



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# **Agenda**

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 2 June 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM**

**Meeting to be held at**

**Wellington Centre – Wellington Room, Foster Street, Sale**

**or stream online at <https://www.youtube.com/@wellingtonshire>**

**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.*

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Gunaikurnai people. 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.*

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## **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

## 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 19 May 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 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: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

#### 5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

#### 6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

**ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

I, Councillor Scott Rossetti, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 2 June 2026.

##### **Motion**

***That Council write to the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, the Minister for Public and Active Transport, Minister for Economic Growth and Jobs and the Shadow Minister for Public Transport, calling on both the State Government and the Opposition to commit to the following:***

- ***reviewing and implementing train stabling at Sale or Bairnsdale;***
- ***planning and implementing more railway overtaking lanes between Pakenham and the City to enable faster rail transit times for those in the outer Eastern Suburbs and Gippsland;***
- ***increasing the number of train carriages servicing Sale and Bairnsdale to ensure passengers, particularly vulnerable community members, are not required to stand or sit on the floor for three hours; and***

***that a copy of this correspondence be provided to the State Members for Gippsland South and Gippsland East requesting their support and advocacy on these matters.***

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

Dated: 20 May 2026

##### **BACKGROUND**

The fuel crisis has highlighted the lack of public transport services in many parts of regional Victoria. While the Wellington community is largely appreciative of the free public transport over this period, the lack of reasonable frequency to Bairnsdale and Sale, as well as chronic overcrowding, is having a real impact on our communities.

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Request for Safety Improvements around Alberton Primary School in and around Thompson Street.	19 May 2026	The Petition was received at the Council meeting dated 19 May 2026 and referred to the General Manager Built and Natural Environment for further consideration via a Council report.	16 June 2026

## 8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## 9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE AND DELEGATES REPORT

### 9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

## **10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **10.1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

#### **ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy.*

#### **BACKGROUND**

The policy was updated to improve structure and clarity, remove repetition, strengthen alignment to the Community Engagement Strategy and clarify roles, principles and governance focus.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Community Engagement Policy [10.1.1 - 2 pages]

#### **OPTIONS**

Council has the following options available:

1. Adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy;
2. Not adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy

#### **PROPOSAL**

That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy.

#### **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 One: Healthy and Connected Communities** – *Vibrant, healthy, connected and inclusive communities. Quality services accessible to everyone* – states the strategy:

- *Aligning services through a community-centred organisation.*

## **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 during this review, however an assessment will be undertaken on the policy during the next review cycle.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **COMMUNICATION IMPACT**

Upon adoption, the revised Community Engagement Policy will be made accessible via Council's website.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

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

## **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.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

<b>Policy Number:</b>	5.1.6
<b>Approved by:</b>	Council
<b>Approved Date:</b>	June 2026
<b>Date of Next Review:</b>	June 2027
<b>Applicable to:</b>	Councillors, Council employees and temporary staff
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Customer and Communications
<b>Related Policies:</b>	Customer Service Policy Media and Communications Policy
<b>Related Documents:</b>	Wellington Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2020</i>

### OVERVIEW

This policy outlines Wellington Shire Council's commitment to meaningful, transparent, and inclusive community engagement. It sets clear expectations for staff and Councillors when planning, delivering, and considering engagement to inform decision-making, in line with the *Local Government Act 2020* and recognised best practice frameworks.

### THE POLICY

Wellington Shire Council recognises that effective community engagement supports better decision-making, strengthens relationships and builds trust within the community.

Council is committed to engagement that is:

- Purposeful and proportionate to the scope and impact of the decision
- Inclusive and representative of the community
- Transparent, with clear communication about scope, constraints and outcomes
- Responsive, including a commitment to report back to participants on how their input informed decisions

Community engagement will be undertaken in line with legislative requirements and guided by the principles in the Community Engagement Strategy and the IAP2 framework.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### All Council Staff

All staff are responsible for planning and delivering community engagement in line with this Policy, the Community Engagement Strategy and legislative requirements.

#### Respectful participation

Council is committed to respectful, constructive engagement.

We recognise that community members may hold strong views. However, Council does not tolerate communication that is abusive, threatening or disrespectful towards Councillors, staff or other participants.

Where communication is considered inappropriate in nature:

- Council may limit or cease engagement with the individual in relation to the matter
- The content will not be considered as part of the community engagement process

This approach ensures a safe and respectful environment for all participants and supports fair and effective decision-making.

**Managers and Supervisors**

Managers and Supervisors are responsible for:

- Ensuring engagement activities are planned and documented
- Supporting staff to follow agreed processes
- Ensuring outcomes are communicated back to the community
- Maintaining records of engagement for governance and audit

**Councillors**

Councillors are responsible for:

- Considering insights gathered through community engagement
- Incorporating community input into their decision-making

**GUIDING DOCUMENTS**

This Policy must be read with the Community Engagement Strategy, which provides guidance on:

- Definitions and types of engagement, including deliberative engagement
- When and how engagement is undertaken
- Principles based on legislative requirements and the IAP2 framework
- Approaches to reporting back to the community
- Tools, templates, and processes

Council will maintain and update resources to support a consistent and effective approach to community engagement across the organisation.

**REVISION HISTORY**

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	Review date extended to align with endorsed Strategy
2.0	June 2025	Reviewed alongside the updated Community Engagement Strategy. More simplified language and reference to tools and processes to support community engagement practices.
2.1	June 2026	The updated policy improves structure and clarity, removes repetition, strengthens alignment to the Community Engagement Strategy and clarifies roles, principles and governance focus.

## 11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

#### PURPOSE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 11 May 2026 to 24 May 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 11 May 2026 to 24 May 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 11 May 2026 to 24 May 2026.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Assembly of Councillors - 19 May 2026 Council Workshops [11.1.1 - 2 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 11 May 2026 to 24 May 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 – 19 MAY 2026			
COUNCILLOR	ATTENDANCE	OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	
<i>Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)</i>	YES	<b>David Morcom</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<i>Cr Liz Foot (Deputy Mayor)</i>	YES	<b>Arthur Skipitaris</b>	General Manager Corporate Services
<i>Cr Catherine Bannerman</i>	YES	<b>Chris Hastie</b>	General Manager Built and Natural Environment
<i>Cr Scott Rossetti</i>	NO	<b>Renae Littlejohn</b>	General Manager Development
<i>Cr Edward Lowe</i>	YES		
<i>Cr Garry Stephens (Online)</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 – 19 MAY 2026		
ITEM NO.	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTERS
1.1	<b>WORKFORCE PLAN UPDATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Emilie Davine, Manager People &amp; Capability</i></li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.2	<b>MAFFRA STRUCTURE PLAN – DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS MECHANISM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Caragh Button, Strategic Planners</i></li> <li><i>Nicole Reynolds, Coordinator Strategic Planning and Building</i></li> <li><i>Sam Pye, Manager Built Environment</i></li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>

## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE - COUNCIL DAY

WORKSHOP DETAILS – 19 MAY 2026		
ITEM NO.	WORKSHOP TITLE	PRESENTERS
1.3	<b>WELLINGTON PROPOSAL UPDATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rosina Davidson-Tuck, Manager Community Development</i></li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.4	<b>GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - INTRODUCTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cherie Draper, Communications and Community Liaison Officer – Gippsland Community Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Paul Holton, Director - Gippsland Community Foundation</i></li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>
1.5	<b>DRAFT WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL WASTE POLICY PROPOSED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>David Harper, Manager Natural Environment &amp; Parks</i></li> <li>• <i>Samantha Nock, Coordinator Waste &amp; Sustainability</i></li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>

## 11.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

#### PURPOSE

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Remuneration Committee Minutes 19 May 2026 [**11.2.1** - 3 pages]

#### OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 and endorse the actions from the meeting; or
2. Not note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 and not endorse the actions from the meeting and seek further information for consideration at a future Council meeting.

#### PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council:

1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026, as attached; and
2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 as detailed in the attached minutes.

#### 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**

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

## **COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT**

The Remuneration Committee reviews Councillor entitlements, expenses, reimbursements and gifts and ensures alignment with Council policy direction and governance in relation to Councillor benefits.

## **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  
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## REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

### TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 – 8.30AM

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Councillor Cindy Madeley  
Councillor Carmel Ripper  
Councillor Catherine Bannerman  
David Morcom (Chief Executive Officer)  
Arthur Skipitaris (General Manager Corporate Services)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**1. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:**  
No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**  
The minutes of the previous meeting on 3 March 2026 were accepted.

**3. Actions from previous minutes**

Councillor Bannerman requested further information on the payment of \$65.91 for travel expenses in July 2025. General Manager Corporate Services undertook to provide a response.

***Response: The payment was for a meal at the National General Assembly in Canberra on 25 June 2025 and should have been included under the Conferences ledger. It will be moved.***

The Committee noted that the payment has not been moved to the Conferences ledger and Management undertook to complete.

**4. Councillor Costs and Reimbursements**

Councillor Costs and Reimbursements spreadsheets were reviewed, discussed and accepted.

- Councillor Expense Summary Report YTD – 31 March 2026 (Attachment 1)

The Committee requested detail on the different mobile phone expenses for Cr Rossetti and Cr Ripper in comparison to other Councillors. Management undertook to provide a response.

**5. Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Update**

The General Manager Corporate Services provided a verbal update.

**6. Review of Audit & Risk Committee remuneration**

Council's Audit & Risk Committee Charter stipulates that the remuneration amount paid to independent Committee members is to be determined by the Remuneration Committee annually, allowing for an increase linked to -

- the annual increase of Councillor allowances;
- benchmarking against other Councils; or
- other consideration such as Council budget constraints.

The Committee determined to recommend to Council that:

- **The Audit & Risk Committee Chair receive \$1,200 per meeting;**
- **The independent Audit & Risk Committee members receive \$950 per meeting;**
- **All independent Audit & Risk Committee members, including the Chair, receive \$950 for any additional attendance, eg. training, Council Workshops etc.; and**
- **Travel will not be paid.**

**7. General Business**

Nil.

**The meeting closed at 8.52am**

## Attachment 1 – Councillor Expense Summary Report YTD – 31 March 2026

## Councillor Expenses and Reimbursements - Period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026

	2025/26 Actuals	Commitments	Left to spend/receive after commitments	2025/26 Adopted Budget	2025/26 Adjusted Budget
<b>Councillor and Mayoral Allowances</b>	350,072.98	-	58,407.02	408,480.00	408,480.00
<b>Other Councillor expenses</b>	55,565.93	5,636.10	79,357.97	140,560.00	140,560.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	405,638.91	5,636.10	137,764.99	549,040.00	549,040.00

### 11.3. ADOPTION OF 2026 PROPERTY REVALUATIONS

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

#### PURPOSE

To adopt the total valuation of all properties within the Shire, as advised by the Valuer General, at the return date of 1 January 2026.

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>			
<b><i>That Council adopt the following valuation figures as advised by the Valuer General at the return date of 1 January 2026:</i></b>			
	<b><i>SITE VALUE</i></b>	<b><i>CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE</i></b>	<b><i>NET ANNUAL VALUE</i></b>
<b><i>RATEABLE</i></b>	\$11,216,024,000	\$19,915,671,500	\$1,063,240,625
<b><i>NON-RATEABLE</i></b>	\$927,098,000	\$1,332,751,000	\$69,607,500
<b><i>TOTAL VALUATION</i></b>	\$12,143,122,000	\$21,248,422,500	\$1,132,848,125

Source: Figures extracted on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 from the Valuer General (VG) supported software as recommended by VG.

#### BACKGROUND

In accordance with the requirements of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, the *Valuation of Land Regulations 2014*, the *Local Government Act 1989* (these are current provisions under the *Local Government Act 1989* which will eventually be transitioned to the *Local Government Act 2020*) and the 2021 Valuation Best Practice Specification guidelines, the Valuer General undertakes an annual revaluation of all properties within the municipality.

The Victorian Valuer General's Office contracts valuers to undertake annual valuations for all properties. The valuation data is collated and returned to Council. The abovementioned valuation figures are based on the property values as at 1 January 2026 and become effective on 1 July 2026 for rating purposes.

If Council chooses not to adopt the valuation figures we will not be able to issue the valuations and rate notices in a timely manner and this will impact cashflows available to Council to provide services paid from the rating revenue.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To adopt the valuation figures as at the return date of 1 January 2026; or
2. To not adopt the valuation figures and seek further information to be considered at a future meeting of Council.

## PROPOSAL

That Council adopt the following valuation figures as advised by the Valuer General at the return date of 1 January 2026:

	<b>SITE VALUE</b>	<b>CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE</b>	<b>NET ANNUAL VALUE</b>
<b>RATEABLE</b>	\$11,216,024,000	\$19,915,617,500	\$1,063,240,625
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<b>TOTAL VALUATION</b>	\$12,143,122,000	\$21,248,422,500	\$1,132,848,125

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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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## 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

The returned rateable capital improved value of \$19,915,671,500 will set the basis for rating for the next financial year and must be adopted by Council to enable rates to be raised against all rateable properties.

## COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The issue of the Notices of Valuation will result in a significant number of ratepayer enquiries and, in some cases, objections to the valuation will be lodged by the ratepayer.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

The general property revaluation complies with the requirements of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, the *Valuation of Land Regulations 2014*, the *Local Government Act 1989* as well as the *Valuation Best Practice 2021* guidelines.

## **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**

Ratepayers will be issued a Notice of Valuation advising them of the new valuation figures before the end of the current financial year (2025/26). When ratepayers receive their Notice of Valuation, they will have two months from the date of issue of the notice to object to the valuation if they believe it is incorrect.

When ratepayers receive their annual rate notice in August 2026, there will be no further opportunity to object to the valuation as the objection process will have been completed as a separate process.

## **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.

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 12.1. ADOPTION OF WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS**

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider for approval and adoption the Waste Collection Policy 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council:***

- 1. Adopt the revised Waste Collection Policy, as attached, thereby revoking the Waste Collection Policy as adopted in December 2025. The revised Waste Collection policy provides waste services designed to meet the majority of Wellington Shire's community needs, based on data driven evidence, including:***
  - i. the new flexible user pays additional bin service options;***
  - ii. the changed model of bin collection frequency to Weekly for the new 240 litre Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin and Fortnightly for the 120 litre General Rubbish bin, recognising the overall increased bin capacity provided per property, and the resulting re-sorting of waste and recovery streams; and***
  - iii. maintain the fortnightly 240 litre Mixed Recycling bin.***
- 2. Introduce an 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' on a proof-based application process for those with excess Medical/Hygiene Waste, and for families with 2 or more children under 4 years of age, either as property owners or directly as tenants.***
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and implement the 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' application/approval process.***
- 4. Adjust the draft 2026/27 Council Budget to accommodate the Subsidy provision, estimated at \$100,000 for the financial year, distributed across the base kerbside service charge of all users, adding \$5.00 to the base 3-bin kerbside service charge.***
- 5. Undertake a 12-month review and evaluate both the program and the subsidy level for 2027/28 budget process.***

#### **BACKGROUND**

Waste management constitutes a key essential service and responsibility of Council under the Local Government Act.

For Council to manage the service effectively and sustainably, Council needs an established rules position and approach to ensure it meets its legislative and regulatory requirements.

As key to implementing the statewide circular economy objectives, Council plays an important role in assisting the community to reduce waste generation, increase resource recovery and promote alternatives to landfill disposal, while ensuring safe, cost-effective and logistically feasible service delivery.

At its meeting of 3 March 2026 Council approved the release of the Draft Waste Collection Policy and associated Waste Collection Guideline for public comment for a minimum period of 28 days commencing between March-April 2026. Upon the closure of the comment period on 27 April 2026, Council is now to consider the Draft Policy and seek to adopt the policy with or without amendment at the Council Meeting of 2 June 2026.

The Waste Collection Policy outlines Wellington Shire Council's high-level framework for the provision of kerbside waste and recycling services. It sets the principles that determine service eligibility, service types, and charging, in line with the *Local Government Act 1989*, *Local Government Act 2020*, *Environment Protection Act 2017*, and the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*.

Key components covered by the Draft Waste Collection Policy and supporting Guideline are:

- a) Waste Charges – user pays principle
- b) Flexibility in Kerbside Service Provision
- c) Collection Frequencies
- d) Additional General Rubbish Bin Subsidy
- e) Declared Collection Areas
- f) Legacy properties
- g) Multi-Unit Developments
- h) Addressing contamination process

A Waste Services Guideline supports the Waste Collection Policy by providing the detailed operational requirements, service standards, eligibility criteria and procedures that guide the delivery of Council's kerbside waste, recycling, organics and hard waste services. This enables the Council to provide the agreed and consistent application of the service to the community.

The refined kerbside service in 2026 will include the mandatory provision of a General Rubbish service (red lid bin), a Mixed Recycling service (yellow lid bin) and a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service (green lid bin). These services will apply to all properties within the Declared Collection Areas, except where an exemption or exception is specified.

The Wellington Shire service standard has been designed based on data, audit and assessment to match the needs of the majority of the Wellington Shire's property needs. Overall, with the introduction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> bin FOGO service accepting both garden waste and the transfer of food waste from the general rubbish bin, the transition of the general rubbish bin to fortnightly recognises both the reduction in content volume and absence of putrescible material. The three bin service model now represents an increase capacity to the base service for each property from 480 litres a fortnight to 840 litres a fortnight.

Recognising that universal service models will not suit all needs, the flexibility of additional user pays services enables service configurations and additional bins to be created that match unique property needs.

In addition to the mandated services, Council also provides an annual hard waste collection for properties that receive a kerbside collection service. While not a legislated requirement under the Recycling Victoria Service Standards, this service is offered to support responsible disposal of bulky household items and to reduce illegal dumping.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Waste Collection Policy 2026 [12.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. Waste Collection Guideline 2026 [12.1.2 - 13 pages]

## **OPTIONS**

Council has the following options available:

1. Adopt the revised Draft Waste Collection Policy with changes introducing an 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' on a proof-based application process for those with excess Medical/Hygiene Waste, and for families with 2 or more children under 4 years of age, either as property owners or directly as tenants.
2. Adopt the Draft Waste Collection Policy as presented on 3 March 2026 without amendment; or
3. Not adopt the Draft Waste Collection Policy as presented.

## **PROPOSAL**

That Council;

1. Adopt the revised Waste Collection Policy which provides waste services designed to meet the majority of Wellington Shire's community needs, based on data driven evidence, including
  - i. the new flexible user pays additional bin service options;
  - ii. the changed model of bin collection frequency to Weekly for the new 240 litre Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin and Fortnightly for the 120 litre General Rubbish bin, recognising the overall increased bin capacity provided per property, and the resulting re-sorting of waste and recovery streams; and
  - iii. Maintain the fortnightly 240 litre Mixed Recycling bin.
2. Introduce an 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' on a proof-based application process for those with excess Medical/Hygiene Waste, and for families with 2 or more children under 4 years of age, either as property owners or directly as tenants.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and implement the 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' application/approval process.
4. Adjust the draft 2026/27 Council Budget to accommodate the Subsidy provision, estimated at \$100,000 for the financial year, distributed across the base kerbside service charge of all users, adding \$5.00 to the base 3-bin kerbside service charge.
5. Undertake a 12-month review and evaluate both the program and the subsidy level for 2027/28 budget process.

## **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 Four: Natural Environment** – *A healthy natural environment, protected and nurtured for generations to come* – states the following strategy:

*Empowering the community and businesses to drive positive environmental outcomes.*

## GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)

A Gender Impact Assessment was conducted on the draft policy in accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

The assessment found the following with regards to the policy:

The revised policy increases service flexibility by allowing eligible households to access additional user-pays bins, supporting diverse needs such as families with young children, carers, shared households, and residents with higher medical/hygiene-related waste.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

Under the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council has the authority to declare service charges for the provision of waste, recycling, and resource recovery services. In exercising this power, Council will apply the principles outlined in the *Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Local Government Service Rates and Charges*, including:

- **Cost recovery** – charges should not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service.
- **Transparency and accountability** – charges must be clearly linked to the service provided.
- **Equity** – ensuring those who use or benefit from the service contribute fairly.
- **Efficiency** – minimising unnecessary complexity or duplication in charging methods.

The associated cost of the kerbside services will form part of the Council's annual budget process, including the additional cost to the Kerbside Service Charge for the provision of the general rubbish subsidy.

Subject to Council's adoption of the recommendation, an adjustment will be required to the draft 2026/27 Council Budget to accommodate the Subsidy provision, estimated at \$100,000 for the financial year, distributed across the base kerbside service charge of all users, adding \$5.00 to the base 3-bin kerbside service charge.

The proposed 12-month review of the model will evaluate both the program and the subsidy level for 2027/28 budget process.

If the draft Waste Collection Policy is not adopted (Option 3) and there is no change to the current waste collection system, maintenance of a weekly collection service for the General Rubbish Bin (red lid bin) would equate to an estimated \$2,500,000. This would require an increase to the Council Budget, adding an estimated \$125 per property to the base waste service, increasing the proposed annual cost from \$361 for the year to \$486.

## **COMMUNICATION IMPACT**

In March 2026, the release of the Draft Waste Collection Policy and associated Waste Collection Guideline documents were made available online via Council's website and in hard copy at the Wellington Shire Council's Sale and Yarram Service Centres. Information was also provided to communities via local newsletters, and through social media channels. Feedback was requested through Wellington Shire Council's 'Your Wellington Your Say' website link.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

Under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*, Victorian councils are required to deliver waste and recycling services in accordance with Service Standards, Frameworks and associated Guidelines established by Recycling Victoria. These standards outline the minimum quality, performance, and consistency expectations for the provision of waste, recycling, and resource recovery services across the state. Aligning Council's services with these requirements provides clarity for the community, supports compliance, and enables continuous improvement in environmental and operational outcomes.

This updated policy and guideline sets the principles that determine service eligibility, service types, and charging, in line with the *Local Government Act 1989*, *Local Government Act 2020*, *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*.

## **COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT**

The draft Waste Collection Policy is intended to replace the Wellington Shire Council's current Waste Collection Policy 2025.

## **RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT**

Additional resources will be required to assist the waste team for a 6-month period to provide administration, data management and customer service functions with the introduction of the Food Organics and Garden Organics kerbside service and added flexibility of waste service provisions.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The introduction of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service and flexible waste options delivers significant benefits to the community by making waste reduction easier, more accessible, and more meaningful for households. By providing a simple system for separating organic materials from general waste, residents gain a practical way to contribute to environmental improvement and reduce landfill reliance. This strengthens community pride, supports shared sustainability values, and encourages collective action across urban and rural areas.

The FOGO rollout also enhances community understanding of responsible waste practices through education, consistent messaging, and engagement opportunities, ensuring residents feel supported and empowered during the transition. Over time, the program helps foster a more connected, environmentally aware community committed to long-term positive change.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Effective waste management is essential for protecting the natural environment and reducing the environmental impact of the community. The introduction of the Food Organics and Garden Organics collection service and changes in collection frequency will positively impact the environment. Implementing sustainable waste practices reduce the volume of waste sent to the Kilmany Landfill with an estimated 3,000 tonne reduction in waste volumes to landfill. The reprocessing of organic material for reuse as compost, soil conditioner and the like will help to conserve natural resources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and minimise pollution.

## **ENGAGEMENT IMPACT**

The period of community consultation, through Council's *Your Wellington Your Say* channel, commenced on Monday 16 March 2026 and closed 27 April 2026. There were 1488 Submissions received and considered prior to finalising the Waste Collection Policy now being presented to Council for adoption.

Key data results of respondents were:

- 38% supportive of changes and 56% unsupportive
- 54% supported the option to add an extra individual bin to the kerbside service
- 51% of respondents were unsupportive of removal of medical concessions with 33% being not sure.

Questions on notice to Council were received and submitters attended the Council Meeting of 21 April 2026 raising concerns on equity, access, engagement and process, among others.

Over 400 customer enquiries both phone and written have been received to date airing concerns, seeking clarifications, and understanding impacts and changes to routines.

Over 750 direct face-to-face engagements with community members at both partnered and pop-up events as a chance to discuss the new arrangements and encourage questioning and feedback from the community. Feedback during these events was overwhelmingly positive.

Attendance at the Wellington Disability Advisory Committee (WDAC) on 12 May 2026 to discuss impacts on individuals within the sector.

Social media interest was noted and tracked to determine sentiment and impacts of proposed policy changes.

It is acknowledged that at least 2 community petitions were activated to capture public sentiment and concern.

Key issues arising from all forms of engagement were:

- i) Bin frequency of general rubbish bin (red lid) to fortnightly
- ii) Bin capacity challenges for larger families, young children with nappies, medical, disability, or incontinence needs.
- iii) Communication challenges between renters and landlords for additional services
- iv) Odour issues
- v) Not requiring FOGO bin.
- vi) Additional costs – which were often clarified with direct customer contact
- vii) Consultation - timing/transparency of draft policy and service changes.

All feedback was observed and noted, with the recommended policy change to include the introduction of the general rubbish subsidy as a direct response to the feedback from the engagement, Council submissions, phone calls, emails, customer requests via website, social media and face to face pop-ups where Council heard overwhelmingly that there was both a want and need to assist those in the community with both medical needs and those with young families with their excess waste volumes.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT**

Under the provisions of the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*, Council is required to provide waste and recycling services in line with Recycling Victoria's Service Standards, Framework, and associated Guidelines. These Service Standards, currently in draft, set out the expected quality and performance benchmarks for the delivery of waste, recycling, and resource recovery services by Victorian Local Councils and Alpine Boards. By aligning services with the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* and Recycling Victoria's Service Standards, Council minimises the risk of regulatory breaches, service failures, and associated penalties.

## WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

<b>Policy Number:</b>	4.1.1
<b>Approved by:</b>	Council
<b>Date Approved:</b>	June 2026
<b>Date of Next Review:</b>	December 2027
<b>Applicable to:</b>	Natural Environment and Parks
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Natural Environment and Parks Coordinator Waste and Sustainability
<b>Related Policies:</b>	Nil
<b>Related Documents:</b>	Waste Collection Boundary Maps (Online), Waste Services Guideline
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021</i> <i>Climate Change Act 2017</i> <i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i> <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>

### OVERVIEW

This Policy outlines Wellington Shire Council's high-level framework for the provision of kerbside waste and recycling services. It sets the principles that determine service eligibility, service types, and charging, in line with the *Local Government Act 1989*, *Local Government Act 2020*, *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*.

All operational requirements, service standards, access criteria and procedures are detailed in the Waste Services Guideline, which supports this Policy.

This Policy applies to all residential and eligible non-residential properties within Council's Declared Collection Areas.

The Policy governs the provision of:

- Kerbside collection services
- Hard waste collection
- Waste, recycling and processing charges

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### 1.1 Service Provision

- Council provides kerbside waste, recycling and hard waste collection services to properties located within the Declared Collection Areas.
- Properties must meet safe, lawful and practical access requirements as detailed in the Waste Services Guideline.
- Properties outside the Declared Collection Area are not eligible for a Council-provided kerbside service. Legacy properties are currently exempt from this rule.
- The Declared Collection Areas will be reviewed at least every three years to reflect changes in land use, access conditions and service feasibility. Any amendments to the Declared Collection Areas are approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

## 1.2 Standard Kerbside Collection Service

Council provides a mandatory kerbside service to eligible properties in accordance with the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*. In Wellington Shire, the mandatory standard service includes a 120L general rubbish bin, 240L recycling bin, and 240L food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bin.

## 1.3 Frequency

The collection frequency of each service is as follows;

- Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection - Weekly
- General Rubbish collection – Fortnightly
- Recycling Collection - Fortnightly

## 1.4 Flexibility

Council provides the option of user-pays flexibility to households requiring additional waste or recycling capacity. Subject to access and eligibility requirements, properties within a Declared Collection Area may apply for larger bin sizes (general rubbish only) or any number of optional additional General Rubbish, Recycling or Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services. The Waste Services Guideline outlines all available service configurations, standard bin entitlements, the process for requesting additional bins.

## 1.5 Additional General Rubbish Subsidy

The availability of an 'Additional General Rubbish Subsidy' can be applied for, for those with excess Medical/Hygiene Waste, and for families with 2 or more children under 4 years of age, subject to eligibility requirements, on a proof-based application process, either as property owners or directly as tenants for properties within a Declared Collection Area. The Waste Services Guideline outlines the process, eligibility criteria and application process for the additional general rubbish bin subsidy.

## 1.6 Exceptions

Certain property types—such as commercial properties, dependent persons units, temporary dwellings, vacant land, non-rateable land and not-for-profit aged-care housing—are exempt from mandatory kerbside services. These properties may elect to receive a kerbside service, and may also request additional bins, provided they meet all access and eligibility requirements outlined in the Waste Services Guideline.

## 1.7 Waste Service Charges

Council applies waste and recycling charges based on cost recovery, transparency and accountability, equity and efficiency, consistent with Ministerial Guidelines.

The categories of charges include:

- Kerbside Service Charges
- EPA Waste Levy Charge
- Waste Infrastructure and Management Charge

Charge descriptions and calculation principles are set out in the Waste Services Guideline.

### **1.8 Compliance**

Council may take action in instances of service misuse, contamination or illegal dumping in accordance with the Guideline, Local Laws and relevant legislation.

### **1.9 Supporting Guideline**

This Policy is supported by the Waste Services Guideline, which contains:

- Types of charges and charging methodology
- Service provision and eligibility criteria
- Standard service and additional bins
- Additional general rubbish subsidy
- Conditions of collection
- Exceptions and exemptions
- Declared Collection Area principles
- Contamination processes

The Guideline may be updated administratively to reflect operational or legislative changes. Any amendments to the Guideline to support Operations are approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

## DEFINITIONS

**Additional general rubbish subsidy** – Kerbside serviced properties with a medical condition or disability associated with the significant generation of medical or hygiene related waste confirmed in writing by a medical professional, or families with 2 children under the age of 4, that meet the criteria outlined in the Waste Services Guideline, may apply for an additional 120L general rubbish bin – no additional fees apply (each case will be assessed as to how it meets the criteria).

**Contamination** – Materials that cannot be processed by the receival facility (e.g., plastic in green bin), materials which are hazardous to health or the environment (e.g. syringes), not domestic in nature (e.g. building products, paint), or is illegal to place in the bin (e.g. asbestos, batteries) in accordance with Recycling Victoria Service Standards and Wellington Shire Community Local Law 2021.

**Declared Collection Area (DCA)** - A spatial boundary determined by Council under its powers in the *Local Government Act 2020* to provide and charge for waste and recycling services. All properties within this boundary are required to receive the mandatory standard service and are subject to the associated service charges, regardless of individual use or preference.

Council may amend the Declared Collection Area, or exclude individual properties, where service provision is not reasonably or safely practicable due to access, safety, cost, or operational constraints

**Legacy properties** – are residential properties located outside the declared collection area that retained a right to a bin collection service during Council amalgamations in 1994 and have paid a Waste Kerbside Service Charge (historically referred to as Garbage Charge) as part of that right.

**Multi-Unit Developments (MUDS)** – means two or more dwellings (whether attached or detached) on one lot of land. This may include Nursing Homes, retirement villages, residential flats.

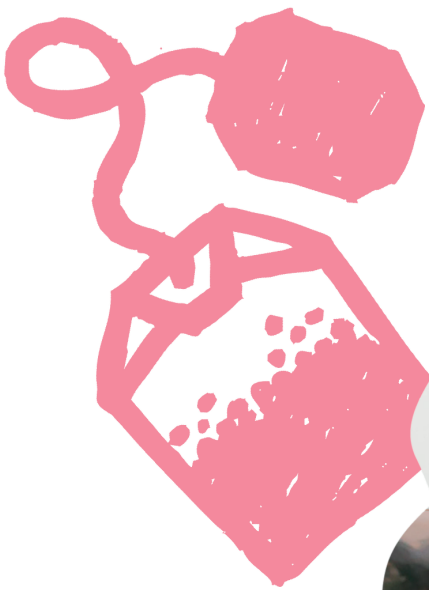
**Non-rateable land**- as per the definition contained in Section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Not for Profit**-as per the definition of the Australian Tax Office.

## REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	No changes applicable at this review.
1.1	December 2023	Date of New Review updated to December 2024. Minor formatting changes.
1.2	December 2024	Date of Next Review updated to December 2025.
1.3	December 2025	Date of New Review updated to December 2026.
2.0	June 2026	Major update of policy undertaken to reflect the high-level framework for the provision of kerbside waste and recycling services.

# Waste Services Guideline



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# Waste Services Guideline

## Purpose

This Guideline supports the Waste Collection Policy by providing the detailed operational requirements, service standards, eligibility criteria and procedures that guide the delivery of Council's kerbside waste, recycling, organics and hard waste services.

While the Policy sets out the high-level principles for service provision and charging, **this Guideline contains the full technical, procedural and service-level detail required for implementation.**

This Guideline may be updated administratively to reflect service improvements, operational changes or updated State Government requirements.

## Overview

Council plays an important role in assisting the community to reduce waste generation, increase resource recovery, and promote alternatives to landfill disposal — while ensuring safe, cost-effective and logistically feasible service delivery.

Council is committed to improving diversion from landfill wherever practicable; however, this must be balanced against the need to maintain safe and efficient collection operations, particularly in a regional and rural context.

Under the provisions of the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*, Council is required to provide waste and recycling services in line with Recycling Victoria's Service Standards, Framework, and associated Guidelines. These Service Standards set out the expected quality and performance benchmarks for the delivery of waste, recycling, and resource recovery services by Victorian Local Councils and Alpine Boards.

Council recognises the importance of transitioning to a circular economy and is committed to supporting sustainable material use and recovery through improved waste services and community education.

## 1. Waste Charges and Fees

Under the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council has the authority to declare service charges for the provision of waste, recycling, and resource recovery services. In exercising this power, Council will apply the principles outlined in the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Local Government Service Rates and Charges, including:

- **Cost recovery** – charges should not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service.
- **Transparency and accountability** – charges must be clearly linked to the service provided.
- **Equity** – ensuring those who use or benefit from the service contribute fairly.
- **Efficiency** – minimising unnecessary complexity or duplication in charging methods.

### 1.1 Waste Infrastructure and Management Charge

The Waste Infrastructure and Management Charge is a general service charge applied to all rateable properties in Wellington Shire.

The charge contributes to:

- Capital investment in landfill sites (open and closed), transfer stations, and associated plant and equipment.
- Operational expenses for Kilmany Landfill and the transfer station network.
- Infrastructure upgrades and long-term rehabilitation liabilities.
- Community-focused programs that support diversion from landfill including–Detox Your Home, and future initiatives aligned with Council’s sustainability goals.
- Other costs that align with the *Local Government Act* waste provisions and ministerial guidelines

#### 1.1.1 Farm Enterprise Exemption

To reduce the administrative and financial burden on primary producers, the Waste Infrastructure and Management Charge may only need to be applied to the primary farming property.

Additional rated properties that are managed in the same farming enterprise will be exempt from the WIC in the following circumstances:

- The primary farming property is in the Wellington Shire
- The rated land does not have a dwelling, or the dwelling is separately rated

### 1.2 Kerbside Service Charge

The Kerbside Service Charge recovers the direct costs of providing Council’s kerbside waste collection service. This includes;

- Supply, maintenance and replacement of bins
- Collection services for each material stream

- Waste disposal gate fees (excluding the EPA Waste Levy Charge)
- Transport and processing costs
- Hard waste collection services
- A proportion (30%) of operational and administrative costs related to service delivery and
- Costs of 'Additional General Waste Subsidy'

This charge:

- Applies to all rateable properties where Council has resolved to provide a kerbside waste service, regardless of the actual uptake or use of the service by the resident.
- Is applied per service provided – additional or upsized bins will attract additional charges.

This approach ensures that all eligible users contribute equitably to the cost of maintaining a standardised, accessible, and environmentally responsible waste management system. The charge is structured in line with the principles of full cost recovery, operational sustainability, and Council's obligations under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* and *Local Government Act 2020*.

### **1.3 EPA Waste Levy Charge**

The EPA Waste Levy Charge recovers the cost of the Victorian Government's statutory waste levy on the landfilled component of the kerbside collection service, the general rubbish bin. No profit margin is applied, in accordance with cost recovery principles.

This charge:

- Applies to all rateable properties where Council has resolved to provide a kerbside waste service, regardless of the actual uptake or use of the service by the resident.
- Is levied per service provided – additional or upsized General Rubbish (Red Lid) bins will attract additional charges.
- Does not apply to materials collected via the Recycling (Yellow Lid), or Food Organics and Garden Organics (Green Lid) services or hard waste.

## 2. Kerbside Collection Services

### 2.1. Service Provision

Council will provide kerbside collection services in accordance with Recycling Victoria's Service Standard, as legislated under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*. This includes mandatory provision of a General Rubbish service (Red Lid), a Mixed Recycling service (Yellow Lid), and a Food Organics and Garden Organics (Green Lid) service.

- The kerbside collection service applies to all properties within the Declared Collection Areas (Section 2.6), except where an exception or exemption is specified.

Council provides an annual hard waste collection to properties that receive a kerbside collection service. This service is not a mandated requirement under the Recycling Victoria's Service Standards but is offered to support responsible disposal of bulky household items. The cost of the service is included in the Kerbside Service Charge.

- Eligible properties are entitled to one hard waste collection per year.
- Residents using the hard waste service must adhere to the conditions and limitations set by Council, including acceptable items, placement guidelines, and volume restrictions.

### 2.2 Service Eligibility

Collection locations must be compatible with the physical access constraints of the property and the safe operation of collection vehicles. Wellington Shire Council identifies the closest accessible area for residents to place their kerbside bins for collection using the below considerations.

#### 2.2.1 All properties - Service Eligibility and Council Rights

Council kerbside waste services will only be provided where all of the following conditions are met:

- The property is located within the Declared Collection area or is classified as an existing legacy property.
- Bins can be safely presented at an accessible roadside collection point, without requiring collection vehicles to enter private property.
- Collection vehicles must be able to access the collection point safely at all times. Kerbside collection will only be provided on constructed public roads maintained by Council or the State Government, where the road formation, surface, width, alignment, turning areas and bridge load limits are suitable for heavy waste collection vehicles.

Where these conditions cannot safely or consistently met, Council may:

- Designate an alternative collection point (e.g. a shared bin pad or consolidated pickup location), or;
- Where no safe and practical alternative exists, refuse or withdraw the kerbside service for that property.

Council will work collaboratively with affected property owners or managers to identify solutions and improve access wherever practical. If no suitable arrangement can be established, responsibility for arranging alternative private waste collections services will rest with the property owner or manager.

## 2.3 Service Options

### 2.3.1 Mandatory Standard Service

Council provides a mandatory standard service to all eligible properties within the Declared Collection Areas.

Eligible properties may also elect to receive additional optional bins based on their needs. Kerbside Service and EPA Waste Levy charges will vary based on the service option selected.

Service	General Rubbish Red Lid	Recycling Yellow Lid	Food Organics/Garden Organics (FOGO) Green Lid
Mandatory Standard Service	120L	240L	240L
Collection Frequency	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Weekly**
Optional Additional Bin/s**	120L/240L*	240L	240L

\* Can opt for 240L bin if 2 x 120L services are requested

\*\* From July 2026

### 2.3.2 Optional Upgrades and Additional Bin Services

Upgrades and Additional bin services are **not** a mandatory requirement under the Recycling Victoria's Service Standards.

#### 2.3.2.1 Eligibility and Requests

- Properties within the declared collection area may request an upgrade or additional bins for an extra charge, subject to Council approval.
- An upgrade or additional bin can only be requested and authorised by the ratepayer or their managing agent.

#### 2.3.2.2 Charges and Billing

- Charges follow the 'user pays' principle to encourage waste minimisation. Properties with the standard service incur lower charges, while properties requiring additional bins incur progressively higher costs.
- Adjustments to the service that result in a change to the total charge are applied pro rata from the request/delivery date.

#### 2.3.2.3 Responsibilities

- Owners or occupiers must notify Council if the bins listed on the Rates Notice differ from those at the property or if additional services are no longer required.
- Payment of the Kerbside Service Charges on the Rates Notice signifies acceptance of the services provided.

### 2.3.3 Additional General Rubbish Subsidy

Properties receiving a kerbside collection service who meet the below criteria may apply for a fully subsidised additional 120L general rubbish (red lid) bin service at the prescribed frequency.

### 2.3.3.1 Eligibility and Requests

- Properties within the declared collection area may request an additional 120L general rubbish bin, subject to providing evidence of the generation of additional medical waste or hygiene waste volumes (above Councils's 120L capacity) through the submission of Council's form and accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner, subject to Council approval.
- Properties within the declared collection area may request an additional 120L general rubbish bin, subject to the submission of Council's form and providing evidence of 2 children under the age of 4 years living at the property, this may include either birth certificates or immunisation history and medicare card, subject to Council approval.
- Requests may be submitted by the ratepayer (owner) of the property or the occupier (tenant) of the property.

### 2.3.2.2 Charges and Billing

- Council approved bins under this program are fully subsidised. The additional general rubbish bin will be displayed on the rates notice of the property as an Optional General Rubbish Service under Waste Charges with the full subsidy offset under the Adjustments section as General Waste Subsidy.
- For approved medical or hygiene waste properties, Council will provide the service for 2 years. After this time Council will contact the resident to request evidence of ongoing need for subsidised bin. If evidence is not provided, the additional bin will be removed.
- For approved properties with 2 children under 4 years of age, Council will provide the service until the oldest child turns 4. Prior to this Council will contact the resident to request evidence of ongoing need for subsidised bin. If evidence is not provided the bin will be removed.

### 2.3.2.3 Responsibilities

- Owners or occupiers must notify Council if the additional subsidised bins listed on the Rates Notice differ from those at the property or if additional services are no longer required.
- Payment of the Kerbside Service Charges on the Rates Notice signifies acceptance of the services provided.

Section 3 Enforcement also applies to contamination of additional the general rubbish bin supplied under this program. Where contamination is identified, the Kerbside Contamination Response Procedure will be followed and may result in the additional general rubbish service being removed.

## 2.4 Conditions of Collection Service

Residents receiving a kerbside collection service must comply with the following conditions and Council's Community Local Law 2021 –

- Place bins out for collection prior to 6am and collect as soon as possible on the same day.
- Contain no prohibited waste.
- Any waste spilt from overflowing bins prior to the collection must be removed by the occupier responsible for the bins.
- The bins must be maintained by the occupier of the property to which the bin relates, in good order and in a clean and sanitary condition.

- Council provided bins remain the property of Council.
- Contain only waste types approved for each bin type regulated through Recycling Victoria's Service Standards.

#### Other conditions

- Bins must be placed at the kerbside or alternative area requested/approved by Council. Where access is limited, bins may be required to be presented at an alternative location approved by Council, which may be in front of an alternate property.
- Bins must be placed away from overhead service lines and street trees.
- Bins must be placed 1m apart or alternative separation distance approved by Council.
- Bins must be placed on the straight section of the road for properties located within a court bowl or dead-end street

Bin inspections may be conducted by Council and/or contractors to audit bin contamination, review bin accessibility for collection and the number of services.

### **2.5 Exceptions and Exemptions**

The following property types are exempt from the Mandatory Kerbside Collection Service but may elect to receive a service upon request. Any elected service must also meet the eligibility and access conditions set out in Sections 2.2.1 Service Eligibility and Councils Rights, 2.4 Conditions of Collection Service and 2.6 Declared Collection Areas.

#### **Commercial Properties**

Properties primarily used for commercial or industrial purposes are exempt from receiving a kerbside waste service. However, they may request a service subject to meeting serviceability criteria and being located within a declared collection area.

#### **Temporary Dwellings, Dependable Persons Units, Vacant Lots, and Non-Rateable Properties**

These property types are not automatically provided a kerbside waste collection service. If the service is requested, approval will depend on compliance with the declared collection boundary and eligibility criteria.

#### **Not-for-Profit Aged Care Housing**

Properties managed by not-for-profit organisations, administered by volunteer community boards, and primarily providing housing for elderly citizens are exempt from mandatory service. However, these organisations may elect to receive a kerbside collection service subject to meeting serviceability criteria and being located within a declared collection area.

#### **2.5.1 Legacy Properties**

In recognition of historical arrangements, legacy properties located outside the declared collection area currently retain access to kerbside collection services and are eligible for the same level of service as those within the declared collection areas.

No new kerbside collection services will be extended to properties outside the declared collection areas.

If a legacy property chooses to remove the service, they will no longer be considered a Legacy Property and will not be able to reinstate the service in future.

## 2.5.2 Multi-Unit Properties & Developments (MUDs)

### 2.5.2.1 Existing Multi-Unit Developments

Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs) present unique challenges for kerbside waste and recycling services due to limited on-site space, shared bin infrastructure, and variable access conditions. Council recognises these complexities and aims to support effective waste management through clear service expectations and responsibilities.

- Existing multi-unit properties are expected to provide and maintain adequate on-site bin storage for all current and future kerbside collection streams, including garbage, recycling, and organics services.
- Sufficient roadside space must also be available to allow safe and orderly bin presentation on collection days. Bins must not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle access and must be positioned for servicing by side-lift collection vehicles.
- Residents, managers, or the Owners Corporation are responsible for moving bins between on-site storage areas and the nearest designated public roadside collection point on collection days.
- Where existing storage does not meet Recycling Victoria's Service Standards requirements, (e.g. introduction of Food Organics/Garden Organics), Council may require onsite upgrades or improvements to retain access to the service.
- If these conditions cannot be met, Council may review service eligibility in accordance with Section 2.2.1.

### 2.5.2.2 Future Multi-Unit Developments (New or Redeveloped MUDs)

Future Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs) must incorporate best-practice waste management design from the outset to ensure safe, efficient, and compliant service delivery.

The Victorian Planning Provisions sets out objectives and strategies for land use development, including waste management as outlined in Clause 58.06-3 – Waste and Recycling Objectives

All future MUDs must be designed in accordance with Waste Management and Recycling in Multi-unit Developments – Better Practice Guide (Sustainability Victoria, 2019), unless superseded by a council-approved waste management design guideline, which will take precedence. Waste management design must include:

- Sufficient on-site and roadside bin storage capacity for all required waste streams, including provision for a minimum 4-bin service for all dwellings or buildings.
- Measures to protect public health and residential amenity minimising odour, noise, risks associated with waste vehicle access and movement.
- A comprehensive Waste Management Plan (WMP) submitted as part of the planning application. The WMP must:
  - Estimate waste volumes for all mandated streams, based on the number of dwellings and in line with Recycling Victoria's Service Standards

- Identify secure, screened, and adequate on-site bin storage areas for all waste streams.
- Describe how and by whom bins will be moved to the roadside collection point on collection days.
- Confirm that the roadside presentation is feasible, safe and complies with Council guidelines.
- Planning permit approval for new or redeveloped MUDs will be conditional on demonstrating compliance with these waste management requirements, ensuring the development supports sustainable, accessible and efficient kerbside waste services. Waste management may be added as a condition to any planning permit.

## 2.6 Declared Collection Areas

### 2.6.1 Principles for Declared Collection Area

Given the geographically dispersed population within the municipality, providing universal kerbside collection services is not financially viable. To ensure equitable, cost-effective service delivery, Council defines and maintains a Declared Collection Area (DCA) – a spatial boundary identifying properties eligible to receive kerbside waste services.

The establishment and review of the Declared Collection Area is guided by the following criteria:

**Land Zoning:** Priority is given to areas zoned as Township Zone (TZ), as well as adjoining Low-Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) or General Residential Zone (GRZ), where higher population densities support efficient service provision. Where zoning does not reflect actual population distribution due to recent development or rezoning, Council may adjust the boundary accordingly.

**New Growth Areas:** Where clusters of new development are considered suitable for kerbside service, Council officers may recommend inclusion in the DCA. Affected ratepayers will be notified and consulted prior to any change being finalised.

**Road Access:** Collection points must be accessible on roads maintained by Council or the State Government.

**Physical Access Constraints:** When defining or extending the DCA, Council will consider the physical capability of collection vehicles to safely access properties within the proposed boundary. The DCA will not extend into areas where:

- Roads do not provide all-weather access or adequate pavement strength
- Turning circles, gradients or bridge load limits restrict vehicle movements, or
- The presence of barriers (eg. Bollards, culverts, narrow bridges, or safety rails) prevent safe collection.

**Cost Efficiency:** The cost-of-service provision must be sustainable.

### 2.6.2 Periodic Boundary Review

Council will review the Declared Collection Area and the application of Service Standards at least every three years to reflect changes in zoning, urban growth, and infrastructure. This ensures service provision continues to align with the municipality's evolving needs.

- Council officers may amend the declared collection area as necessary, considering factors such as changes in accessibility, zoning, infrastructure, or financial viability.
- Declared Collection Area boundary revisions shall be approved by the CEO.

## 3. Enforcement

### 3.1 Kerbside Contamination Response Procedure

Council applies a seven-stage contamination response to properties that repeatedly contaminate bins. The process emphasises education, support, and early resolution wherever possible.

Action	Purpose
Step 1 – Contamination Label placed on Bin	Notification and awareness of contamination. Education provided if the household makes contact.
Step 2 – First Notification Letter to Occupier	Opportunity for 1:1 engagement. Awareness, education and support strategies may include phone calls or distribution of educational materials.
Step 3 – Second Notification Letter to Owner and Occupier	Escalation of issue and opportunity for 1:1 engagement. Ensures both owner and occupier are aware of ongoing contamination.
Step 4 – A Notice to Comply will be issued.	A Notice to Comply will be issued by an authorised officer of Council with a two-week timeframe to comply allowing for direct engagement and behavioural correction.
Step 5 – Apply the local law and issue infringement.	If compliance is not achieved the local law will be applied and infringements may be issued.
Step 6 – Audit/Inspections	The Collections Contractor/Council will closely monitor the contamination of the bin for a period of 3 months.
Step 7 – Compliance Achieved	The Collections Contractor/Council will continue to monitor the contamination of the bin as per contract.

Council's contamination management process does not include removal or suspension of the mandatory kerbside waste services from residential premises. Service withdrawal can create community health risks, conflict between neighbours, and increased illegal dumping. Ensuring all households retain access to waste services supports overall community health and resilience.

### 3.1.1 Responsibilities of Owners and Occupiers

The Kerbside Contamination Response Procedure applies to all residential properties receiving a Kerbside Collection Service.

Where the occupier is also the property owner, they are both behaviourally and financially responsible for the proper use of the Kerbside Collection Service.

Where the owner and occupier differ, the following principles apply:

- Responsibility for day-to-day waste sorting behaviour lies with the property occupier; therefore, Council will engage with the occupier first when contamination occurs.
- Where the occupier fails to correct contamination after the multi-step process, the property owner (ratepayer) will be notified, as they hold financial responsibility for the waste service. Local Laws will investigate and an infringement will be issued to the owner where required.

For commercial or exempt properties that have opted to receive a Council provided Kerbside Collection Service, at step 4 a Notice of Intention to withdraw the service may be provided. The service may be withdrawn if the property reaches Step 5 – Apply the local law and issue infringement.

### 3.2 Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of waste in public places, parks, roadside areas, recreation bins, or outside Council-operated facilities such as transfer stations is a serious offence. Individuals found responsible for such activities may be subject to enforcement action under the Council's *Community Local Law 2021* and/or the *Environment Protection Act 2017*. Penalties may include fines or further regulatory action, depending on the nature and extent of the offence.

## DEFINITIONS

**Additional general rubbish subsidy** – Kerbside serviced properties with a medical condition or disability associated with the significant generation of medical or hygiene related waste confirmed in writing by a medical professional, or families with 2 children under the age of 4, that meet the criteria outlined in the Waste Services Guideline, may apply for an additional 120L general rubbish bin – no additional fees apply (each case will be assessed as to how it meets the criteria).

**Contamination** – Materials that cannot be processed by the receival facility (e.g., plastic in green bin), materials which are hazardous to health or the environment (e.g. syringes), not domestic in nature (e.g. building products, paint), or is illegal to place in the bin (e.g. asbestos, batteries) in accordance with Recycling Victoria Service Standards and Wellington Shire Community Local Law 2021.

**Declared Collection Area (DCA)** – A spatial boundary determined by Council under its powers in the *Local Government Act 2020* to provide and charge for waste and recycling services. All properties within this boundary are required to receive at least the minimum standard service and are subject to the associated service charges, regardless of individual use or preference.

Council may amend the Declared Collection Area, or exclude individual properties, where service provision is not reasonably or safely practicable due to access, safety, cost, or operational constraints

**Legacy properties** – are residential properties located outside the declared collection area that retained a right to a bin collection service during Council amalgamations in 1994 and have paid a Waste Kerbside Service Charge (historically referred to as Garbage Charge) as part of that right.

**Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs)** – means two or more dwellings (whether attached or detached) on one lot of land. This may include Nursing Homes, retirement villages, residential flats.

**Non-rateable land**- as per the definition contained in Section 154 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Not for Profit**-as per the definition of the Australian Tax Office.

## 13. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 13.1. QUARTERLY BUILDING REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

#### PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on building permits issued in the Wellington Shire during the quarter 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, for information.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note the report of building permits issued from 1 January to 31 March 2026.*

#### 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 March 2026. Refer to Attachment 13.1.1 - 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 13.1.2 - Graph 1 - Number of Building Permits and Attachment 13.1.3 – Graph 2 - Value of Building Works.

For the period 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 there were 200 permits issued with an estimated value of work at \$50,927,324.

#### Major projects include:

##### FULHAM

- Fulham Solar Farm Construction – 4 separate permits (noise walls; control room, masts, support structures & fence; Monitoring Box (T-Box): Fencing – perimeter fencing around electrical network substation.

##### KILMANY

- Kilmany Resource Recovery Centre & Landfill – 2 x storage sheds.

##### MAFFRA

- Gippsland Auto Museum – Alterations to main building.

## NEWRY

- Newry Fire Station – Extension to CFA building.

## SALE

- School Alterations/Additions - Our Lady of Sion Redevelopment - Installation of canopy over existing sports court.
- Sale Main Oval – New canteen.
- New DFFH Dwellings on existing DFFH sites – 3 x Units in Howard St, 2 x units in Jaycee Court.
- New residential care buildings (NDIS) - Woodford Place.

## STRATFORD

- St Patricks Primary School Upgrade – School alterations and additions (Stage 2).

## WOODSIDE

- Woodside Recreation Reserve - Installation of 4 new light towers.

## YARRAM

- New CFA Fire Station – Commercial Road.

In the previous quarter between 1 October and 31 December 2025 there were 213 permits issued with an estimated value of work at \$44,905,313.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Wellington Permits Issued [**13.1.1** - 3 pages]
2. Graph 1 - Number of Building Permits [**13.1.2** - 1 page]
3. Graph 2 - Value of Building Works [**13.1.3** - 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 January to 31 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**

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.

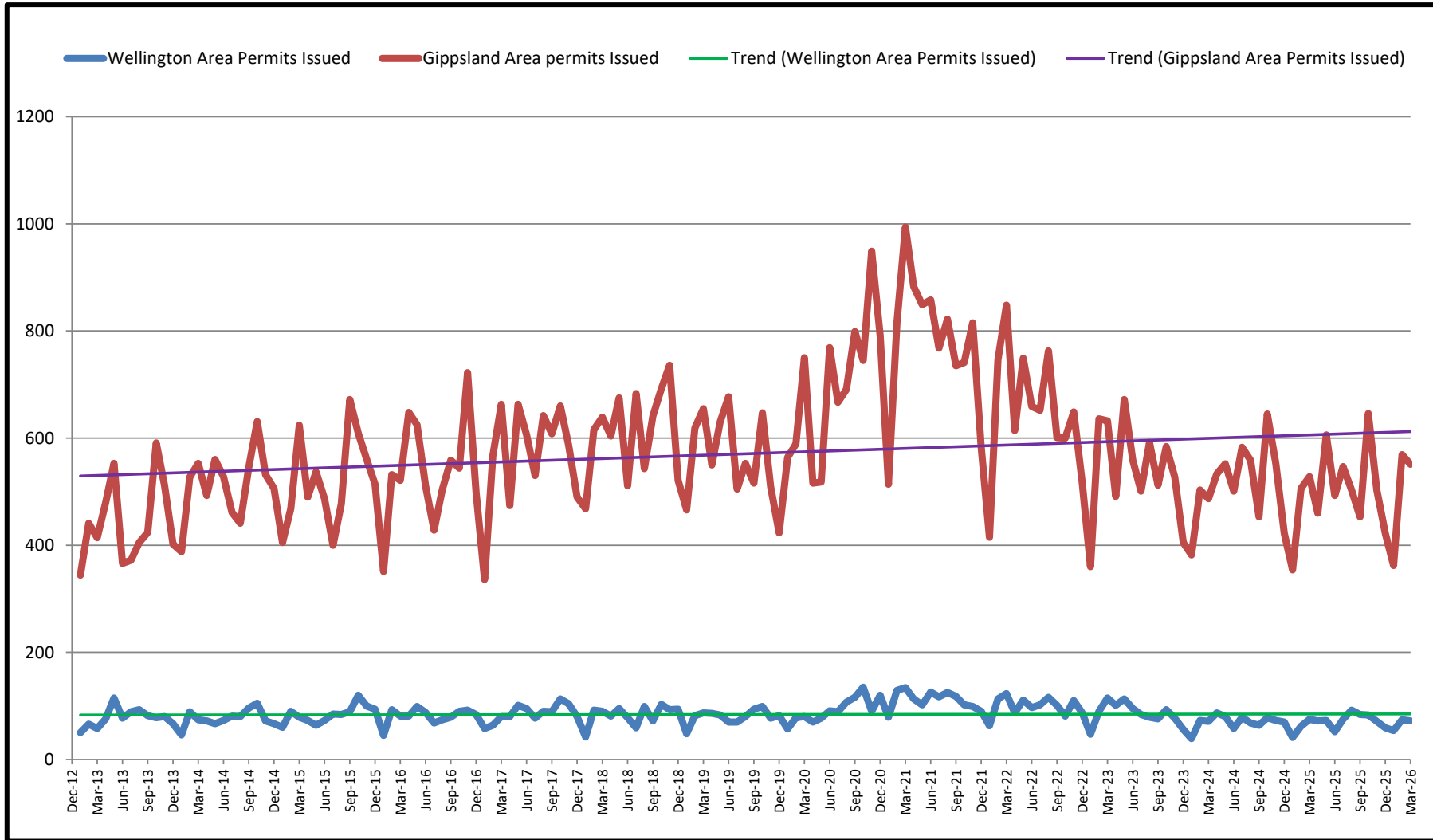
**WELLINGTON PERMITS ISSUED**  
Number of Applications and their Estimated Value Each Month

	January	February	March	Total
<b>AIRLY</b>	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$10,000	1 \$10,000
<b>BOISDALE</b>	1 \$114,745	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$114,745
<b>BRIAGOLONG</b>	2 \$529,282	1 \$27,079	1 \$225,643	4 \$782,004
<b>BUNDALAGUAH</b>	0 \$0	1 \$137,000	0 \$0	1 \$137,000
<b>BUSHY PARK</b>	0 \$0	1 \$73,000	0 \$0	1 \$73,000
<b>COONGULLA</b>	2 \$273,100	1 \$30,000	0 \$0	3 \$303,100
<b>COWWARR</b>	0 \$0	3 \$584,368	0 \$0	3 \$584,368
<b>DARGO</b>	1 \$48,350	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$48,350
<b>DENISON</b>	1 \$18,702	0 \$0	1 \$28,500	2 \$47,202
<b>DEVON NORTH</b>	2 \$1,205,632	0 \$0	0 \$0	2 \$1,205,632
<b>FULHAM</b>	2 \$1,172,219	2 \$3,105,600	1 \$2,400,000	5 \$6,677,819
<b>GIFFARD</b>	1 \$32,450	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$32,450
<b>GLENMAGGIE</b>	0 \$0	1 \$109,700	0 \$0	1 \$109,700
<b>GOLDEN BEACH</b>	2 \$236,000	1 \$207,208	2 \$265,803	5 \$709,011
<b>GORMANDALE</b>	0 \$0	1 \$312,000	0 \$0	1 \$312,000
<b>HEDLEY</b>	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$76,900	1 \$76,900
<b>HEYFIELD</b>	3 \$1,152,648	10 \$2,036,710	2 \$694,441	15 \$3,883,799
<b>KILMANY</b>	1 \$123,750	2 \$707,720	0 \$0	3 \$831,470

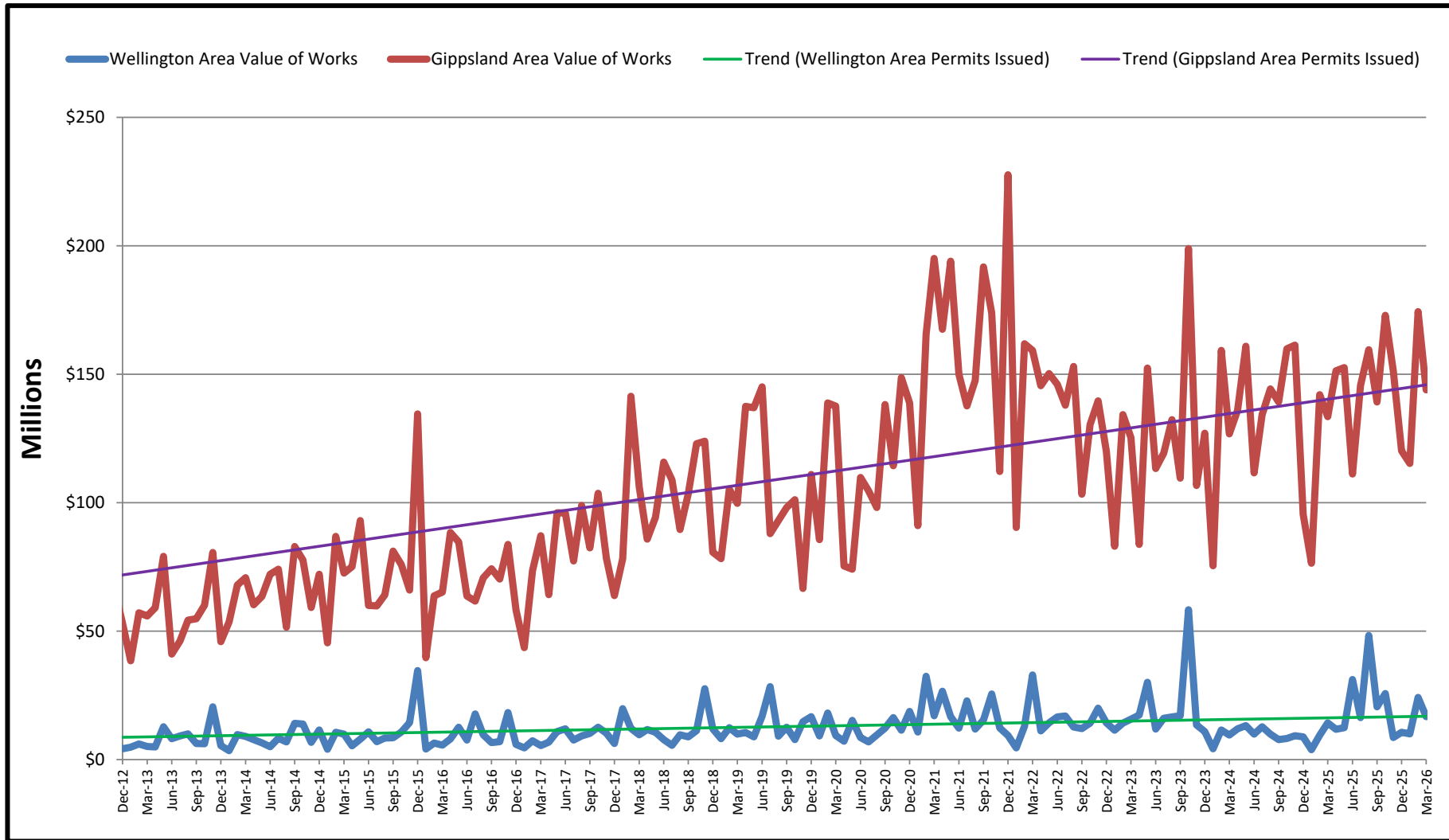
	January	February	March	Total
LICOLA NORTH	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$35,000	1 \$35,000
LOCH SPORT	1 \$8,500	4 \$745,433	4 \$220,099	9 \$974,032
LONGFORD	2 \$70,850	2 \$163,290	4 \$1,426,195	8 \$1,660,335
MAFFRA	5 \$149,401	9 \$2,218,946	8 \$1,192,184	22 \$3,560,531
MYRTLEBANK	1 \$50,000	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$50,000
NAMBROK	1 \$40,150	1 \$14,000	0 \$0	2 \$54,150
NEWRY	2 \$115,103	0 \$0	0 \$0	2 \$115,103
PORT ALBERT	1 \$26,375	0 \$0	2 \$130,900	3 \$157,275
ROBERTSONS BEACH	0 \$0	2 \$32,500	0 \$0	2 \$32,500
ROSEDALE	4 \$56,400	3 \$585,282	6 \$1,221,196	13 \$1,862,878
SALE	8 \$2,107,574	13 \$4,789,158	25 \$5,654,990	46 \$12,551,722
SEASPRAY	0 \$0	1 \$13,172	0 \$0	1 \$13,172
SEATON	1 \$41,820	3 \$1,037,501	1 \$12,000	5 \$1,091,321
STRATFORD	6 \$1,739,673	6 \$3,938,543	6 \$675,991	18 \$6,354,207
THE HONEYSUCKLES	0 \$0	1 \$15,000	1 \$1,370,682	2 \$1,385,682
TINAMBA	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$192,500	1 \$192,500
TOONGABBIE	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$60,000	1 \$60,000
WINNINDOO	0 \$0	2 \$148,500	0 \$0	2 \$148,500
WOODSIDE	1 \$650,000	0 \$0	1 \$285,959	2 \$935,959
WOODSIDE BEACH	1 \$29,990	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$29,990

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>WURRUK</b>	1 \$14,000	1 \$9,500	1 \$63,900	3 \$87,400
<b>YARRAM</b>	1 \$14,800	2 \$3,127,459	1 \$494,258	4 \$3,636,517
<b>Total</b>	54 10,021,514	74 24,168,669	72 16,737,141	200 50,927,324

**GRAPH 1: NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS**



**GRAPH 2: VALUE OF BUILDING WORKS**



## 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*

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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### COUNCILLOR

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

Meeting declared closed at: