



WELLINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

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

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 2 June 2026.**

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Scott Rossetti

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens (Online)

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Geoff Wells

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development

Billie-Jo Thorburn, Acting Manager Customer & Communications

Catie Thomson, Senior Governance and Reporting Officer

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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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**

NIL

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST**

NIL

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S**

**3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 2026.</i>
<b>COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN</b>
<b>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 2026.</b>
<b>CARRIED</b>

**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**

NIL

## 6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

**ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN**

**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.**

**CARRIED**

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>FROM MEETING</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
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

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged the recent Wellington Neighbourhood policing forum which was hosted by the Victoria Police last Wednesday in the Wellington Room, attended by both Deputy Mayor Foat and Mayor Madeley. It was a really worthwhile event for the community and a valuable chance for everyone to meet the local police officers that work in the different departments and to hear about the work they are doing to keep the community safe as well as the current priorities and issues across Wellington. The forum gave residents a chance to ask questions, raise concerns and share feedback that help shape priorities.

The police are encouraging people to fill in surveys which helps to drive the data on community concerns and helps police to target where they need to be as well.

A thank you was extended to the Victoria Police for bringing the forum to the community and for their ongoing commitment to open and practical engagement with residents.

Councillor Foat acknowledged the great work and thanked the Waste Management Team for the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) rollout in educating the community about waste, recycling and sustainability; for their practical community education and building positive habits across the Shire.

The recent visits by the Team across the Shire, including Wurruk, Loch Sport and St Columba's kindergarten have helped spread important messages about how to correctly reduce waste and recycle. Councillor Foat made special mention of Sharon who was acknowledged for her fun, engaging, educational and hands-on approach toward teaching children about recycling; what goes in each bin, the colours etc. The children were excited to take what they had learnt home and become the 'new bin bosses' in their households with many corrections likely to have been made by the children with their families in terms of what they were, and were not, 'doing right'!

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON acknowledged last Wednesday evening's Council organisation of an event to honour the John Leslie Foundation and the trustees of the John Leslie Foundation. It was a lovely evening. An email communication was provided to David Leslie from Helen Booth after the event, for which Councillor Tatterson read an excerpt as follows:

*"Thank you all on behalf of the trustees to you and your staff for conceiving and realising such a wonderful event in recognition of our most generous and innovate forebear. The trustees and I have been honoured to carry out John's wishes and this civic reception was a most suitable way for the community to show our gratitude to him and to mark the completion of his mission".*

The venue could not have been better. Helen Booth thanked the crew for their organisation and for her flowers. Councillor Tatterson acknowledged the other speakers, including Helen Booth and the Mayor who also provided a beautiful address about the foundation and her personal experiences in dealing with John Leslie himself.

John was a wonderful man and a dedicated community member. The Wellington Shire has been so lucky to have such a generous person living within the community where he has done so much good for the town. A congratulations was extended to the Mayor who received very positive feedback in relation to their leadership.

In summary, the evening was a great night and a wonderful acknowledgement of many, and, in particular, a fitting tribute to the trustees and John himself.

Mayor Madeley concurred with Councillor Tatterson in acknowledging the contributions of the John Leslie Foundation and John himself. The John Leslie Foundation has given away close to \$14 million in the past 10 years.

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

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI provided an update on the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the State Council meeting held last Friday at the Melbourne Town Hall. This meeting occurs a couple of times per year where 79 Councils come together and are provided the opportunity to put up motions, in conjunction with presentations from the Lord Mayor and Minister for Local Government.

Often, motions are largely vetted, as motions may not meet scope for consideration by MAV, so putting a Council motion through MAV does not guarantee it will become a formal motion, however the motion put forward by the Wellington Shire Council was accepted without any opposition.

Councillor Rossetti read out the motion as follows:

*“That the MAV write to the Minister for Energy and Resources urging the establishment of a legislated scheme that ensures Local Governments with designated Offshore Wind Zones receive payments in lieu of rates from offshore electricity generators in Victoria, consistent with the existing Payment in Lieu of Rates (PiLOR) framework for onshore generators”.*

The motion’s acceptance without opposition was terrific and enabled Wellington Shire Council to outline its position to other councils. The motion was carried with overwhelming support from those in attendance.

Councillor Rossetti provided context for the PiLOR, explaining that offshore wind generators are operating in Australian waters, yet they are not automatically incorporated into the municipal rating system.

As a result, where Council is required to undertake significant work to support this activity, such as maintaining and upgrading local roads and infrastructure, there must be an appropriate mechanism to recover these costs. In the absence of such contributions, the financial burden falls to Council’s existing rate base.

Given that rates are capped, this would mean a reduction in other services delivered to the community if no contributions are coming in from those owning/running the offshore wind generators who are contributing to the increased demand on local services.

Cr Rossetti emphasised that this an important issue for every organisation and every business in the Shire. Without a contribution framework, existing rate payers would subsidise these impacts which is unfair, particularly when the impacts to services for local communities will likely be significant.

COUNCILLOR FOAT provided an update on the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex (GRSC) User Group Committee. Councillor Lowe and Deputy Mayor Foat attended the very first one of these committee meetings over 18 months ago due to the number of acting positions that were in place at the time, but now the Committee has reconvened following the appointment of an Operations Leader for GRSC.

There are five sporting groups involved with the Committee – Sale Netball, Sale Hockey, Wellington Hockey, Maffra Hockey and Sale Basketball. On the evening of the Committee meeting, three of the committees were in attendance. The consensus was that enrolments and participation across all sports remains strong with plenty of opportunity for further growth into the future.

## 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**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy.*

**COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR LOWE**

**That Council adopt the revised Community Engagement Policy.**

**CARRIED**

## 11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON**

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

**CARRIED**

### 11.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

**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.*

**COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR WELLS**

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

**CARRIED**

## 11.3. ADOPTION OF 2026 PROPERTY REVALUATIONS

### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

#### RECOMMENDATION

*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	\$19,915,671,500	\$1,063,240,625
<b>NON-RATEABLE</b>	\$927,098,000	\$1,332,751,000	\$69,607,500
<b>TOTAL VALUATION</b>	\$12,143,122,000	\$21,248,422,500	\$1,132,848,125

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

#### COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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## 12. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 12.1. ADOPTION OF WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

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

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

**KATHERINE JACKIW** – Wellington Shire resident for the past 30 years – Addressed Council in relation to two concerns about the FOGO rollout (Food Organics and Garden Organics) with changes to fortnightly for the collection of the red rubbish bin.

Katherine's concerns expressed as questions were as follows:

- An assessment was undertaken in 2024 on 250 bins, but is this a fair assessment in relative terms when compared to the size of Wellington ie. the "whole entire Wellington population and homes"?
- Is the shift in bin collection appropriate for those disposing of medical waste, incontinence and sanitary products? At what stage will these items become a bio-waste hazard, particularly in summer?

Katherin also extended a thank you to Wellington Shire Council for responsiveness in providing correspondence to her in response to her last presentation to Council.

The Chief Executive Officer and Mayor indicated a response to tonight's presentation will be provided to Katherine within the next two weeks.

### **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.***

**COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER**

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**CARRIED**

## **13. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT**

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

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT**

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

**CARRIED**

## 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

NIL

### FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 5.32pm.

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5.33pm.

## 15. IN CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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NIL