



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 4 August 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 4 August 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

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development

Emilie Davine, Manager People and Capability

Billie-Jo Thorburn, Acting Manager Customer & Communications

Catie Thomson, Senior Governance and Reporting Officer

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COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

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Members of the public in attendance at the Council meeting who wish to communicate with the Council regarding an agenda item or any other matter should advise the Mayor, ideally prior to the meeting starting, to ensure that their submission is called at the appropriate time during the meeting.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

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

1. APOLOGIES

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

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 July 2026.</i>	
COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR LOWE	
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 July 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

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR FOAT

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council write to the Minister for Environment, formally opposing the mandatory implementation of a separate kerbside glass recycling service (commonly referred to as the purple-lidded glass recycling bin) as stipulated under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, noting:

- The significant financial burden this initiative imposes on our community;
- The effectiveness of the existing Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in achieving high glass recovery rates without necessitating an additional kerbside bin;
- The operational challenges of implementing a fourth bin in a regional setting;
- The need for flexibility in waste management solutions to align with community needs and financial capacity;
- Council's previous resolution of 1 July 2025 requesting reconsideration of the mandatory glass recycling service requirement has not received a response from the Victorian Government.

CARRIED

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN extended a thank you on behalf of the Wellington Shire Council group to ASH Timber for a very informative and exciting visit last Tuesday. ASH stands for *Australian Sustainable Hardwoods* timber and they operate primarily out of Heyfield. The Council group was shown around the timber mill and given the opportunity to engage with the very 'high tech' equipment that is being used to preserve and reserve as much timber as possible. ASH Timber pride themselves on having a zero waste output from their manufacturing processes and means "every single last bit of timber" is put to some use; an amazing feat.. Councillor Bannerman commended the innovation demonstrated by the facility, its owner and staff. She acknowledged the way the business has successfully adapted following the closure of native hardwood timber harvesting in Victoria, continuing to evolve and grow through the adoption of MASSLAM mass timber production. She noted that this innovative product is gaining recognition across the building and construction industry, as well as for a range of other applications.

Mayor Madeley reiterated the praise of Councillor Bannerman for the ‘behind-the-scenes’ look at ASH Timber operations, adding that it was great to have 7 of the 9 councillors present for the ASH Timber visit and shows the interest Councillors take in local industry.

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. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

10.1. YOUTH MAYOR REPORT - AUGUST 2026

ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, SIENNA D'ARCY

RECOMMENDATION
<i>That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.</i>
COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON
<i>That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.</i>
CARRIED

Good evening, Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to present to you the activities of Youth Council from the past three months.

What a busy month May was with events, activities and three meetings for our council. In early May, ten of us attended the Candlelight Vigil at Sale Clocktower. The impact of the speeches was pretty intense for our group, especially as many of us had Eva Clarke as a teacher. The display of support from such a large crowd and the presence of counsellors helped get us through. I hope we continue to have these tough conversations and help end the violence against families.

On the 15th of May we helped with lawn games at the Live4Life Launch Day. The day was full of positive messages to help with young people's mental health and wellbeing, and the Live4Life crew launched their awesome theme for 2026; **UNITED IN CARE — If you're feeling divided, speak up and share.** There were over 500 Year 8 students at the GRSV that day so we took the chance to interview and get direct feedback on what matters to young people and what they would like to see more of in the area.

At one of our May action meetings, we had two guests. First Louisa Waters, curator at the Gippsland Gallery ran us through the steps of designing the space for this year's Wellington Youth Art Prize – we are already receiving entries and look forward to showcasing young people's artistic take on Escape From Reality at the spring launch in September. Then Amelie from The Gippsland East Local Learning Employment Network delivered an interactive workshop on their Ready, Set, Go program. They wanted our feedback on the

work done in the past two years and what changes they could make to engage more young people in education and training after high school. We hope to hear soon if they were successful in securing more funding for this important program.

Also in May, an extra council workshop was held with Uniting's Statewide Children's program director who wanted our input into a journal project – the group enjoyed being creative, giving their ideas of what is important to us and what we believe would appeal to young people. The journal will be aimed at 11–17-year-olds and we hope to see the results of the work later this year in either electronic form or a printed copy.

Our guest speaker for the June formal meeting was from the Australian Bureau of Statistics who spoke all about the upcoming Census. We learnt about the many ways the data gathered on Census night is used, the difficulty in reaching all the population and she also encouraged some of us to apply to get jobs working with the ABS. We are using our social media platforms and talking to our friends, family and school communities to share some of what we learnt.

The library Teen Nights have been a focus for us this year – we enjoyed being models for the comms team to shoot promotional photos and video here at the Sale library teen section. Then in June seven of us attended the Rosedale night and thanks to the neighbourhood house we added an extra activity of Just Dance at the hub. The group also decided to travel to Heyfield for the Teen night on July 31st. Hopefully we can raise the profile of these events and let the teens in our smaller towns know that things do happen outside of Sale. Especially in these colder months it is important to create these warm welcoming spaces for us to connect and just hang out.

Looking forward we are working with the AMPLIFY group from Yarram to deliver a gaming event at the Sale Memorial Hall for YouthFest in September. There is also a new music focused AMPLIFY group called *Megafone*. They meet at The Wedge, and one of our members is working with them so we can know what support they want for their Battle of the Bands event on the 5th of September.

Overall, this has been a busy and successful few months. As a team, we aim to be positive leaders and make sure everyone feels welcome and included. We're excited to keep representing all the young people in our area.

Thank you for your time.

SIENNA D'ARCY
YOUTH MAYOR

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN provided an update on the recent meeting of the Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) Committee. In light of the upcoming state election in November this year, the RCV have been meeting more frequently than previously to 'get things in order' before the election occurs so the platform for advocacy is fully utilised and explored.

The RCV is now awaiting with high expectation the advertising and advocacy campaign to roll out to councils and that the Council will be supporting the campaign which is fundamentally about where the State Government is falling short in their funding to rural areas and asking those who represent rural councils to outline how they intend to support rural councils around this key issue/area.

COUNCILLOR FOAT provided an update on the Business Boost Reference Group which was also attended by Councillor Tatterson last Thursday.

A survey was recently conducted among the businesses in Wellington and the feedback received was that social media is the 'top support' required by local businesses. Business Boost is responding to this by looking at ways to conduct some workshops on social media.

Councillor Foat outlined other initiatives happening around the Shire, such as the planning and preparation for the Christmas Parade in Sale; the Yarram Halloween event in November; the February 2027 "Wearable Art Project" which follows the success of the previous event which was really well supported and showcased. In Stratford, the tourist park is now a 'big four' which is really great development for local tourism. Stratford are supporting Chris Dixon with the Helping Hands Running Festival to be hosted 23- 24 October 2026 at Lake Guthridge in Sale where approximately 200 runners will come together to run around the Lake to cover more than 10,000 kilometres. Stratford have been promoting this event which is a great example of how communities get together and support the people within the four important causes. Stratford is holding a "Slices of Stratford" competition on 5 September which is open to all ages. Local chefs will be judging at the event.

Golden Beach have their new art gallery opening on 19 September 2026.

There are some amazing things happening across the Shire. Councillor Foat encouraged everyone to go and visit these towns to see and enjoy the local attractions and activities.

12. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Council Workshop records for the period of 13 July 2026 to 26 July 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

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CARRIED

12.2. CORRECTION OF THE 2026/27 KERBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note the errors identified in the 2026/27 Waste Management Budget relating to waste management charges and associated calculations and the identified financial impact on Council's 2026/27 forecast operating result; and*
- 2. Approve the correction of the 2026/27 Kerbside Garbage Collection charge from \$366 to \$343, with the EPA Levy of \$23 to be presented separately; and*
- 3. Note that officers will undertake a review at the conclusion of Quarter 1 to determine whether a budget revenue and expense adjustment is required.*

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR FOAT

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CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

13.1. WELLINGTON PROPOSAL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the outcome of the Operational Service Review – Library Services; and*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential attachments 13.1.2 - Library Staff Survey Results, 13.1.3 - Financial Comparison, 13.1.4 - Request for Quotation A, 13.1.5 - Request for Quotation B, 13.1.6 - Independent Review RFQ Library Services 2026 and 13.1.7 - Gender Impact Assessment Library Service Review Document relating to the Wellington Proposal is designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Development on 22 July 2026 because it relates to the following ground:
(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR WELLS

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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

The Chief Executive Officer provided a brief summary of the main comments made by Yarram Secondary College students, as follows:

VIOLET – Requesting longer hours for the pool.

SKYE – Looking for better health and safety services.

IMOGEN – Requests to see the mowing of the sides of the roads more often.

MACY – Has concerns about pot holes and road maintenance.

NAX – Requests better healthcare & medicine.

ALICE AND LACEY – Requests a bus from Yarram to Sale.

AMBER – Requests repairs to the pot holes.

JARROD – Requests to see a pump track at Port Albert.

PORCHA – Requests a basketball court at Woodside Beach Surf Club.

KALEB – Requests a MTB (mountain bike) tracks in Yarram.

FLORENCE – Requests a longer Yarram pool season.

SADIE – Requests soft plastics recycling for Woolworths to be re-introduced.

SHAYLA-MAREE – Would like to see bigger clothes shops as there are limited clothing options in Yarram.

The Chief Executive Officer indicated this clothes request is outside Council's jurisdiction.

ALISTAR – Indicates the community needs a better tennis court.

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged the 14 comments made by Yarram Secondary College students and indicated Council will respond by providing written responses to the Yarram Secondary College.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 5:38pm.

The live streaming of this Council meeting came to a close at 5:38pm.

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*

IN CLOSED SESSION

NIL