



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 August 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 18 August 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Scott Rossetti

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr John Tatterson (Online)

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment

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.

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT declared a general conflict of interest due to family association for 14.1 - Amendment C122Well (Public Acquisition Overlay) - Consideration of Submissions.

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 4 August 2026.</i>	
COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS	
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 August 2026.	
CARRIED	

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR LOWE acknowledged today as Vietnam Veterans' Day; a day to pause and to remember and honour those Australians who served in Vietnam; to those who returned home, and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is a deeply personal one for Councillor Lowe who served 5 years in the army reserves with the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse regiment. Whilst his service came decades after Vietnam, Councillor Lowe expressed his sense of privilege to have worn the cap and badge from this Australian Army Reserve cavalry regiment, whose history so closely connects to Australia's service in Vietnam.

Soldiers from the 4th/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse cavalry regiment were among the first Australian armoured troops deployed into Vietnam in 1965.

Attached to the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR) in Bien Hoa province, the battalion helped establish the proud reputation of Australian armoured troops in Vietnam and laid the foundations for the armoured units that would serve throughout the war.

Today also marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. Fought on 18th of August 1966, the Battle of Long Tan remains one of the most significant battles in Australian military history and one of the strongest examples of Australian courage under fire. Councillor Lowe provided further narrative in support of the extraordinary experience of this battle which took place in a rubber plantation in South Vietnam near Long Tan in torrential monsoon rain where 105 men from the Delta Company, the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR), together with three New Zealand artillerymen, found themselves facing an enemy force, many times their size. Being short of ammunition, outnumbered and surrounded by relentless attack, the soldiers refused to yield and fought for almost 4 hours. Displaying extraordinary courage, discipline and 'mateship', these soldiers knew their own survival and that of their mates depended on 'holding the line'. Such bravery continues to inspire generations of Australians to this day.

Councillor Lowe also encouraged remembrance of the many men who came to the aid of the soldiers as night fell and as the situation became increasingly desperate. The arrival of the relief force, carrying soldiers with mounted M13 Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) brought renewed hope. The firepower of these APCs, when combined with the determination of the men inside the carriers, helped drive the enemy back and secure the battlefield. The courage shown by the infantrymen with the APC crews remains an important part of the Long Tan story.

The story of Long Tan carries special significance for Councillor Lowe who holds a strong sense of pride as he reflects on the role Australian armoured soldiers played in Vietnam. The courage and sacrifice of those who served helped build a legacy for generations of soldiers.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is more than a single battle. It is about recognising all who served; the families that supported the soldiers; those that never came home, and those that returned home carrying the burden of war long after the fighting had ended.

It is also important to remember the many Vietnam Veterans who did not receive the welcome home or the appreciation they deserved, when first they returned to Australia.

Today, Councillor Lowe is proud to stand before Council as a former soldier, a Councillor and member of the regiment that shares connection with those who served in Vietnam.

Councillor Lowe thanks all Vietnam Veterans for their service, sacrifice and courage and the example they have set for future generations of Australians.

May we never forget those that served and those who never came home.

Lest we forget.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY attended and acknowledged the Citizenship Ceremony which was held on Wednesday 5th of August 2026 in Sale at the Wedge where the Shire welcomed 57 new Australian Citizens. It was a wonderful afternoon and joyous occasion. Great stories and incredible journeys are often shared on this day which is a culmination of many months, possibly years, of hard work to be in the position of being welcomed to Australia. Darren Chester MP was also present on the day as well as Deputy Mayor Foat, Councillor Wells and Councillor Lowe. A welcome and a thank you was extended to all 57 new citizens to the Wellington Shire.

9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

10. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR CINDY MADELEY

RECOMMENDATION <i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for July 2026.</i> COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for July 2026. CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN provided an update on the Wellington Disability Advisory Group.

Launching off the back of advice and feedback received from the very important community group, the biggest item to note is the launch of an awareness advertising campaign around using car park spaces more thoughtfully to avoid blocking footpaths for people with wheelchairs, or prams due to the safety issues this raises when individuals must venture onto the road to navigate around blocked footpaths.

Councillor Bannerman acknowledged the importance of this advisory group which helps provide additional viewpoints and perspectives and provides the 'extra sets of eyes' that 'see things differently' to how things may otherwise be perceived.

Mayor Madeley referred to the advertising campaign and believes the slogan will be "Park it Right".

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 July 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

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

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOP

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Council Workshop records for the period of 27 July 2026 to 9 August 2026.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council note and receive the attached Council Workshop records for the period of 27 July 2026 to 9 August 2026.

CARRIED

13.2. QUARTERLY FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT TO JUNE 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Finance Performance Report to June 2026 as attached.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council receive and note the Quarterly Finance Performance Report to June 2026 as attached.

CARRIED

13.3. 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 4 August 2026 as attached; and***
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 August 2026 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 August 2026 as attached; and**
- 2. Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 August 2026 as detailed in the attached minutes.**

CARRIED

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. AMENDMENT C122WELL (PUBLIC ACQUISITION OVERLAY) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

Councillor Foat declared a general conflict of interest due to family association under Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 2020* at this item.

Councillor Foat left Council Chambers at 5:18pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Receive and consider all submissions made to Planning Scheme Amendment C122well, as outlined in Attachment 14.1.1 – Planning Scheme Amendment C122well Submissions;*
2. *In accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, refer all objecting submissions for consideration to an Independent Planning Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning;*
3. *Endorse the request that the Independent Planning Panel be conducted ‘On the Papers’ to allow for the exchange of written submissions to facilitate the streamlining of the process;*
4. *Endorse the Officers’ response to the issues raised in submissions, as outlined in Attachment 14.1.2 – Planning Scheme Amendment C122well Submissions Response Table, as the basis for Council’s submission to the Independent Planning Panel; and*
5. *Advise the submitters who made written submissions to Amendment C122well of Council’s decision.*

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. *Receive and consider all submissions made to Planning Scheme Amendment C122well, as outlined in Attachment 14.1.1 – Planning Scheme Amendment C122well Submissions;*
2. *In accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, refer all objecting submissions for consideration to an Independent Planning Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning;*
3. *Endorse the request that the Independent Planning Panel be conducted ‘On the Papers’ to allow for the exchange of written submissions to facilitate the streamlining of the process;*
4. *Endorse the Officers’ response to the issues raised in submissions, as outlined in Attachment 14.1.2 – Planning Scheme Amendment C122well Submissions Response Table, as the basis for Council’s submission to the Independent Planning Panel; and*
5. *Advise the submitters who made written submissions to Amendment C122well of Council’s decision.*

CARRIED

Councillor Foat returned to Council Chambers for the Council Meeting at 5:19pm.

14.2. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - JUNE 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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

CARRIED

15. 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: 5:21pm.

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

16. 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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NIL