



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 June 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 June 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)	Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development
Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)	Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services
Cr Catherine Bannerman	Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Cr Edward Lowe	Claudia Oswald, Communications Advisor
Cr Garry Stephens (Online)	Catie Thomson, Senior Governance and Reporting Officer
Cr Carmel Ripper	
Cr John Tatterson	
Cr Geoff Wells (Online)	

APOLOGIES

Cr Scott Rossetti

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

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

1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI – Leave of Absence

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Special Council Meeting dated 26 May 2026 and the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 2 June 2026.</i>
COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Special Council Meeting dated 26 May 2026 and the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 2 June 2026.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Request for Safety Improvements around Alberton Primary School in and around Thompson Street.	19 May 2026	Refer to Item 15.1 for Council response to the Petition.	16 June 2026 Council Meeting.

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR FOAT acknowledged the launch of the winter season program at the Gippsland Art Gallery where Councillor Foat was really pleased to officially launch the event. It was an evening which was well attended by lots of people in support of local art and artists, highlighted by “Gippsland Gothic”, the first major retrospective exhibition by Sale based artist Frank Mesaric. Frank has created an extraordinary body of work over more than 50 years with his distinctive style and has a long-standing connection to Gippsland’s creative life. It was a real privilege to acknowledge Frank’s contribution to the arts in the Gippsland region and to meet and speak with Frank in person to recognise his work directly. It was also exciting to see the artwork of Annemieke Mein OAM, refreshed with new works, some presented at eye height as wall hangings in 3D format and the Youth Exhibition Space (YES) Gallery which features artworks by students from Gippsland Primary School, Guthridge Primary School and participants from Assist Gippsland. It was a terrific evening and a great reminder of how important the gallery is in bringing people together through art. Councillor Foat encouraged everyone to attend the Gippsland Art Gallery to view the wonderful works.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER extended a congratulations, on behalf of the Wellington Shire Council, to Heather Baird on receiving the Order of Australia (OAM) medal in the 2026 King’s Birthday Honours list for service to children. In 2014, Heather Baird founded the local charity “A Better Life for Foster Kids” to help support children in foster care. Drawing on her own experience as a foster child, she made it her mission to raise awareness of the challenges within the foster care system; to support carers, and to help ensure children get placed with the right families. Heather’s dedication and compassion has been truly inspiring. Through her advocacy, fundraising and commitment, she has made a lasting impact in the lives of many children and families across Gippsland. It takes a very special person to devote their life to helping others.

Councillor Ripper reiterated a congratulations to Heather Baird on this well deserved honour; the Order of Australia award.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY extended heartfelt condolences, on behalf of the Wellington Shire Council, to the family and friends of Mary Jane Howson, who recently passed away at the age of 99. Mrs Howson was born 24 March 1927 and was one of the first women elected to local government in Victoria. Mary Howson served as a Councillor at Maffra Shire Council from 1977 to 1989, including Shire President in 1984. During her time in office, Mary Howson played an important role in supporting key community initiatives, including the establishment of the McDonald Wing at Maffra District Hospital and the George Gray Centre. Council acknowledges her service and dedication to the community with gratitude and extends deepest sympathies to the Howson family.

Councillor Stephens left the Council Meeting online at 5.06pm due to a loss of online connection.

Councillor Stephens rejoined the Council Meeting online at 5.07pm.

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MAYOR CINDY MADELEY

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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

CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

Councillor Foat advised the former SLUPP (Strategic Land Use Planning Projects Committee) has been renamed to the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC).

This updated name builds on the work of the former committee and reflects the broader strategic planning matters now being considered by Council. The objective of the SPC is to provide a structured forum for information, sharing, discussion and feedback on current and emerging planning matters and strategic planning issues that shape the future of Wellington Shire.

There are 3 councillors who sit on this committee.

12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 May 2026 to 7 June 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 25 May 2026 to 7 June 2026.

CARRIED

13.2. ADOPTION OF 2026/27 BUDGET, PROPOSED RATES AND FEES AND CHARGES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **Council adopt the 2026/27 Budget, as attached, including:**
 - **2026/27 Fees and charges**
 - **2026/27 Capital Works Program****in accordance with Section 96 of the Local Government Act 2020; and**
2. **Council adopt the following declared rates and charges for the period commencing on 1 July 2026 and concluding on 30 June 2027:**

- A) **Pursuant to the provisions of sections 158, 161 and 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently these remain saved provisions under the 1989 Act), the Wellington Shire Council hereby resolves to declare that the amount it intends to raise by rates and annual service charges is \$78.9M**

Type of Rate or Charge	\$'000
General Rate	67,849
Garbage Charge	7,456
Waste Infrastructure Charge	2,855
EPA Levy Charge	580

- B) (1) **It be further declared subject to paragraph 4 of this Part, the general rate be raised through the application of differential rates.**
- (2) **A rate in the dollar of 0.003610 be specified as the general rate.**
- (3) **It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined so that the amount payable be the Capital Improved Value multiplied by the rate in the dollar of 0.003610.**
- (4) a) **It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions.**
b) **A differential rate (80% of the general rate) be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:**
 - (i) **Farm Land:**
Means any land that:

Is “Farm Land” within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder

- a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and**
- b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and**
- c) where the ratepayer is a Primary Producer with any evidence/ruling confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office, registered ABN and business plan.**

C) Garbage Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$366.00 be declared for the collection and disposal of garbage in respect of Residential premises to which the service is available – whether or not the owner or occupier of any such premises avails themselves of the service. Council has introduced the additional bin charge for FOGO bin, which is included in \$366.00.**

D) Waste Infrastructure Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge be declared for the development of Landfills, Recycling facilities, Transfer Stations and the rehabilitation of Landfill sites, and provision of facilities for ongoing monitoring of landfills, to ensure that Council can continue to provide a waste disposal service.**
- (2) The charge be \$90.00 for each property in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied. This charge will not apply to properties identified as being within the Ninety Mile Beach Restructure Plan Stages 7 – 22 with the exception of those properties with an existing dwelling where the charge will still apply.**

E) EPA Levy Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$23.00 be declared to cover the costs levied by the Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills, not otherwise recouped.**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property to which a Garbage Charge is applied, at the rate of one EPA Levy Charge for each Garbage Charge – except those properties are the subject of the Ombudsman’s report into non developable blocks along Ninety Mile Beach and noted on Council’s website.**

F) Cultural and Recreational Land:

- (1) The amount of \$84,000 (excluding service charges) be declared as payable in accordance with section 4 of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, having regard to the services provided by the Council to the community from this recreational land.**

- G) Pursuant to the provisions of section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989 (currently this remains as a saved provision under the 1989 Act), Council declares a Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for conservation purposes.**
- (1) Council considers that this rebate will ensure that the biodiversity values of the land will be protected for the benefit of the broader community.**
 - (2) The rebate will apply only to the land that is affected by a covenant as described in the covenant document.**
 - (3) The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land, in accordance with the Sustainability Policy.**
 - (4) Conditions apply as per Council's Policy 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.**

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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- (i) Farm Land:
Means any land that:
Is "Farm Land" within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder
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- (3) The rebate will be applied at \$15 per hectare, with a minimum rebate of \$100 and a maximum equal to the annual general rate on the property for that portion of land, in accordance with the Sustainability Policy.
- (4) Conditions apply as per Council’s Policy 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.

COUNCILLORS For: Seven (7)

COUNCILLORS Against: One (1)

CARRIED

13.3. REVIEW OF RISK APPETITE STATEMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the updated Risk Appetite Statements and Risk Management Policy, effective from 1 July 2026.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council adopt the updated Risk Appetite Statements and Risk Management Policy, effective from 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

13.4. COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29 PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 3

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the progress update for progress against the Council Plan 2025–29 for Quarter 3 2025/26, January – March 2026, as attached.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council receive the progress update for progress against the Council Plan 2025–29 for Quarter 3 2025/26, January – March 2026, as attached.

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. AMENDMENT C120WELL - MAFFRA STRUCTURE PLAN (MESH 2022) TRANSLATION AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Having considered the report of the Independent Planning Panel and the Panel recommendations for Amendment C120well, endorse the Officer's response to the recommendations as per Attachment 14.1.2 - Recommended Response Table;*
- 2. Adopt the revised Maffra Structure Plan (2022, updated 2026), as per Attachment 14.1.1 - Updated Maffra Structure Plan;*
- 3. Adopt Planning Scheme Amendment C120well in accordance with Section 29 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, with changes as reflected in the final Amendment C120well documentation provided at Attachment 14.1.3 - C120well Planning Scheme Amendment Documents;*
- 4. Submit the adopted Planning Scheme Amendment C120well, together with the prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and*
- 5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to advise those persons who made written submissions to Planning Scheme Amendment C120well of Council's decision.*

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

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- 5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to advise those persons who made written submissions to Planning Scheme Amendment C120well of Council's decision.**

CARRIED

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - APRIL 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2026.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2026.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. RESPONSE TO PETITION - ALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Decline the request from the Alberton Primary School to upgrade the road, drainage and school parking at Thompson Street, Alberton noting that infrastructure primarily supporting school operations remains the responsibility of Alberton Primary School and the Department of Education;***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue to maintain Thompson Street, Alberton in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan 2025;***
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue progressing investigations into a potential footpath connection between Broughton Street (South Gippsland Highway) and Alberton Primary School through the Urban Paths Plan, subject to prioritisation, site investigations, funding and design;***
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue engaging with the Alberton Primary School and provide advice regarding actions the school could take to improve their traffic and transport arrangements; and***
- 5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to the head petitioner advising of the decision of Council.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Decline the request from the Alberton Primary School to upgrade the road, drainage and school parking at Thompson Street, Alberton noting that infrastructure primarily supporting school operations remains the responsibility of Alberton Primary School and the Department of Education;***
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- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue engaging with the Alberton Primary School and provide advice regarding actions the school could take to improve their traffic and transport arrangements; and***
- 5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to the head petitioner advising of the decision of Council.***

CARRIED

15.2. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 26 May 2026;***
- 2. Resolve that the western side of the Port of Sale (land title known as 10-7\PP3468) be named “Anchorage Reserve” and that this be submitted to Geographic Names Victoria for gazettal;***
- 3. In relation to the two submissions received through the ‘Remember a Local – Name a Place in Victoria Campaign’, resolve that:***
 - a. the proposal to add the name Monck to the Approved Names Register not be accepted at this time, as it does not comply with Principle “I” of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria (2022), and that the Mayor write to the applicant acknowledging their achievements; and***
 - b. the name James be added to the Approved Names Register for use in the Stratford locality in recognition of James Stewart, for his contribution to the Stratford township and surrounding area, including serving as a Councillor at the Shire of Avon in the 1970s and 1980s;***
- 4. Resolve that the Mayor write to Minister Staikos reiterating Council’s support for gender equality initiatives; and***
- 5. Resolve that the request by the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network to install a commemorative plaque and seat on the Great Southern Rail Trail be accepted, subject to the following conditions:***
 - a. the location of the seat and any additional required infrastructure being agreed with Council officers;***
 - b. the commemorative plaque be restricted to the acknowledgement of:***
 - i. 40 years of Landcare;***
 - ii. 30 years of the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network; and***
 - iii. the many landcarers who have worked voluntarily for the environment on both private and public land; and***
 - c. all associated costs be paid by the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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 - c. all associated costs be paid by the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network.

CARRIED

15.3. SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE MOTOR GRADER AND ROLLER FOR MAFFRA DEPOT (EAST)

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential VP507325 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the supply and delivery of one Motor Grader and Roller for Maffra Depot (the Rural East Road Maintenance team); and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the attached confidential VP507325 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the supply and delivery of one Motor Grader and Roller for Maffra Depot (the Rural East Road Maintenance team), Restricted Assessment is designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 28 May 2026 because they relate to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;***

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

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential VP507325 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the supply and delivery of one Motor Grader and Roller for Maffra Depot (the Rural East Road Maintenance team); and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential VP507325 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the supply and delivery of one Motor Grader and Roller for Maffra Depot (the Rural East Road Maintenance team), Restricted Assessment is designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 28 May 2026 because they relate to the following grounds: (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.**

CARRIED

The Chair announced the successful tenderer as KOMATSU Australia for the purchase of one Komatsu GD555-5 Grader and Broons Roller and the trade-in offer provided by KOMATSU Australia for Plant Number 22052 and 22070.

15.4. MATERIALS SUPPLY FOR ROAD WORKS PANEL TENDER

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-143 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the Materials Supply for Road Works Panel Tender; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2026-143 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Materials Supply for Road Works Panel Tender is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 02 June 2026 as it relates to the following grounds:
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderers can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-143 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the Materials Supply for Road Works Panel Tender; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2026-143 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Materials Supply for Road Works Panel Tender is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 02 June 2026 as it relates to the following grounds:
(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderers can be made public.**

CARRIED

The Chair announced the successful tenderers to the Material Supply for Road Works Panel of Providers as follows:

- Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd
- Orchard Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- Bairnsdale Quarries Trust
- Macalister Earthmoving Pty Ltd
- MAAS Administration Pty Ltd trading as Granite Rock Quarry (Casacir)
- Yarram Quarries Pty Ltd
- Olsson Sand and Gravel Supplied Pty Ltd
- K&RJ Matthews Quarries Pty Ltd
- Barion Pty Ltd
- Gippsland Asphalt Pty Ltd

15.5. ARBORICULTURE SERVICES MANAGEMENT 2026-2029 SCHEDULE OF RATES PANEL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-148 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the Arboriculture Services Management 2026-2029 Schedule of Rates Panel; and***
- 2. Note the information contained in the attached confidential 2026-148 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Arboriculture Services Management 2026-2029 Schedule of Rates Panel is designated confidential under Section 3(1)***

Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 02 June 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:

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

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

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2026-148 Contract Tender Evaluation Report of this Council Meeting Agenda for the Arboriculture Services Management 2026-2029 Schedule of Rates Panel; and**
- 2. Note the information contained in the attached confidential 2026-148 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for Arboriculture Services Management 2026-2029 Schedule of Rates Panel is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 02 June 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:
***(g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderers can be made public.*****

CARRIED

The Chair announced the successful tenderers to the Arboriculture Services Panel of Providers as follows:

- Agile Tree Services
- Arborspray PTY LTD
- Batt Bros Vegetation Management
- Benson Group Contractors
- Cameron Ryder Consultants
- Drouin Tree Services
- ENSPEC
- Eastern Tree Services
- Evergreen Consultants
- Flemings Tree Services
- Precision Environmental PTY LTD
- Roots 2 Leaves Tree Services
- Russo's Tree Services
- Valleywide Tree Services

15.6. RESIDENTIAL ROAD AND STREET CONSTRUCTION PLAN

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Residential Road and Street Construction Plan 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council adopt the Residential Road and Street Construction Plan 2026.

CARRIED

16. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

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

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

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

ONLINE COMMENTS

SARAH KILGOWER – For Alberton Primary School, Sarah queries how Council prioritises footpath works projects and why a safe pedestrian connection to Alberton Primary School has not been progressed, despite school community safety concerns?

CHLOE MARRABLE – Has a query on Agenda 15.1 and has 2 questions:

- Question 1 is regarding who Council considers responsible for a safe traffic management solution, and what practical assistance Council is prepared to provide to help the school progress this work?
- Question 2 asks if Council can advise the priority ranking under the Urban Paths Plan for the Broughton Street and Alberton Primary School project and an indicative timeframe for investigation, design and delivery?

DAVID WOODHOUSE – Has 2 questions:

- Question 1 queries Wellington Shire Council's Community Local Law 2025 & FOGO. David requests a response to his questions raised in his 2025 Submission and his drafted solution on the proposed FOGO recycling and other matters, including a

request for response on when the Community Local Law 2025 will be updated for FOGO implementation and inconsistencies he has observed in the Road Management Plan; and

- Question 2 relates to Item 13.2 (Adoption of the 2026/27 Budget, Proposed Rates and Fees and Charges) and seeks clarification on an apparent discrepancy between the dollar amount stated for the garbage charge in the Financial Impact section of the Council report and the corresponding figure presented in the 2026/27 Budget.

The General Manager Development, Renae Littlejohn, read out the questions and comments submitted by each community member and provided brief responses in relation to these questions/comments raised.

Following tonight's Council Meeting, the General Manager Development advised written responses will be sent to Sarah, Chloe and David in relation to the questions and comments submitted.

The exception is the question asked by David Woodhouse in relation to the discrepancy identified in the dollar figure for the 2026/27 Budget for the garbage charges as this has been acknowledged in tonight's Council meeting by Councillor Stephens and corrected at Item 13.2 as part of the Council Resolution.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

17.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That the meeting be closed to the public to consider confidential information pursuant to section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 and defined in section 3(1) as involving personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

CARRIED

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 6.03pm.

IN CLOSED SESSION

17.2. LEAVE

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

DETAILS REDACTED.

CARRIED

17.3. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

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

CARRIED

Meeting declared closed at: 6.05pm.