submissions (Private Information Redacted).*
- 2. In accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, refer all submissions for consideration to an independent Planning Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning.*
- 3. Endorse the request that the independent Planning Panel be conducted ‘On the Papers’ to allow for the exchange of written submissions to facilitate the streamlining of the process.*
- 4. Endorse the Officer’s response to the issues raised in submissions, as outlined in Attachment 14.4.2 – C120well Submissions Response Table, as the basis for Council’s submission to the independent Planning Panel; and*
- 5. Advise those people who made written submissions to Amendment C120well of Council’s decision.*

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Receive and consider all submissions, including late submissions, made to Planning Scheme Amendment C120well, as outlined in Attachment 14.4.1 – C120well Submissions (Private Information Redacted).*
- 2. In accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, refer all submissions for consideration to an independent Planning Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning.*
- 3. Endorse the request that the independent Planning Panel be conducted ‘On the Papers’ to allow for the exchange of written submissions to facilitate the streamlining of the process.*

4. Endorse the Officer's response to the issues raised in submissions, as outlined in Attachment 14.4.2 – C120well Submissions Response Table, as the basis for Council's submission to the independent Planning Panel; and
5. Advise those people who made written submissions to Amendment C120well of Council's decision.

CARRIED

14.5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT C126WELL (GRASSDALE)

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Supports the preparation and public exhibition of proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C126well to the Wellington Planning Scheme to rezone land at 8 Grassdale Road, Sale from Farming Zone (FZ) to General Residential Zone - Schedule 1 (GRZ1) and Commercial Zone - Schedule 1 (C1Z), and the application of a Development Plan Overlay - Schedule 13 (DPO13) and Development Plan Overlay Schedule 15 (DPO15) generally in accordance with draft planning scheme amendment documentation in Attachment 14.5.1 – Draft Planning Scheme Amendments C126well Documents.***
2. ***Considers the application for a planning permit for a staged multi-lot subdivision, removal of native vegetation from the land, and access to a road (Maffra-Sale Road) in the Transport Zone - Schedule 2 (Principal Road Network) concurrently with the preparation of the Amendment, in accordance with the provisions of Section 96A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 allowing for further modifications to the draft documents to allow for servicing authority responses and negotiations relating to developer contributions;***
3. ***Authorises officers to continue discussions and negotiations with the Proponent to deliver development contributions consistent with the 'North Sale Development Plan (2018)', and the 'North Sale Infrastructure Funding Arrangement (2022)', allowing for anticipated updates to require costings and net developable hectare rates;***
4. ***Requests the Minister for Planning to Authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C126well and Draft Planning Permit P312/2025; and***
5. ***Authorise officers to make minor modifications to the draft planning scheme amendment documentation and draft planning permit P312/2025, which do not substantially alter the strategic intent of the proposal to facilitate the requirements of the Department of Transport and referral agencies.***

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

- 1. Supports the preparation and public exhibition of proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C126well to the Wellington Planning Scheme to rezone land at 8 Grassdale Road, Sale from Farming Zone (FZ) to General Residential Zone - Schedule 1 (GRZ1) and Commercial Zone - Schedule 1 (C1Z), and the application of a Development Plan Overlay - Schedule 13 (DPO13) and Development Plan Overlay Schedule 15 (DPO15) generally in accordance with draft planning scheme amendment documentation in Attachment 14.5.1 – Draft Planning Scheme Amendments C126well Documents.**
- 2. Considers the application for a planning permit for a staged multi-lot subdivision, removal of native vegetation from the land, and access to a road (Maffra-Sale Road) in the Transport Zone - Schedule 2 (Principal Road Network) concurrently with the preparation of the Amendment, in accordance with the provisions of Section 96A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 allowing for further modifications to the draft documents to allow for servicing authority responses and negotiations relating to developer contributions;**
- 3. Authorises officers to continue discussions and negotiations with the Proponent to deliver development contributions consistent with the ‘North Sale Development Plan (2018)’, and the ‘North Sale Infrastructure Funding Arrangement (2022)’, allowing for anticipated updates to require costings and net developable hectare rates;**
- 4. Requests the Minister for Planning to Authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C126well and Draft Planning Permit P312/2025; and**
- 5. Authorise officers to make minor modifications to the draft planning scheme amendment documentation and draft planning permit P312/2025, which do not substantially alter the strategic intent of the proposal to facilitate the requirements of the Department of Transport and referral agencies.**

CARRIED

14.6. PROPOSED SALE OF LAND - AUSNET RESERVE (PRINCES HIGHWAY, SALE)

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council resolve that property described as Part of RES 1 PS707316 Princes Highway, Sale as shown in Figure 1 within and more specifically referred as (Part) Reserve 1 Plan of Subdivision 707316 Vol 11605 Fol 622 is not required for Council purposes.**
- 2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the terms of the proposed sale where the financial consideration is at the assessed market value.**
- 3. Council commence the statutory processes including providing notice of its intention to sell land.**
- 4. The information contained in the confidential attachment for the Valuation Report - Ausnet Reserve was designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, by the General Manager Development on 21 November 2025, because it relates to the following grounds:**

(g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that – relates to trade secrets; or – if released; or – if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That:

- 1. Council resolve that property described as Part of RES 1 PS707316 Princes Highway, Sale as shown in Figure 1 within and more specifically referred as (Part) Reserve 1 Plan of Subdivision 707316 Vol 11605 Fol 622 is not required for Council purposes.**
- 2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the terms of the proposed sale where the financial consideration is at the assessed market value.**
- 3. Council commence the statutory processes including providing notice of its intention to sell land.**
- 4. The information contained in the confidential attachment for the Valuation Report - Ausnet Reserve was designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, by the General Manager Development on 21 November 2025, because it relates to the following grounds:**

(g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that – relates to trade secrets; or – if released; or – if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. ELLEN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION - SEASPRAY

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-099 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Ellen Avenue Reconstruction - Seaspray; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-099 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Ellen Avenue Reconstruction - Seaspray, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-099 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Ellen Avenue Reconstruction - Seaspray; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-099 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Ellen Avenue Reconstruction - Seaspray, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 Eastern Constructions Pty Ltd.

15.2. GEORGE STREET DRAINAGE UPGRADE MAFFRA

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-115 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Contract for George Street Drainage Upgrade - Maffra; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-115 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for George Street Drainage Upgrade - Maffra, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 2026-115 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Contract for George Street Drainage Upgrade - Maffra; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-115 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for George Street Drainage Upgrade - Maffra, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 McInnes Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

15.3. EVELYN STREET AND DONALD STREET RECONSTRUCTION – YARRAM

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-120 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Evelyn Street and Donald Street Reconstruction - Yarram.; and*
2. *Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-120 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Evelyn Street and Donald Street Reconstruction - Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-120 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Evelyn Street and Donald Street Reconstruction - Yarram.; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-120 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Evelyn Street and Donald Street Reconstruction - Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 Hugh Patrick Pty Ltd trading as BJs Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

15.4. SEATON - GLENMAGGIE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-097 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Seaton - Glenmaggie Road Reconstruction; and*
2. *Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026–097 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Seaton - Glenmaggie Road Reconstruction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-097 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Seaton - Glenmaggie Road Reconstruction; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026–097 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Seaton - Glenmaggie Road Reconstruction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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.

15.5. MCLEAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION – YARRAM

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-121 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for McLean Street Reconstruction - Yarram; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-121 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for McLean Street Reconstruction - Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-121 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for McLean Street Reconstruction - Yarram; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-121 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for McLean Street Reconstruction - Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 Hugh Patrick Pty Ltd trading as BJs Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

15.6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2026-127 Longford Special Charge Scheme within the adopted budget; and**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer or delegate provide details to Council of the contract awarded under this delegation.**

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That:

- 1. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for tender 2026-127 Longford Special Charge Scheme within the adopted budget; and**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer or delegate provide details to Council of the contract awarded under this delegation.**

CARRIED

15.7. DIRECT MANAGED FACILITIES CLEANING SERVICE PANEL TENDER

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and**
- 2. Council accept the confidential attachment 2026-106 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Direct Managed Facilities Cleaning Service Panel Tender for a three-year term with three extension options of twelve months to be made available solely at Council's discretion as attached;**
- 3. The information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-106 Contract Tender Panel Tender Evaluation Report for the Direct Managed Facilities Cleaning Service Panel Tender was designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 2025 because it relates 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 ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That:

- 1. Council receive and consider this report and all attachments pertaining to this report; and**
- 2. Council accept the confidential attachment 2026-106 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Direct Managed Facilities Cleaning Service Panel Tender for a three-year term with three extension options of twelve months to be made available solely at Council's discretion as attached;**
- 3. The information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-106 Contract Tender Panel Tender Evaluation Report for the Direct Managed Facilities Cleaning Service Panel Tender was designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 2025 because it relates 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.**

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful panel tenderers as:

- ADNV Group
- Clearworld
- D&S Property
- GDAC Services
- Ian Freeman Cleaning and Maintenance
- Integrated FM
- Menzies International
- Nationwide
- Pearl Marie
- WEGA

15.8. KILMANY LANDFILL STORAGE SHED AND STREET SWEEPER SHED CONSTRUCTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-112 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Kilmany Landfill Storage Shed and Street Sweeper Shed Construction; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-112 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Kilmany Landfill Storage Shed and Street Sweeper Shed Construction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-112 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Kilmany Landfill Storage Shed and Street Sweeper Shed Construction; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-112 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Kilmany Landfill Storage Shed and Street Sweeper Shed Construction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 1 December 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 Maja Contracting Pty Ltd.

15.9. CAPITAL BUDGET QUARTERLY UPDATE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note changes to the 2025/2026 Adopted Capital Works Budget with \$2,733,458 added to the program since the budget was adopted on 17 June 2025, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$65,364,962 which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown in Attachment 15.9.1 – Adjustment Report 6 December 2025.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council note changes to the 2025/2026 Adopted Capital Works Budget with \$2,733,458 added to the program since the budget was adopted on 17 June 2025, resulting in an Adjusted Capital Works Budget of \$65,364,962 which also includes projects that have been deferred or cancelled for reasons as shown in Attachment 15.9.1 – Adjustment Report 6 December 2025.

CARRIED

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

YVONNE MARTIN - Sale Senior Citizens Centre – Yvonne explained she was speaking on behalf of citizens of the Senior Citizens Centre as well as herself, in expressing dissatisfaction with the outcome of Yvonne's previous appearance and presentation to Council in October 2025 with reference to ownership of the Senior Citizens Centre building. It is this ownership status which Yvonne and the citizens of the Senior Citizens Centre are disputing as Yvonne and the citizens believe there is sufficient background evidence to support a case for dispute. Yvonne indicated she intends to undertake a social media campaign in the new year that will outline the complete body of evidence in support of their case for ownership.

The CEO David Morcom acknowledged Yvonne's address and provided the following response, as follows:

Council holds the land title to 37 Desailly Street, Sale and is the legal owner of the property. A 2013 update to the title amended the City of Sale to Wellington Shire Council post amalgamation of the City of Sale and other municipalities in 1994. Since risk and maintenance subsidies were introduced in 2011, the Sale Senior Citizens Club has been provided with an annual allowance to cover the maintenance of Council's building. Council provides support to 160 community managed facilities with support for Sale Senior Citizens Club, including access to a 60/40 maintenance funding grant. Council is responsible for asset renewal and also provides insurance on the building. Sale Senior Citizens Club pays \$104 in rent annually. Council has no intention to withdraw or alter the lease of the building and is committed to working with the Sale Senior Citizens club to ensure its continued use of the property, recently providing a renewed lease which continues to provide the group with operational control. Council acknowledges the important benefits to the community provided by the Sale Senior Citizens club and values maintaining a cooperative relationship.

The CEO David Morcom expressed willingness to continue the conversations in the new year with Yvonne and the Senior Citizens.

On behalf of all councillors, the Mayor Cindy Madeley formally thanked and farewelled Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development, as tonight is Andrew Pomeroy's last Wellington Shire Council meeting. His honesty and knowledge will be missed in the Council chambers.

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5:54pm.

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

17.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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

- a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.*

Further explanation:

The confidential clause applies due to the report information including information that is commercial in confidence and of a private nature.

CARRIED

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5.53pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

17.2. WEST SALE AIRPORT LAND TENURE REQUESTS



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL
The Heart of Gippsland

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2025

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 **West Sale Airport Land Tenure Requests** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*;

(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released

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:

Pursuant to 66(5)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the confidential clause applies due to the report information including information that is commercial in confidence and of a private nature.

.....
ANDREW POMEROY
General Manager Development
25/11/2025

RECOMMENDATION

Details redacted.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

Details redacted.

CARRIED

17.3. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR WELLS

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at: 5.57pm.