



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 7 April 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

Meeting to be held at

Wellington Centre – Wellington Room, Foster Street, Sale

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Would gallery visitors, Councillors and invited online attendees please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are turned off or in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

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

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 March 2026.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

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

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Request for Review of Planning Limitations Affecting the Township of Alberton	3 March 2026	Letter of Response for the petition provided by the General Manager Development and sent to the Head Petitioner on 12 March 2026.	7 April 2026

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 9 March 2026 to 29 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 March 2026 to 29 March 2026.

BACKGROUND

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* required a written record be kept of all assemblies of Councillors, stating the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, matters considered and any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor. These records were required to be reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes. Under the new *Local Government Act 2020*, this requirement is no longer provided for however, in accordance with good governance, Council will continue to provide records of assemblies of Councillors to ensure that the community are kept informed of Councillors activity and participation.

Following is a summary of all Assembly of Councillor records received for the period 9 March 2026 to 29 March 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Assembly of Councillors - 17 March 2026 Council Workshop [11.1.1 - 3 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records; or
2. Not receive the attached assembly of Councillors records.

PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records during the period 9 March 2026 to 29 March 2026.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29

While this report does not meet a specific Council Plan strategic objective, it aligns with good governance.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)

Officers understand the requirements in relation to conducting GIA's to ensure Council remains compliant with obligations outlined in the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The following determination was made.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not conducted as the policy, program or service does not meet the assessment requirement criteria.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The reporting of written records of assemblies of Councillors to the Council in the prescribed format complied with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* however, without prescription under the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council will continue to provide these records in accordance with good governance.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – 17 MARCH 2026			
COUNCILLOR	ATTENDANCE	OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	
<i>Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)</i>	YES	David Morcom	Chief Executive Officer
<i>Cr Liz Foot (Deputy Mayor)</i>	YES	Arthur Skipitaris	General Manager Corporate Services
<i>Cr Catherine Bannerman</i>	YES	Chris Hastie	General Manager Built and Natural Environment
<i>Cr Scott Rossetti</i>	YES	Renae Littlejohn	Acting General Manager Development
<i>Cr Edward Lowe</i>	YES		
<i>Cr Garry Stephens</i>	YES		
<i>Cr Carmel Ripper</i>	YES		
<i>Cr John Tatterson</i>	YES		
<i>Cr Geoff Wells</i>	YES		
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST NOTED*			
NIL			

* In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Wellington Shire Council Governance Rules a Councillor who has a conflict of interest must not participate in discussion of matters that will come before Council for a decision, or if a decision will be made by a member of staff acting under delegation.

WORKSHOP DETAILS – 17 MARCH 2026		
ITEM NO.	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTERS
1.1	STAR OF THE SOUTH OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Paul Johnson, Senior Manager, Regional Engagement - Star of the South</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.2	GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE REPORTING UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Governance</i> <i>Keisha Roy, Coordinator Governance and Strategy</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

WORKSHOP DETAILS – 17 MARCH 2026		
ITEM NO.	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTERS
1.3	FUTURE OF YARRAM – STRZELECKI KOALA PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shae Hansen, Manager Economic Development</i> • <i>Nicole Findlay, Project Manager - Future of Yarram</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.4	BETTER TRANSMISSION GIPPSLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kirra Bott, Chair of the Committee - Better Transmission Gippsland</i> • <i>Maree Howard, Committee Member - Better Transmission Gippsland</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.5	WEST SALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - FINALISATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joshua Clydesdale, Major Projects and Principal Strategic Planner</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.6	DRAFT WEST SALE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shae Hansen, Manager Economic Development</i> • <i>Daniel Gall, Coordinator Commercial Property</i> • <i>Bridget Wouts, Principal Consultant Aviation, L&R Airport Consulting</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.7	DEVELOPMENT DIVISION UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Renaë Littlejohn, Acting General Manager Development</i> • <i>Nicole Reynolds, Acting Manager Planning and Building</i> • <i>Ross McWhirter, Manager Culture and Leisure</i> • <i>Shae Hansen, Manager Economic Development</i> • <i>Gemma Elston, Acting Manager Community Development</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

WORKSHOP DETAILS – 17 MARCH 2026		
ITEM NO.	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTERS
1.8	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PLANNING GIPPSLAND PROJECT BRIEFING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Denis Heily, Senior Scoping and Development Engineer, Department of Transport and Planning</i> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>

12. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

12.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter of 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025, for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 October to 31 December 2025.

BACKGROUND

Building permits are issued by private building surveyors, and copies of permits are provided to Council. The permits, plans and other documents, are filed by Council and recorded on a register of building permits. Building permits are issued for a range of developments, including dwellings, extensions and fences, as well as commercial and industrial buildings.

In this report, an overview is provided by township, of the number of permits issued along with the estimated value of construction, for the three-month period ending 31 December 2025. Refer to Attachment 12.1.1 - Wellington Permits Issued.

A historical representation has been provided of the number and value of permits issued in Wellington Shire and compares this data against the broader Gippsland region. Refer to Attachment 12.1.2 - Graph 1 - Number of Building Permits and Attachment 12.1.3 – Graph 2 -Value of Building Works.

For the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025 there were 213 permits issued with an estimated value of work at \$44,905,313.

MAJOR PROJECTS

The major projects include:

BRIAGOLONG

- Briagolong Primary School – resurfacing of sports court and construction of access ramp to access school building

MAFFRA

- Maffra Secondary College – Refurbishment of student toilets and adjacent boiler room area
- Cameron Sporting Complex – Alterations to existing change rooms located at main oval

ROSEDALE

- Broiler Farm (Rosedale-Heyfield Rd) - Office/amenities building and workshop (stage 1)
- New Medical Centre

SALE

- Sale College Macalister Campus – Full internal refurbishment of second floor amenities
- New Bunning Warehouse, Cobains Road Sale – Stages 4 & 5 of 5 – All building works now completed

STRATFORD

- St Patricks Primary School Upgrade – School alterations and additions

In the previous quarter, for the period between 1 July and 30 September 2025, there were 251 permits issued with an estimated value of work at \$85,254,822.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Wellington Permits Issued [**12.1.1** - 3 pages]
2. Graph 1 - Number of Building Permits [**12.1.2** - 1 page]
3. Graph 2 - Value of Building Works [**12.1.3** - 1 page]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Receive this Building Permits report; or
2. Not receive this Building Permits report and seek further information for consideration at a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note the report on building permits issued within Wellington Shire from 1 October to 31 December 2025.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29

This report supports the achievement of the following Council Plan 2025-29 Strategic Objective/s:

Strategic Objective Two: Dynamic and Diverse Economy – *An economy that enables sustainable growth, and enhances the social environment, lifestyle and unique characteristics of our communities* – states the following strategy:

Planning to support future growth and changing needs of our community.

Strategic Objective Three: Infrastructure, Spaces and Places – *Strategically planned, designed and well-maintained infrastructure, spaces and places* – states the following strategy:

Coordinating facilities and infrastructure to meet growth and evolving needs.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)

Officers understand the requirements in relation to conducting GIA's to ensure Council remains compliant with obligations outlined in the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The following determination was made.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not conducted as the policy, program or service does not meet the assessment requirement criteria.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The quarterly report provides information on the number of building permits, and cost of development per town, within the Wellington Shire. Gippsland-wide building activity is also provided, to demonstrate how the Wellington Shire area performs in comparison.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Building permits are issued in accordance with *Building Act 1993*, Building Regulations 2006 and the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

All building permits issued by private building surveyors are registered and filed as per the timelines set out in the Municipal Services Business Plan.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

WELLINGTON PERMITS ISSUED
Number of Applications and their Estimated Value Each Month

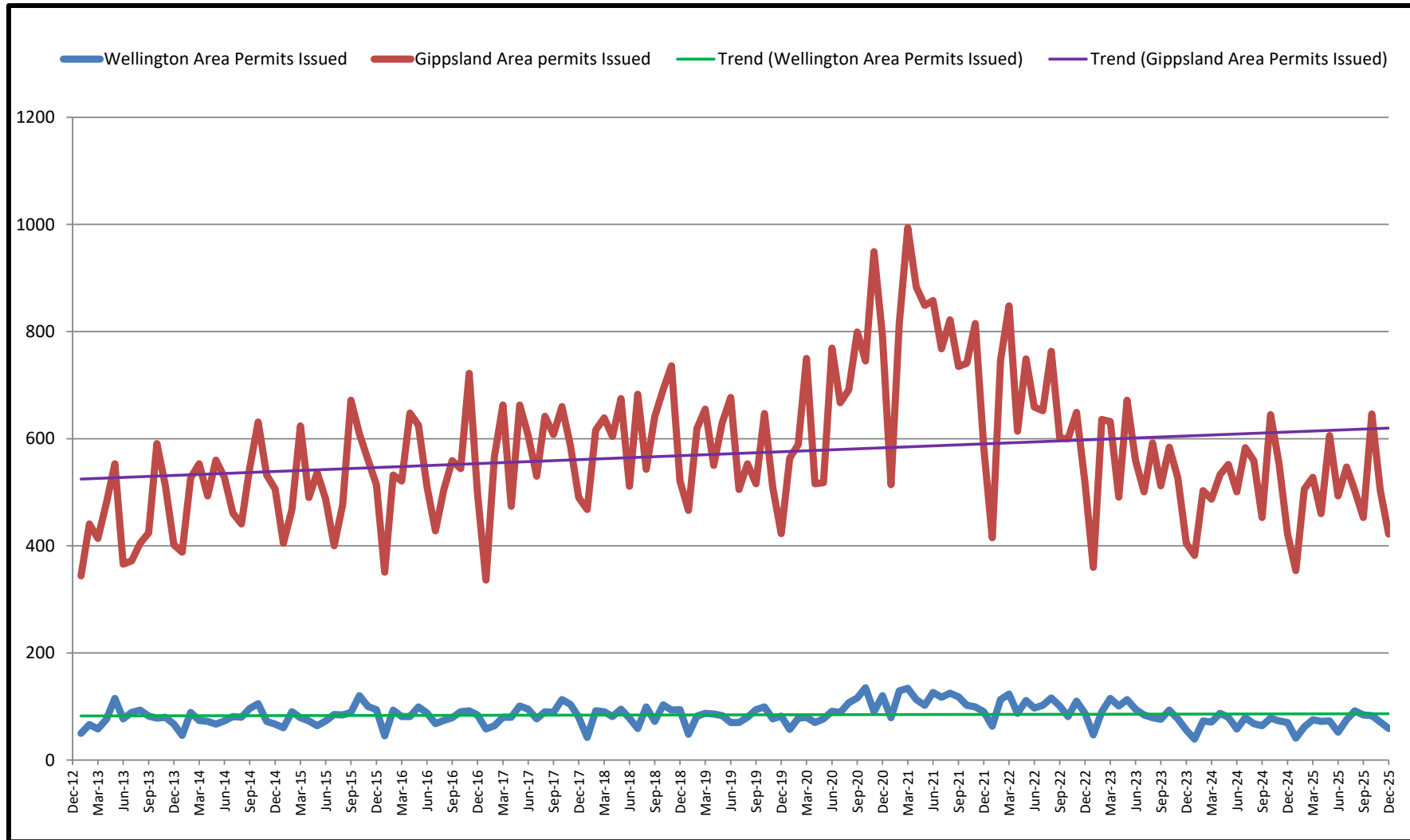
	October	November	December	Total
AIRLY	1 \$20,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$20,000
ALBERTON	0 \$0	1 \$35,700	0 \$0	1 \$35,700
BOISDALE	0 \$0	1 \$31,000	1 \$45,800	2 \$76,800
BRIAGOLONG	4 \$1,520,470	2 \$39,000	2 \$116,390	8 \$1,675,860
CALLIGNEE SOUTH	1 \$350,000	0 \$0	1 \$15,800	2 \$365,800
CLYDEBANK	2 \$196,500	0 \$0	1 \$31,500	3 \$228,000
COBAINS	0 \$0	2 \$681,401	0 \$0	2 \$681,401
COONGULLA	2 \$1,116,269	0 \$0	1 \$180,000	3 \$1,296,269
DENISON	0 \$0	1 \$285,000	0 \$0	1 \$285,000
DEVON NORTH	2 \$116,000	1 \$64,340	0 \$0	3 \$180,340
DUTSON	1 \$94,050	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$94,050
FLYNNS CREEK	1 \$30,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$30,000
FULHAM	1 \$550,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$550,000
GIFFARD	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$60,000	1 \$60,000
GLENGARRY	2 \$201,975	2 \$55,947	0 \$0	4 \$257,922
GLENMAGGIE	0 \$0	1 \$12,700	0 \$0	1 \$12,700
GOLDEN BEACH	0 \$0	1 \$310,000	3 \$259,000	4 \$569,000
GORMANDALE	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$391,894	1 \$391,894

	October	November	December	Total
HEYFIELD	6 \$1,090,634	0 \$0	3 \$808,571	9 \$1,899,205
HUNTERSTON	1 \$65,300	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$65,300
JACK RIVER	1 \$520,240	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$520,240
LLOWALONG	1 \$152,350	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$152,350
LOCH SPORT	4 \$138,780	3 \$470,000	2 \$40,850	9 \$649,630
LONGFORD	2 \$17,870	7 \$443,110	3 \$858,450	12 \$1,319,430
MAFFRA	5 \$1,878,964	3 \$36,340	9 \$3,062,501	17 \$4,977,805
MCLOUGHLINS BEACH	0 \$0	1 \$49,850	0 \$0	1 \$49,850
MONTGOMERY	0 \$0	1 \$14,000	0 \$0	1 \$14,000
MUNRO	1 \$16,650	1 \$17,234	0 \$0	2 \$33,884
MYRTLEBANK	0 \$0	2 \$90,750	0 \$0	2 \$90,750
NEWRY	0 \$0	2 \$77,838	2 \$80,323	4 \$158,161
PARADISE BEACH	1 \$134,790	0 \$0	2 \$113,400	3 \$248,190
PORT ALBERT	1 \$25,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$25,000
ROSEDALE	2 \$343,315	5 \$663,200	5 \$1,451,200	12 \$2,457,715
SALE	19 \$7,225,727	19 \$3,061,187	11 \$2,573,064	49 \$12,859,978
SEASPRAY	0 \$0	1 \$12,000	2 \$165,900	3 \$177,900
STRADBROKE	0 \$0	2 \$54,300	0 \$0	2 \$54,300
STRATFORD	16 \$8,814,114	6 \$807,239	4 \$193,650	26 \$9,815,003
THE HONEYSUCKLES	1 \$25,100	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$25,100

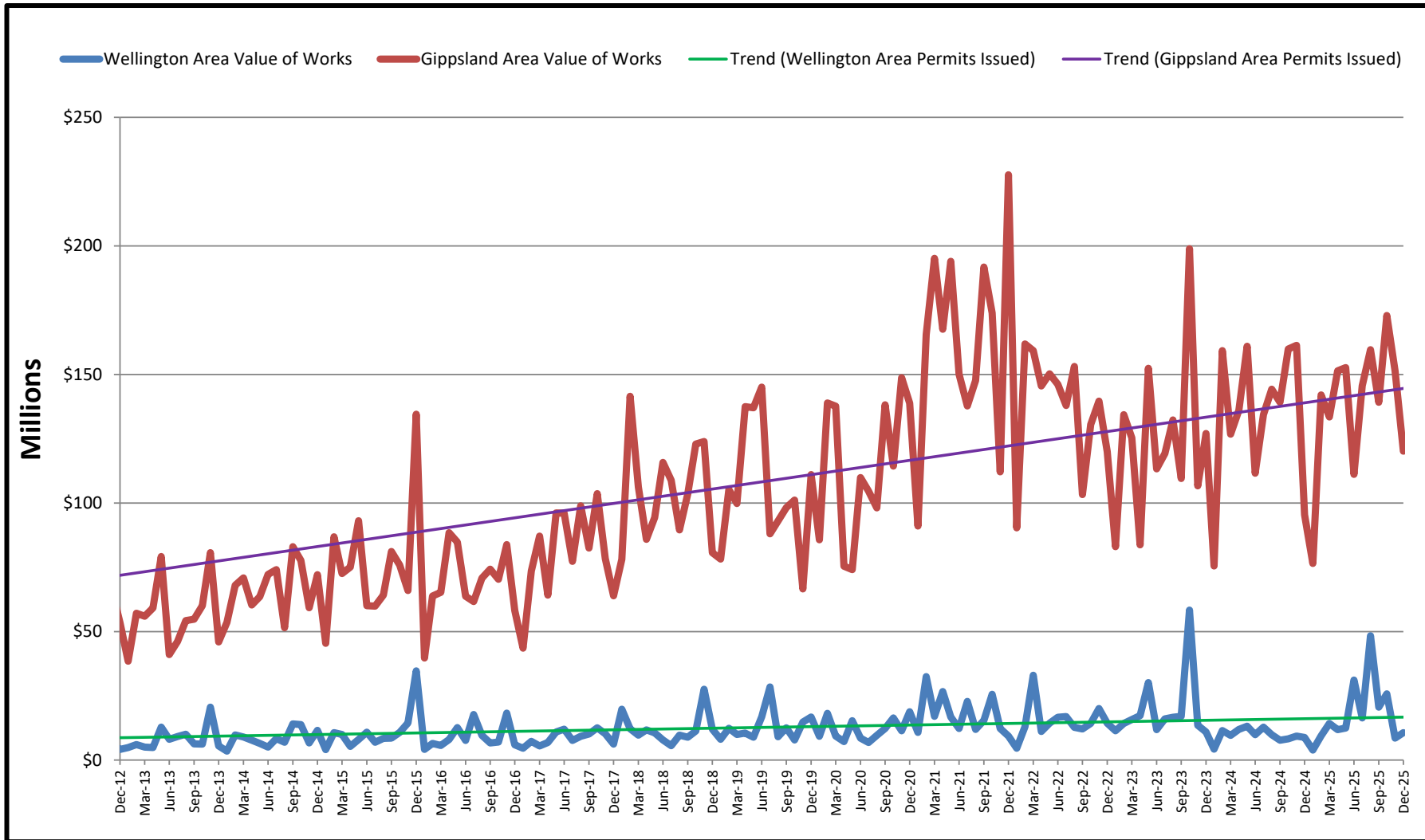
ATTACHMENT 12.1.1

	October	November	December	Total
TINAMBA	1 \$808,719	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$808,719
VALENCIA CREEK	1 \$96,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$96,000
WOODSIDE	1 \$102,850	0 \$0	1 \$15,984	2 \$118,834
WURRUK	1 \$67,000	2 \$890,500	1 \$7,754	4 \$965,254
YARRAM	1 \$10,000	4 \$351,134	3 \$150,845	8 \$511,979
Total	83 25,728,667	71 8,553,770	59 10,622,876	213 44,905,313

GRAPH 1: NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS



GRAPH 2: VALUE OF BUILDING WORKS



13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.1. WONNANGATTA ROAD RIVERBANK RETAINING WALL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall as referenced in the confidential 2026-141 Tender Evaluation Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential attachment 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachment 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 19 March 2026 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.***

BACKGROUND

The Wonnangatta Road is an important all weather 2WD road connecting the residents of the Wonnangatta Valley to the rest of Wellington Shire Council. A short section of road located 1.1km from the intersection with the Dargo Road drops down and runs alongside the Wonnangatta River for a short distance. As part of normal river movement, the river meander has changed slightly in recent years with high water flows now directly focussing on the edge of the roadway with vegetation having been lost and the existing road shoulder has been reduced. Discussions with the East Gippsland Catchment Authority have ascertained that they are supportive of works to ensure stability of the roadway. This project is focused on ensuring that the roadway is protected during periods of high river flows.

Accordingly, a tender was advertised for these works and has been evaluated, and a contract has now been prepared for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Header - 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall [**13.1.1** - 1 page]
2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall [**13.1.2** - 6 pages]

OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall; or
2. Not enter into a contract and not proceed with these works at this time.

PROPOSAL

That Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-141 Contract Tender Evaluation Report Wonnangatta Road Riverbank Retaining Wall.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29

Strategic Objective Three: Infrastructure, Spaces and Places – *Strategically planned, designed and well-maintained infrastructure, spaces and places* – states the following strategy:

Coordinating facilities and infrastructure to meet growth and evolving needs.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)

Officers understand the requirements in relation to conducting GIA's to ensure Council remains compliant with obligations outlined in the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. The following determination was made.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not conducted as the policy, program or service does not meet the assessment requirement criteria.

COLLABORATION

Considering value for money, complexities and requirements, Council will not be considering collaboration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

These works have been budgeted for under the 2025-2026 capital works program.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

This impact has been assessed and there is no effect to consider at this time.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Wellington Shire Council is committed to ensuring the Contract tendering process complies with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Best Practice Procurement Guidelines for Victorian Local Government.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

These works are in line with Council's policies of maintaining and enhancing Council's infrastructure.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

This project will be undertaken with the resources of the Assets and Projects unit.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

These works will have a positive community impact because it will secure the road shoulder and protect it from erosion during times of high river flow.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This impact will have minimal environmental impact, with the contractors providing an Environmental Management Plan which will be strictly monitored.

ENGAGEMENT IMPACT

Wellington Shire Council's standard consultation practices will be implemented on this project.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

It is considered that the proposed contract works will not expose Wellington Shire Council to any significant risks. All Occupational Health and Safety risks will be discussed with the contractor and allocated to the party in the best position to manage each risk.



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

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I declare that the information contained in the attached document **2026 – 141 CONTRACT TENDER EVALUATION REPORT** relating to **WONNANGATTA ROAD RIVERBANK RETAINING WALL** is confidential 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 - relates to trade secrets; or - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage

CHRIS HASTIE
General Manager Built and Natural Environment
19/03/2026

14. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.

This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.

If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.

ONLINE COMMENTS –

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS –

Meeting declared closed at:

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.

15. IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider confidential matters under section 66(5)(b) as defined by section 3(1) being:

- a) Council business information*
- b) Security information*
- c) Land use planning information*
- d) Law enforcement information*
- e) Legal privileged information*
- f) Personal information*
- g) Private commercial information*
- h) Confidential meeting information*
- i) Internal arbitration information*
- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information*
- k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information*
- l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989*

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

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

Meeting declared closed at: