



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 May 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 19 May 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens (Online)

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Geoff Wells

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development

Billie-Jo Thorburn, Acting Manager Customer & Communications

Courtney Smart, Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Scott Rossetti

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
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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

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Gunaikurnai people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and acknowledge their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to their land and waters.

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

We recognise the entire Wellington Shire community, including visitors to our shire, for their collective efforts in protecting and preserving the land, water, air, and history, and for making this a better place to live and work for current and future generations.

1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS declared a general conflict of interest for 16.1 Community Assistance Grants - March 2026.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY declared a general conflict of interest for 16.1 Community Assistance Grants - March 2026.

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 5 May 2026.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5 May 2026.

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			

7.2. RECEIPT OF PETITION: REQUEST FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AROUND ALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN AND AROUND THOMPSON STREET

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Chloe Marrable (submitted via email) - Requests a clear timeframe for the response in relation to Alberton Primary School Petition. Chloe stresses the urgency due to safety risks and that the issue was first raised in March 2025, with delays already experienced. An indefinite timeframe will likely cause further delay.

The General Manager Built and Environment, Chris Hastie, advised that a petition or joint letter presented to the Council must lay on the table for a period determined by the Council but not exceeding the next two Council Meetings. No motion, other than to receive the petition or joint letter may be accepted by the Chairperson, unless the Council unanimously agrees to deal with it earlier. The Petition response will come back to Council by Tuesday 16 June date.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached petition in relation to a request for safety improvements around Alberton Primary School in and around Thompson Street and that the petition be referred to the General Manager Built and Natural Environment for a report to a future Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council receive the attached petition in relation to a request for safety improvements around Alberton Primary School in and around Thompson Street and that the petition be referred to the General Manager Built and Natural Environment for a report to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged the Kilmany Hall Centenary Celebration held on 9 May. Although the milestone had occurred three years earlier, it was great to see the community finally come together and celebrate, following delays caused by local road works. Councillor Foat and Mayor Madeley attended and met with local residents, past community members and hall committee representatives. Bill Henebery shared reflections on the Hall's history and the strong community spirit that has supported it over many decades. A highlight of the day was the collection of photographs and memorabilia showcasing the Hall's history across generations, together with the opening of the Hall's Time Capsule by Mayor Madeley and Tom Wallace. Despite some water damage to the contents, it was special to see pieces of local history shared with the community. Congratulations were extended to the Kilmany Hall committee, volunteers and residents for making the celebration such a success, a fitting tribute to the many people who have supported and sustained Kilmany Hall over the past 100 years.

Councillor Foat also acknowledged the University of the Third Age (U3A) and thanked members for the warm welcome extended when in attendance as a guest speaker. Congratulations were extended to the group on celebrating its 37th birthday.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the artwork still in existence on the back wall at Kilmany Hall, completed during World War II by a visiting serviceman. Reference was made to the artwork depicting Donald Duck and possibly Mickey Mouse. It was fantastic to see the artwork remains intact after all these years.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged and attended the *Lighting the Way of Change* candlelight vigil on 13 May, together with Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat. The community gathered at the Sale Clocktower to honour lives lost to family violence. Mayor Madeley led the vigil, joined by Owen Smeal from Victoria Police and victim survivor Eva Clarke, whose address was a powerful reminder of the real lives and stories behind the statistics and the importance of speaking out. As Eva Clarke concluded her speech, the clocktower immediately chimed six o'clock, a significant and moving moment to end a powerful speech.

Councillor Ripper attended and acknowledged the Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally. Reference was made to the Maffra Golden Roller, a steamroller used in the late 1940s in the former Maffra Shire for road construction and repairs, towing a tar truck with other attached implements, and to the work undertaken by Adam, Lisa and Millie from Riddles Creek in restoring the machine. It was acknowledged that strong attendance at the Rally reflects the result of many families and volunteers who contribute significant time and money to preserving this history for future generations. The large Saturday crowd may have possibly represented record attendance.

Councillor Madeley also acknowledged and attended the Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally, where the event was opened in the morning with a drive on Ruby, the traction engine, around the field. Thanks were extended to Barb and the volunteer committee for their work in delivering a highly successful event, with particular note made of the full car park, the line of cars waiting to enter and the strong attendance of families and people of all ages. It was noted planning for the next Rally begins as soon as the current event concludes, which reflects the ongoing commitment of the volunteer committee.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON acknowledged and congratulated Scott Pendlebury on his achievements. Scott's last Australian Football League (AFL) game has now equalled the record for the most games played in AFL/Victorian Football League (VFL) and has created a new record on the weekend. Congratulations were extended to Scott and family on his remarkable career and contribution to the game, including two premierships, four ANZAC

medals, six All-Australian selections and five Copeland trophies. Scott has played the most games with the most disposals in AFL, the most games in the MCG and played in front of the most spectators. Family and friends from Sale, his parents Lisa and Bruce, and his brothers Christopher and Ryan, will be travelling to watch the milestone game. Scott continues to be a credit to himself and a source of pride for Sale.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY acknowledged the outstanding success of several local hospitality venues and individuals at the Australian Hotel Association Awards held recently. Congratulations were extended to Dargo Hotel, winner of the Heart of the Community Award, and to finalists Joy Hurley from Dargo Hotel for the Local Legends Award, Adam Jackson from the Star Hotel for Chef of the Year, the Star Hotel for Best Family Dining and Parma of the Year, and the Rosie Pub Rosedale and Tinamba Hotel for Best Pub Bar Regional. These achievements are a strong reflection of the talent, dedication and community spirit across the region.

Councillor Madeley acknowledged a successful night at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Victoria Awards, with two major projects recognised for their impact on the community. The Aqua Energy Leisure Centre redevelopment received the Public Works Project Award for projects over \$5 million, recognising the \$23 million upgrade that has delivered a modern, inclusive and energy-efficient facility for the shire. The project team was acknowledged as Khalid, Geordie, Gotham, Brian, Tania and Peta. Council also received the Public Works Project Award for projects between \$2 million and \$5 million for the North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve project, supporting the broader North Sale Growth Project in delivering flood protection, stormwater treatment, biodiversity outcomes and valuable open space for the community. The project team was acknowledged as Lucy, Ashritha, Mina, Justin and Sally. These awards were noted as a testament to the work of council teams, contractors and project partners involved in delivering these projects for the community.

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 April 2026.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for April 2026.

CARRIED

11. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

11.1. YOUTH MAYOR REPORT - MAY 2026

ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, SIENNA D'ARCY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

CARRIED

12. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN provided an update on the Wellington Disability Advisory Group which met last Tuesday.

Key matters discussed included concerns and issues regarding vehicles parking in a manner that overhangs footpaths which impedes access, particularly for people with additional mobility needs. Discussions were held around trying to get an education or advertising campaign to encourage more considerate parking behaviour.

Other key discussions involved the draft waste bin policy and its potential impact on people living with disabilities, particularly those managing large volumes of medical waste or sanitary personal products. Discussions were robust and constructive, with several valuable takeaways identified.

Councillor Bannerman also provided an update on Timber Towns Victoria where the delegation that included Councillor Bannerman met in Melbourne with Members of Parliament at Parliament House. Advocacy focused on securing accessible reserved funding for rural and timber town roads to avoid having to compete with Melbourne Councils for grants; expanding an existing prototype artificial intelligence (AI) fire detection camera system capable of detecting heat patterns that can lead to potential fire outbreaks in forests, and advocacy to members of Parliament to streamline forestry management policies in Victoria to better support communities and councils.

Councillor Bannerman also provided an update on the community advisory group for Southerly Ten, advising the group was very excited to announce they have released their online consultation platform to the public and are now seeking public commentary and feedback until the end of June on the proposed wind turbines and offshore wind project. Residents are encouraged to visit the project website to provide submissions.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY thanked Councillor Bannerman for the reports and acknowledged the significant work undertaken by councillors through advisory committees.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON attended and reported on the South East Australian Transport Strategy (SEATS) Group meeting held in Warragul on 14 May. The meeting brought together councils along the east coast between Sydney and Melbourne to discuss strategic transport and road projects. Discussion focused on freight movement into and out of Gippsland, including connections between Melbourne and Sydney.

An update was received from the Department of Transport on priority projects, including the Traralgon bypass and low-speed limits applicable to the Longwarry-Garfield section, which is contributing to travel time barriers for freight operators as drivers much either 'double up' or get additional drivers to meet other drives en-route so drivers do not exceed 10 hour shifts. Minutes will be sent for information to the Wellington Shire Council Chief Executive Officer and Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment.

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received for April 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received for April 2026.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

14.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 April 2026 to 10 May 2026.

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 April 2026 to 10 May 2026.

CARRIED

14.2. WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL AND EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ICT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PANEL OF PROVIDERS - CONTRACT 2026-000129

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential 2026-000129 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Information Communication and Technologies (ICT) Professional Services Panel of Providers for Wellington Shire Council and East Gippsland Shire Council; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential 2026-000129 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Information Communication and Technologies (ICT) Professional Services Panel of Providers for Wellington Shire Council and East Gippsland Shire Council was designated confidential under section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 20 April 2026 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 tenderers can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderers as:

- Concert ICT Pty Ltd**
- Seisma Pty Ltd**
- Mercury Information Security Services Pty Ltd**
- Charlie Mac and Associates**

- Ingenisys Capital Trust (Uplinx Advanced Services)
- Wave 1 Pty Ltd
- Intelli-Systems Pty Ltd
- Terra Firma
- Crisp Australia Pty Ltd
- R Dell & Others (ICOMM)
- The Trustee for Bertika Trust & Others (Perfekt)
- Votar Partners
- Arch Cyber Pty Ltd
- Impeltec Pty Ltd
- Ctrl Group
- KAON Security Pty Ltd
- Remtron Automation
- GIS People Pty Ltd
- The Virtual CXO Pty Ltd – Converge IQ
- Hidden Technology Pty Ltd
- Hays Specialty Recruitment Pty Ltd
- DFP Recruitment
- Simoco Wireless Solutions Pty Ltd
- Welsh, Esra Hatice (Adapt 360 Change Solutions)
- Logicalis Australia Pty Ltd
- The Trustee for the Radlink Unit Trust

15. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

15.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - MARCH 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 and 31 March 2026.

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 and 31 March 2026.

CARRIED

16. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

16.1. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS MARCH 2026

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note this report;***
- 2. Approve the allocation of Community Assistance Grants for March 2026, as detailed in the confidential Attachment 16.1.3 - Community Assistance Grants - March 2026 Recommendations with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications; and***
- 3. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 16.1.3 - Community Assistance Grants - March 2026 Recommendations was designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 11 May 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:
(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicants can be made public.***

Councillor Madeley declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at this item.

Councillor Stephens declared a general conflict of interest under section 127 at this item.

Councillor Madeley left Council Chambers at 5:36pm.

Councillor Stephens left the online connection of the Council Meeting at 5:36pm.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicants can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Chair Deputy Mayor Foat announced the 25 successful recipients of the Community Assistance Grants:

- **Gormandale Community House Inc**
- **Golden Paradise Beach Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.**
- **Port Albert Water Sports and Safety Organisation**
- **Yarram Eisteddfod**
- **Sale Girl Guides**
- **Gwenfa Hampton Kindergarten**
- **Yarram Agricultural Society**
- **Sale's Lakeside Community Garden Inc. (Seed)**
- **Stratford Community Association**
- **Heyfield Inclusion for Everyone Incorporated**
- **The Maffra & District Agricultural Pastoral and Horticultural Society Inc.**
- **Maffra Womans Shed**
- **Heyfield Tennis Club**
- **Yarram Toy Library**
- **Loch Sport Community House Inc**
- **Lakeside Rockers Gippsland Inc**
- **Rosedale & District Adult Horse Riding Club**
- **Heyfield Community Resource Centre**
- **Briagolong Quarry Reserve Committee Inc**
- **Longford Cricket Club**
- **Sale Food Support Inc**
- **Maffra Gymnastic Club**
- **Sale Tennis Club Inc.**
- **Port Albert Fishing Club Inc**
- **Sale-Maffra & District Kennel Club Inc and Macalister All Breeds K&O Club Inc**

Councillor Madeley returned to Council Chambers for the Council Meeting at 5:40pm.

Councillor Stephens returned online for the Council Meeting at 5:40pm.

17. 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

Refer Item 7.2 of these minutes under Public Questions and Comments – Online where online comment is acknowledged and Council response provided by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

REBECCA AND KRIS GRATTON – Residents of Myrtlebank - Presented to Council with an update regarding VicRoads' proposed upgrade to the Fulham–Myrtlebank Road and Princes Highway intersection, including the proposed Sale Alternate Truck Route alignment. Kris thanked Council for assisting to send a letter to VicRoads in Traralgon, which was helpful, but it will now be necessary to 'go higher'. Representations have also been made to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety by Danny O'Brien MP and The Hon. Darren Chester MP, both of whom have visited their properties and sent letters, the responses for which are still pending. Kris indicated they have received one response from the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, however the letter refers the issue straight back to VicRoads.

Kris is concerned with the lack of responsiveness and that affected landowners have not been provided with the full engineering reports by VicRoads, as specifically requested, which relate to the alternative alignments.

Kris emphasised their intention is not to create issues for others, but rather to seek to obtain a response that would indicate whether available alternatives have been considered or explored. Kris extended an invitation to Councillors to visit properties which would be affected by the alignment and outlined a preferred alternative alignment that can minimise impacts on residential properties.

Rebecca re-iterated the views expressed by Kris in relation to the lack of consultation and hand delivered each Councillor seated in Chambers with a map that outlines their preferred alignment option and a copy of the letter received by the Federal Minister that refers the matter back to VicRoads. Rebecca advised the preferred alternative outlined in their maps provided to Councillors in tonight's Council meeting would offer the least disruption to residential properties and reduce impacts on homes, vegetation and nearby residents.

DAVID TURNBULL – Resident of Myrtlebank - Presented to Council regarding the same issues presented by Rebecca and Kris in relation to the negative effects of the proposed road alignment. David has owned his property for approximately 15 years and undertaken extensive landscaping, including the planting of approximately 150 trees, to mitigate existing road noise, only to find out that a new road is proposed via the alignment that is within 30-40 metres of his home. David requested Council's support in being able to go back to the Victoria Government and advocate for further investigation of alternative engineering solutions that do not affect property owners.

DANIEL MIZZI – Resident of Myrtlebank - Addressed Council regarding the same issues of negative impact of the proposed alignment on his property. Daniel advised the alignment will divide his property, impacting his long-term plans for his family home for what he intended to be his 'forever home'. While acknowledging the need for road upgrades, Daniel feels consultation with the local community is a far better approach than "just telling people" and indicated that improved engagement with affected landowners to identify an outcome would benefit all concerned.

Meeting declared closed at: 5:48pm.

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

18. IN CLOSED SESSION

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

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

IN CLOSED SESSION

NIL