



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# **Agenda**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 15 September 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>**

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## COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

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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 respects to their Elders past and present 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 1 September 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 1 September 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: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

| ITEM | FROM MEETING | COMMENTS | ACTION BY |
|------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| NIL  |              |          |           |

## 5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

## 6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

| ITEM                                                    | FROM MEETING     | COMMENTS                                                                                                                                                                            | ACTION BY      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Request for reinstatement of weekly red bin collection. | 1 September 2026 | The petition was received at the Council meeting dated 1 September 2026 and referred to the General Manager Built and Natural Environment for a report to a future Council meeting. | 6 October 2026 |

## 8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## 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 August 2026.*

### AUGUST 2026

| DATE      | EVENT                                                                                                                                                                                    | ATTENDEES                                                                                                     |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 August  | Boisdale Primary School visit.<br><br>St Mary's Primary School, Maffra visit.<br><br>Mayor and CEO Regular Catch Up.<br><br>Meeting regarding Flowers in the Middle of Everywhere event. | Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley and Cr Ripper.<br><br>Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley                   |
| 4 August  | Remuneration Committee Meeting.                                                                                                                                                          | Mayor Madeley, Cr Bannerman and Cr Ripper.                                                                    |
| 5 August  | Citizenship Ceremony.<br><br>Meeting with Chris Hastie regarding Carrajung Waste Boundaries.                                                                                             | Mayor Madeley, Deputy Mayor Foat, Cr Lowe and Cr Wells.<br><br>Mayor Madeley                                  |
| 6 August  | SEATS Executive Meeting.<br><br>Company Directors Course, online.<br><br>Judge: Science and Engineering Challenge.                                                                       | Cr Tatterson<br><br>Cr Rossetti<br><br>Deputy Mayor Foat                                                      |
| 7 August  | Origami House Folding and Lunch, St Columba's Uniting Church.                                                                                                                            | Deputy Mayor Foat and Cr Ripper.                                                                              |
| 11 August | Place Names Committee Meeting.<br><br>Wellington Disability Advisory Committee Meeting.<br><br>Mayor and Deputy Mayor Regular Catch Up.                                                  | Deputy Mayor Foat, Cr Ripper and Cr Stephens.<br><br>Cr Bannerman<br><br>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat. |

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| 11 August | Wellington Youth Services Network, August Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mayor Madeley                                                                                                                            |
| 12 August | Gippsland Park Managers Networking and Lunch.<br><br>Youth Council August Formal Meeting.                                                                                                                                                                           | Cr Wells and Cr Ripper.<br><br>Mayor Madeley                                                                                             |
| 13 August | Company Directors Course, online.<br><br>MEMP Review and Audit.<br><br>Gippstar Annual Awards Night.                                                                                                                                                                | Cr Rossetti<br><br>Cr Stephens<br><br>Mayor Madeley                                                                                      |
| 14 August | Heyfield Primary School visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mayor Madeley                                                                                                                            |
| 17 August | Sale Primary School visit.<br><br>Meeting with Kathy Mansfield.<br><br>Pre-record Interview with Danielle Pope (ABC Gippsland Radio) – RELIP<br><br>Meeting with Renae Littlejohn regarding request for access to West Sale Pool.                                   | Mayor Madeley, Deputy Mayor Foat and Cr Wells.<br><br>Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley                            |
| 18 August | CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee Meeting.<br><br>Gippsland New Energy Conference.                                                                                                                                                                          | Deputy Mayor Foat and Cr Rossetti.<br><br>Mayor Madeley                                                                                  |
| 19 August | Gippsland New Energy Conference.<br><br>Gippsland Women in Renewables Breakfast.<br><br>Sale Westpac Branch Reopening.                                                                                                                                              | Mayor Madeley, Deputy Mayor Foat, Cr Stephens and Cr Wells.<br><br>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.<br><br>Cr Tatterson              |
| 20 August | Timber Towns Victoria General Meeting.<br><br>SEATS Executive Meeting, AGM and Quarterly Meeting (Thursday session).<br><br>Open SEATS meeting.<br><br>Gippy Girls Can Video Filming.<br><br>Company Directors Course, online.<br><br>Cameron Sporting Complex AGM. | Cr Bannerman<br><br>Cr Tatterson<br><br>Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.<br><br>Cr Rossetti<br><br>Cr Tatterson |

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| 21 August | <p>Gippsland International Winter Festival - All Breeds Championship Dog Shows.</p> <p>Gippsland Critical Minerals CRG Meeting, Quest Bairnsdale.</p> <p>SEATS Quarterly meeting – Friday session.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Mayor Madeley and Cr Ripper.</p> <p>Cr Wells</p> <p>Cr Tattersson</p>                                                                               |
| 22 August | <p>Daffodil Day Dip, Loch Sport.</p> <p>Gippsland Regional Cub Scouts – Grey Wolf Presentation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Mayor Madeley</p> <p>Cr Bannerman</p>                                                                                                               |
| 24 August | <p>Mayor and Deputy Mayor Regular Catch Up.</p> <p>Media Launch Event - Campaign Veg Edge.</p> <p>Audit and Risk Committee: Pre Interview Panel Discussion, with Arthur Skipitaris and CEO.</p> <p>Four Audit and Risk Committee Interviews.</p> <p>Photo opportunity and joint media release - new drink fountains in Sale with Sarah Cumming, Gippsland Water Managing Director.</p> | <p>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.</p> <p>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p> |
| 25 August | Red Meat Conference.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Cr Wells                                                                                                                                               |
| 26 August | <p>Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Radio Interview with Andrew from ABC Ballarat (re: Council's reaction to offshore wind tenders opening).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Cr Bannerman and Cr Wells.</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p>                                                                                                 |
| 27 August | <p>Mayor and Cr Bannerman Regular Catch Up.</p> <p>Rural Councils Victoria Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Mayor and Cr Lowe Regular Catch Up.</p> <p>Take on Board online event: Sarah Gray 'Perimenopause and menopause: Supporting women directors to thrive in the boardroom'.</p> <p>"Minute with the Mayor" Filming.</p>                                                               | <p>Mayor Madeley and Cr Bannerman.</p> <p>Cr Bannerman</p> <p>Mayor Madeley and Cr Lowe.</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p> <p>Mayor Madeley</p>                 |
| 28 August | SEATS - Executive Catch-up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Cr Tattersson                                                                                                                                          |

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| 28 August | Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards Gala Dinner.                                                              | Mayor Madeley                                                                                         |
| 30 August | Gippsland Vehicle Collection Reopening.<br><br>Loch Sport Community House Creative Arts and Craft Exhibition.               | Mayor Madeley and Cr Ripper.<br><br>Cr Stephens                                                       |
| 31 August | Mayor and Deputy Mayor Regular Catch Up.<br><br>Mayor and CEO Regular Catch Up.<br><br>Gippsland Grammar Yr 9 School Visit. | Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.<br><br>Mayor Madeley<br><br>Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat. |

## 11. DELEGATES REPORT

## 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 August 2026.*

#### AUGUST 2026

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| 3 August  | Met with Mayor Madeley, weekly catch up.<br><br>Attended Gippsland New Energy Coordination Group Meeting.                                                                                                             |
| 4 August  | Attended Remuneration Committee meeting with Mayor Madeley, Cr Bannerman and Cr Ripper.                                                                                                                               |
| 5 August  | MAV Special CEO Briefing regarding H5N1 bird flu.<br><br>Attended Citizenship Ceremony.<br><br>Met with One Gippsland re the International Urban and Regional Cooperation Onshore/Offshore Wind Power Business Mixer. |
| 6 August  | Attended Committee for Wellington.<br><br>Attended AICD Course Introduction Online Session.                                                                                                                           |
| 8 August  | Attended Opening of Brevet Brewery.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10 August | Met with Gippsland Regional Partnership, Quarterly Meeting.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11 August | Met with Mayor Madeley and Deputy Mayor Foat.<br><br>Met with Sara Rhodes-Ward, Director, Regional Development Victoria.                                                                                              |
| 13 August | Attended AICD Course Introduction Online Session.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17 August | Attended MAV Monday Connect CEO Online.<br><br>Attended meeting with VicGrid.                                                                                                                                         |

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| 20 August | <p>Met with Mayor Madeley, weekly catch up.</p> <p>Attended AICD Course Introduction Online Session.</p> <p>Attended function with representatives from the International Urban and Regional Cooperation, based in Luxemburg, to discuss renewable energy opportunities for Wellington. Mayor Madeley also in attendance.</p> |
| 21 August | <p>Chaired for One Gippsland CEO Forum.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 24 August | <p>Attended Audit and Risk Committee Interviews.</p> <p>Met with Gippsland Water Managing Director, Sarah Cummings and Danny McDonald, Executive Manager.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 27 August | <p>Attended AICD Course Introduction Online Session.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 30 August | <p>Attended Gippsland Vehicle Collection Re-Opening.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 31 August | <p>Met with Regional Arts Victoria CEO Jo Porter and Lyndel Moore.</p> <p>Met with Mayor Madeley, weekly catch up.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## 13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 13.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

#### PURPOSE

To provide a summary of Council workshops held on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 1 September 2026.*

#### BACKGROUND

Council workshops are informal sessions held regularly to provide Councillors with information and updates, including general briefings and matters that may be the subject of future Council decisions.

A summary of each workshop is provided, capturing the workshop title, attendance, and any declared conflicts of interest.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Record of Council Workshops - 1 September 2026 [**13.1.1** - 2 pages]

#### OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Receive and note the attached Council Workshop records; or
2. Not receive and note the attached Council Workshop records.

#### PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 1 September 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 GIAs 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**

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council, in performing its role, to give effect to the overarching governance principles.

While there is no statutory requirement to provide a summary of Council workshops, this report supports these principles, particularly section 9(i) relating to transparency and accountability.

Councillors and staff attending workshops are required to declare any conflicts of interest, including the nature of the interest, in relation to matters discussed. These disclosures are maintained in the Conflicts of Interest Register, with the name of the Councillor(s) making the declaration included in the Record of Council Workshop.

Recording Councillor attendance at workshops is a requirement under GOV-G6 of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework. Councillors are recorded as present, on approved leave of absence, or an apology. This data is aggregated over a 12-month period and reported in accordance with Local Government Performance Reporting Framework requirements.

## **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.

## RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS - COUNCIL DAY

| COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – 1 SEPTEMBER 2026                    |            |                          |                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| COUNCILLOR                                              | ATTENDANCE | OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE   |                                             |
| <b>Cr Cindy Madeley</b> (Mayor)                         | YES        | <b>David Morcom</b>      | Chief Executive Officer                     |
| <b>Cr Liz Foat</b> (Deputy Mayor)                       | YES        | <b>Arthur Skipitaris</b> | General Manager Corporate Services          |
| <b>Cr Catherine Bannerman</b>                           | YES        | <b>Renae Littlejohn</b>  | General Manager Development                 |
| <b>Cr Scott Rossetti</b>                                | YES        | <b>Chris Hastie</b>      | General Manager Built & Natural Environment |
| <b>Cr Edward Lowe</b>                                   | YES        |                          |                                             |
| <b>Cr Garry Stephens</b>                                | YES        |                          |                                             |
| <b>Cr Carmel Ripper</b> (Online and attended in person) | YES        |                          |                                             |
| <b>Cr John Tatterson</b>                                | YES        |                          |                                             |
| <b>Cr Geoff Wells</b>                                   | 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 – 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ITEM NO.                            | WORKSHOP TITLE                                      | PRESENTERS                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1.1                                 | <b>PROGRESS OF COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29 – QUARTER 4</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Governance</li> <li>Keisha Roy, Coordinator Governance and Strategy</li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>             |
| 1.2                                 | <b>RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES PLAN 2026</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam McPherson, Manager Facilities and Emergencies</li> <li>Tania Brown, Coordinator Facilities Management</li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i> |
| 1.3                                 | <b>AQUA ENERGY OUTDOOR AMENITIES PROJECT</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross McWhirter, Manager Culture and Leisure</li> <li>Ray Weber, Manager Assets and Projects</li> </ul> <i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i>               |

## RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS - COUNCIL DAY

| WORKSHOP DETAILS – 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| ITEM NO.                            | WORKSHOP TITLE                                                                              | PRESENTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1.4                                 | <b>LONGFORD LANDFILL UPDATE / NORTH SALE WETLANDS CONTRACT UPDATE AND VARIATION REQUEST</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment</li> <li>Ray Weber, Manager Assets and Projects</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i></p>                                                                     |
| 1.5                                 | <b>BLUE MACKEREL OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT</b>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ingrid Huitema, Regional Community Engagement, Officer – Blue Mackerel Offshore Wind Project</li> <li>Kirsten Power, Economic Development Officer, Defence and Renewable Energy</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i></p> |
| 1.6                                 | <b>WASTE UPDATE</b>                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Hastie, General Manager, Built and Natural Environment</li> <li>David Harper, Manager Natural Environment and Parks</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i></p>                                                       |
| 1.7                                 | <b>GOLDEN BEACH ENERGY GAS PROJECT</b>                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barry Hearsey, Manager Planning and Building</li> <li>Erin Lord, Stakeholder Engagement Manager - GB Energy</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i></p>                                                                     |
| 1.8                                 | <b>PROPOSED REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LOCAL LAW</b>                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carly Bloomfield, Manager Governance</li> <li>Peter Thompson, Coordinator Local Laws</li> </ul> <p><i>Conflict of Interest: NIL</i></p>                                                                                            |

## 13.2. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEMBER

### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information to support its consideration of, and decision regarding the appointment of an external independent member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### *That Council:*

- 1. Appoint an independent member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a three year period (in accordance with its charter) commencing 29 October 2026 and expiring 28 October 2029; based on the recommendation in the confidential Attachment 13.2.2 - Evaluation Report Audit and Risk Committee Member Appointment 2026 of this Council meeting agenda; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 13.2.2 - Evaluation Report Audit and Risk Committee Member Appointment 2026 is designated confidential under section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 31 August 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:  
(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs,  
except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicant can be made public.**

#### BACKGROUND

Council maintains an Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Audit and Risk Committee is a formally appointed committee of the Council and is responsible to Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee's role is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Charter to facilitate decision making by Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.

The Audit and Risk Committee membership is comprised of two Councillors and three external independent persons with suitable knowledge and experience, all appointed by Council for varying periods up to a maximum term of three years. The term of the current appointment is due to expire on 28 October 2026.

To ensure the vacant position is filled, an Expression of Interest process has been undertaken to recruit a suitably qualified external member for Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

Advertising was undertaken in July 2026 and 20 expressions of interest were received by the nominated closing date of 5 August 2026.

An interview process was held in August 2026. The Evaluation Panel's assessment and a recommendation for appointment is included in the attached confidential report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Confidential header - Evaluation Report Audit and Risk Committee Member Appointment 2026 [13.2.1 - 1 page]
2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Evaluation Report Audit and Risk Committee Member Appointment 2026 [13.2.2 - 2 pages]

## **OPTIONS**

Council has the following options available:

1. To appoint an independent member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee, for a three year period (in accordance with its charter) commencing 29 October 2026 and expiring 28 October 2029; or
2. Amend the recommendation in relation to the proposed appointment.

## **PROPOSAL**

That Council appoint an independent member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee, for a three year period (in accordance with its charter) commencing 29 October 2026 and expiring 28 October 2029 based on the recommendation in the confidential Attachment 13.2.2 - Evaluation Report Audit and Risk Committee Member Appointment 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 GIAs 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 appointment of an independent Audit and Risk Committee member is in accordance with section 53(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

## **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.



WELLINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

I declare that the information contained in the attached document **EVALUATION REPORT  
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT 2026** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- (f) *personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs*

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**ARTHUR SKIPITARIS**  
General Manager Corporate Services  
31 August 2026

### 13.3. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

#### PURPOSE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 26 August 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- 1. Receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit and Risk Committee 26 August 2026, as attached, and the Confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 26 August 2026; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 26 August 2026, of this Council meeting agenda, is designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Corporate Services on 4 September 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:***
  - e) legal privileged information; and***
  - l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.***

#### BACKGROUND

Council maintains an Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Audit and Risk Committee is an independent advisory Committee to Council and its primary objective is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risk, maintaining a reliable system of internal controls and facilitating the organisation's ethical development. Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee are reported directly to Council.

A copy of the minutes in brief from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting for 26 August 2026 is provided for the information of Council and the public in general – refer Attachment 13.3.1 – Audit Risk Committee Minutes in brief – 26 August 2026.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Audit Risk Committee Minutes in brief - 26 August 2026 [**13.3.1** - 11 pages]
2. Confidential Header - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 26 August 2026 [**13.3.2** - 1 page]
3. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 26 August 2026 [**13.3.3** - 255 pages]

## **OPTIONS**

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive and note the minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 26 August 2026; or
2. To seek further information and consider the minutes at a future meeting.

## **PROPOSAL**

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 26 August 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 GIAs 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 *Local Government Act 2020*, section 53(1) requires Council to establish an audit committee. Council's Audit and Risk Committee is an Advisory Committee to Council and operates within the Terms of Reference and Charter adopted by Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference require the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee to be forwarded to an ordinary meeting of the Council, including a report explaining any specific recommendations and key outcomes.

This report complies with the legislative requirements and the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference requirements.

### **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**

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter identifies the management of risk as one of the primary objectives of the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee monitors the risk exposure of Council by determining if management has appropriate risk management processes and adequate management information systems in place.



## **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES IN BRIEF** **Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 1:30 pm**

**Meeting held in Macalister Room, 18 Desailly Street, Sale  
and via MS Teams**

**Present:** Mr Tony Smith (Chair) (via Teams)  
Dr Craig Nisbet (via Teams)  
Ms Leanne Mulcahy (via Teams)  
Councillor Geoff Wells  
Councillor Catherine Bannerman

**In attendance:** Mr David Morcom (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mr Arthur Skipitaris (General Manager Corporate Services)  
Mr Ashy Sehgal (Chief Financial Officer) (via Teams)  
Mr Kapil Kukreja (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)  
Mr Jaideep Mo (HLB Mann Judd) (via Teams)  
Ms Sheryl Saynor (Executive Support Corporate Services)

### **1 Welcome**

Welcome by the Chair.

### **2 Apologies**

Nil

### **3 Closure of Meeting to Public**

***Craig Nisbet/Leanne Mulcahy***

***"That the meeting be closed to the public under Section 66(5) of the Local Government Act 2020 to discuss legal privileged information and information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.***

**CARRIED**

**4 Declaration of Conflict(s) of Interest**

Nil

**5 Adoption of Previous Minutes - 27 May 2026**

**Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet**

***That the Committee adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 May 2026.***

**CARRIED**

**6 In Camera Session (conducted at 1.00pm)**

Items 7.9, 7.12, 7.14 and 7.23 were discussed during the In Camera Session.

**7.1 Actions from Previous Minutes**

The Committee received an update on actions requested at previous meetings. As part of standard meeting procedures, an Actions from Previous Minutes report is presented at each Committee meeting to track the progress of items. All actions were marked as complete.

**Councillor Wells/Leanne Mulcahy**

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

***That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1)***

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***(I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.***

***be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Internal Audit Report: Compliance with Child Safe Standards**

The Committee received an internal audit report on a review of compliance with Child Safe Standards, prepared by Council's Internal Auditors, HLB Mann Judd.

The review found that Council had complied with 9 out of the 11 Victorian Child Safe Standards and partially complied with 2. The Auditors made recommendations to enhance the related practices.

**Councillor Bannerman/Councillor Geoff Wells**

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

### 7.3 Internal Audit Report: Review of Aqua Energy Redevelopment (Post Completion)

The Committee received an internal audit report on a review of the Aqua Energy Redevelopment (AER) (post completion), prepared by Council's Internal Auditors, HLB Mann Judd.

The review noted that the Council had adequate and appropriate systems, processes and controls in place to support the successful delivery and governance of the AER Project. Governance arrangements, stakeholder engagement processes, procurement activities, and project monitoring mechanisms were established and operated in a manner that supported effective oversight and project delivery.

The review identified a number of positive practices, including established governance structures, regular reporting and monitoring, compliant procurement processes, and active oversight of project progress, costs and variations.

There were also some improvement opportunities identified in relation to governance, handover processes, lessons learned activities and post-completion reviews. Addressing these matters will further strengthen project management maturity and support greater consistency in the delivery and governance of future capital projects.

**Craig Nisbet/Leanne Mulcahy**

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

### 7.4 Internal Audit Report: Follow-up Review

The Committee received an internal audit follow-up report, prepared by Council's Internal Auditors, HLB Mann Judd.

The objective of the review was to focus on High/Medium risk rated findings/observations from previous internal audit reports that were reported as closed to the Audit & Risk Committee.

The review found that remedial actions undertaken by the Council supported the closure of 7 of the 10 medium rated findings reported as closed to the Audit & Risk Committee, with 3 reported as not applicable. The review assessed the other 3 findings as partially completed, however the progress made to date has reduced the associated risk from a medium to low-risk rating.

**Councillor Wells/Leanne Mulcahy**

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

## **7.5 Internal Audit Status Report**

The Committee received an Internal Audit Status Report, prepared by Council's Internal Auditors, HLB Mann Judd. The purpose of the report was to provide the Committee with an update on Internal Audit activities in accordance with the 2025-26 and 2026-27 Internal Audit Plan.

The 2025-26 Internal Audit Plan is now complete, and the 2026-27 Internal Audit Plan is on track.

***Craig Nisbet/Councillor Bannerman***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

## **7.6 Status of Audit Recommendations**

The Committee received a report on the status of all outstanding Internal and External Audit recommendations. The update outlined the status of actions taken to address audit findings.

***Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

## **7.7 Risk Management Action Plan - Report on progress of previous year actions and review of actions for following year**

The Committee received a report on progress of previous year actions from the Risk Management Action Plan and reviewed the actions identified for 2026-27. The Committee also received a Risk Appetite Statement Report for 2025/26.

***Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

## **7.8 Report of BCP Exercise**

The Committee received a summary of the annual Business Continuity Plan (BCP) exercise undertaken on 2 July 2026, facilitated by Council's Insurance Broker, JLT, and involving 46 staff.

A report prepared by JLT following the exercise, highlighted that Council demonstrated strong leadership, communication, collaboration and decision-making capabilities. The findings indicated that Council has a solid foundation for responding to and managing significant disruptions. The report also identified several opportunities to further enhance business continuity arrangements and strengthen organisational resilience, supporting Council's commitment to continuous improvement.

### **Action:**

It was agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the JLT report.

### ***Councillor Wells/Councillor Bannerman***

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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**CARRIED**

## **7.9 Potential Introduction of Deep Dive Presentations on Strategic Risks**

The Committee considered the value and feasibility of incorporating periodic deep dive presentations on Council's strategic risks into future Audit & Risk Committee meetings.

### **Action:**

It was agreed that the Committee would receive an update on climate change and sustainability, including work undertaken during the previous 12 months, green-power purchasing, other organisational initiatives, and alignment with Council's strategic plan at the November meeting.

### ***Councillor Bannerman/Leanne Mulcahy***

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**CARRIED**

## 7.10 Work Health Safety Update

The Committee received a Work Health & Safety quarterly update for June 2026 which provided an update on Council's Work Health Safety Transformation Plan, Incident reporting and the Psychosocial Hazards Project.

**Councillor Wells/Craig Nisbet**

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**CARRIED**

## 7.11 Review of Council Policies

The Committee received a report on the review of Council policies previously identified by the Committee as being of a strategic nature and requiring review by the Committee.

The following policies were listed for review, with all changes suggested by Management agreed to by the Committee:

- Acceptance & Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Control Policy.

**Leanne Mulcahy/Councillor Bannerman**

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**CARRIED**

## 7.12 Evaluation of Audit & Risk Committee Performance

The Committee received a report on the annual evaluation of the Committee's performance, as required by Section (a)(22) of the Audit & Risk Committee List of Duties and Responsibilities.

Committee members completed their evaluation via a survey. The results indicate that the Committee is satisfied that members have appropriate expertise, all obligations are being met and the Committee is functioning well.

**Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet**

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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**CARRIED**

### **7.13 Excess Staff Leave**

The Committee received a report which summarised the number of staff across the organisation who have large leave balances. The report also included details of individual leave plans.

***Councillor Bannerman/Councillor Wells***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**CARRIED**

### **7.14 Council Watch article regarding Audit & Risk Committee Minutes**

The Committee received a report which considered key points raised in a recent post on Facebook by Council Watch regarding the content of Audit & Risk Committee minutes in the Council agenda. Following review of the article, Management advised that in future, the "Minutes in Brief" version of the meeting, which is viewable by the public, will contain a summary of what was considered, any actions that arise from that item and the resolution.

***Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.***

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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**CARRIED**

### **7.15 Related Party Transactions**

The Committee received a list of Related Party Transactions for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, in accordance with section (a)(8) of the Audit & Risk Committee List of Duties and Responsibilities.

***Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet***

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2020.***

**CARRIED**

#### **7.16 Report of Reimbursements made to Councillors and members of delegated Committees**

The Committee received a report of reimbursements made to Councillors and members of delegated Committees for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, in accordance with section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

***Craig Nisbet/Councillor Bannerman***

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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act  
2020.***

**CARRIED**

#### **7.17 CEO Credit Card Expenditure**

The Committee received and reviewed a report detailing the Chief Executive Officer's credit card transactions for the period January 2026 to June 2026.

***Councillor Wells/Leanne Mulcahy***

***That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.  
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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act  
2020.***

**CARRIED**

#### **7.18 ICT and Cyber Security Update**

The Committee received an update on the provision of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and cyber security compliance activities and major initiatives for the quarter ending June 2026.

The Committee noted the inclusion of the new Cyber Strategic Risk Dashboard to link strategic risk controls and performance.

No major cyber incidents or ICT issues were reported for the quarter. Current controls continue to reduce the likelihood and impact of cyber incidents; however, the threat environment remains elevated across the local government sector.

Cyber security risk remains within Council's approved risk appetite and current controls are operating effectively.

Council was acknowledged and awarded the LGPro Award for Excellence 2026 for the Shared Services Initiative: Rural Councils Records Management Transformation, EDRMS Project with East Gippsland Shire Council. The award recognises Council's leadership in Shared Services, delivering a first-of-its-kind shared, cloud based Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS), transforming how information is managed, protected, and accessed across both organisations.

**Action:**

Management undertook to confirm whether all maturity-level-one requirements had been completed, identifying the remaining level-two work.

**Leanne Mulcahy/Craig Nisbet**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.*

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**CARRIED**

## **7.19 Register of Commissioned Reports**

The Committee received a report advising that 2 commissioned reports had been received.

**Councillor Bannerman/Leanne Mulcahy**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.*

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**CARRIED**

## **7.20 Key Risk Matters**

The Committee received a report on Council's legal activities for the June 2026 quarter.

**Councillor Bannerman/Leanne Mulcahy**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.*

*That the information contained in this document and designated under Section 3(1)*

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**CARRIED**

## **7.21 Insurance Report**

The Committee received a report on Council's insurance activities for the June 2026 quarter.

**Craig Nisbet/Leanne Mulcahy**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.  
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be designated confidential information under Clause 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

**CARRIED**

## **7.22 Fraud Report**

The Committee received a report on any known incidences of fraud since the previous meeting. No incidents have been identified.

**Councillor Wells/Leanne Mulcahy**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.  
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**CARRIED**

## **7.23 Arrangements for Election of Chair**

The Committee received an update on the arrangements for the election of the Chair at the Committee meeting scheduled for 23 November 2026.

**Craig Nisbet/Leanne Mulcahy**

*That the Audit & Risk Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report.  
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**CARRIED**

#### 7.24 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Committee with an update on the following topics:

**Waste Services:** The revised red-bin and FOGO arrangements had generated a petition exceeding 3,000 signatures which will be presented to Council on 1 September 2026.

**Fuel And Budget:** Supplier fuel adjustments were adding approximately \$60,000–\$70,000 per month, with peaks around \$80,000, within the current budget range.

**Flooding:** Council has created an interactive website allowing property owners to view potential flood-map impacts, affecting more than 10,000 properties across coastal and inland areas.

**Community Assets:** Council is developing a framework to categorise community facilities, determine maintenance needs, and make more consistent funding decisions noting the need to favour multi-use facilities and avoid investing heavily in assets that have reached the end of their useful life.

**Homelessness:** There has been an increase in homelessness-related complaints and significant staff time spent responding despite limited legal powers, limited accommodation options, and reduced support from external agencies.

#### 7.25 General Business

Nil

#### 8.1 Rotating Assessment of and Feedback on Meeting

Committee member, Craig Nisbet lead a review on the conduct of the meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.44PM**



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SHIRE COUNCIL

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

I declare that the information contained in the attached document **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES - 26 AUGUST 2026** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- e) legal privileged information; and
- l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

.....  
**ARTHUR SKIPITARIS**  
General Manager Corporate Services  
4 September 2026

## 13.4. COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29 PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 4

### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

#### PURPOSE

To provide a progress update report on the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 4, April to June 2026, including the status of Major Initiatives and Actions, as attached.

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council receive the progress update report on the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 4, April to June 2026, including the status of Major Initiatives and Actions, as attached.*

#### BACKGROUND

The Council Plan 2025-29, adopted in 2025 under section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, was developed with community input to guide Council's work over the next four years. It supports the Community Vision 2041, addresses local challenges and opportunities, and fulfils council responsibilities. The plan sets the Strategic Direction of Council through the following four Strategic Objectives:

- **Strategic Objective 1: Healthy Connected Communities** - Vibrant, healthy, connected and inclusive communities. Quality services are accessible to everyone.
- **Strategic Objective 2: Dynamic and Diverse Economy** - An economy that enables sustainable growth, enhancing the social environment, lifestyle and unique characteristics of our communities.
- **Strategic Objective 3: Infrastructure, Spaces and Places** - Strategically planned, designed and well-maintained infrastructure, spaces and places.
- **Strategic Objective 4: Natural Environment** - A healthy natural environment, protected and nurtured for generations to come.

There are 41 **Major Initiatives and Actions** which are the initiatives, projects or activities that Council will deliver over the next four years. Progress is shared with the community through quarterly Council Reports, the [Future Wellington](#) website and the Annual Report.

The Council Plan 2025-29 also includes 23 Strategic Indicators used to measure success towards achieving the Strategic Objectives over the next four years.

The attached document, Attachment 13.4.1 – Council Plan 2025-29 Progress Update Report, Quarter 4, April to June 2026, outlines the following:

- Quarterly progress of Major Initiatives and Actions
- Strategic Indicators that are measured and reported annually.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Council Plan 2025-29 Progress Update Report, Quarter 4, April to June 2026 [13.4.1 - 20 pages]

## **OPTIONS**

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive the progress update report on the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 4, April to June 2026, as attached; or
2. To not receive the progress update report on the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 4, April to June 2026, as attached, and seek further information for consideration at a later Council meeting.

## **PROPOSAL**

That Council receive the progress update report on the Council Plan 2025-29 for Quarter 4, April to June 2026, as attached, including the status of Major Initiatives and Actions.

## **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**

Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Council Plan 2025-29 is a key responsibility of Council. Sharing regular progress updates support Council's oversight responsibilities, ensuring initiatives are delivered on schedule and within budget.

## **GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)**

Officers understand the requirements in relation to conducting GIAs to ensure Council remains compliant with obligations outlined in the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

The following determination was made.

A Gender Impact Assessment was conducted as the policy, program or service meets the assessment requirement criteria. Officers undertook the GIA in accordance with the *Gender Equality Act 2020* to ensure potential gendered impacts were identified, considered and appropriately addressed.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **COMMUNICATION IMPACT**

The Council Plan 2025-29 communicates Council's Strategic Direction to the community. The Council Plan 2025-29 can also be used by Council to communicate its vision and direction to other tiers of government, organisations, government agencies and funding bodies.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

The provision of a Council Plan Progress report (report reviewing the performance of the Council against the Council Plan, including the results in relation to the strategic indicators, for the first six months of the financial year) is a requirement of Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Governance and Management checklist which is enacted by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

## **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**

Council continues to work in partnership with the community of Wellington Shire to deliver the Council Plan 2025-29.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The Council Plan 2025-29 highlights the environment as a priority by identifying the Natural Environment as one of its four Strategic Objectives. It outlines a range of initiatives designed to deliver positive environmental outcomes.

## **ENGAGEMENT IMPACT**

Council is committed to genuine and effective community engagement in planning and decision making. In accordance with the Community Engagement strategy, the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) principles were applied during the development of the Council Plan 2025-29.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT**

Council utilises a Risk Management Framework to ensure effective and responsible risk management, making it a fundamental aspect of all decision-making processes. Alongside this, Council recognises strategic risks, which could impact long-term objectives. Reporting on the advancement of Major Initiatives and Actions aligned with each Strategic Objective outlined in the Council Plan serves as a crucial control mechanism, reinforcing our dedication to risk management and the early identification of potential challenges.

# COUNCIL PLAN 2025-29

## Progress Update Report

Quarter 4  
1 April to  
30 June  
2026



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# STRATEGIC DIRECTION



## Strategic Objective One:



### Healthy Connected Communities

**Vibrant, healthy, connected and inclusive communities.  
Quality services are accessible to everyone.**

Enabling utilisation, access and movement across places and spaces.

Celebrating, respecting and embracing the Gunaikurnai people, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Enriching community experiences through creativity, culture and history for all ages and abilities.

Aligning services through a community-centred organisation.

## Strategic Objective Two:



### Dynamic and Diverse Economy

**An economy that enables sustainable growth, enhancing the social environment, lifestyle and unique characteristics of our communities.**

Supporting job growth and diversification of our economy.

Leveraging our natural environment and community assets to promote tourism, events and activation.

Planning to support future growth and changing needs of our community.

Guiding responsible, sustainable development that protects, values and celebrates our unique heritage.

## Strategic Objective Three:



### Infrastructure, Spaces and Places

**Strategically planned, designed and well-maintained infrastructure, spaces and places.**

Providing high quality places and spaces to enhance our townships and community.

Developing and promoting safe and suitable transport infrastructure.

Coordinating facilities and infrastructure to meet growth and evolving needs.

Fostering inclusive and accessible spaces for community connection, creativity and activities.

## Strategic Objective Four:



### Natural Environment

**A healthy natural environment, protected and nurtured for generations to come.**

Contributing to the protection and revitalisation of natural landscapes, biodiversity, and waterways.

Encouraging and supporting sustainable practices.

Strengthening natural disaster resilience and emergency response preparedness.

Empowering the community and businesses to drive positive environmental outcomes.

## Strategic Objective One



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**Strategic  
Objective  
One:****Healthy Connected Communities**

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| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                                                                                  | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Status      | Progress |
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| 1.1 - Major Initiative | Support initiatives that improve access, encourage movement, and increase community use of local places and spaces through education, infrastructure activation, and promotion of active and safe travel. | The Urban Paths Plan (UPP) is a key driver in achieving this Council Plan Action. Implementation is on track, with planning and construction activities progressing as anticipated during the reporting period. A scheduled review will assess outcomes and provide an updated status report to inform future priorities.<br>Progress on this action is also supported by reviews and renewals of key infrastructure and boating strategies, delivery of park maintenance and activation programs, and continued investment in community wellbeing initiatives (such as Live4Life and Parks Week) that improve access, encourage movement, and increase use of local places and spaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progressing | 15%      |
| 1.2 - Major Initiative | Partner with the Gunaikurnai community to strengthen relationships and deliver positive outcomes.                                                                                                         | In May 2026, Council was advised by VicHealth that the Partners in Place initiative had been successful in securing five years of funding. Council is now working closely with VicHealth to establish the foundations of the project, including the development of position descriptions for the newly created CONNECT Project Lead and Project Support roles.<br><br>The Wellington Health and Wellbeing Coalition will now focus on identifying priority areas for the first year of the project in consultation with Gunaikurnai people, Ramahyuck, and the broader First Peoples community across Wellington Shire.<br><br>In June 2026, the Ramahyuck Board of Directors invited representatives from Council's Community Development Team to present on the initiative. The Board expressed strong support for the project and welcomed the opportunities it presents for collaboration and community outcomes.<br><br>The next phase of the project will focus on recruitment, detailed planning, project development, and implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Progressing | 30%      |
| 1.3 - Major Initiative | Deliver transparent and consistent community engagement, providing opportunities for input and how community feedback is considered.                                                                      | During the April to June quarter, Council continued to carry out a range of community engagement activities to better understand local needs and help inform future decisions.<br><br>The projects open for community feedback during the quarter included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Budget 2026/27 - Asking the community for feedback on Council's proposed budget and spending priorities.</li> <li>Golden Beach Master Plan - Seeking feedback on the draft master plan to help shape the future of this community open space.</li> <li>Great Southern Rail Trail Master Plan - Gathering feedback from residents and stakeholders to support planning for this popular tourism and recreation trail.</li> <li>Lions Park Master Plan - Inviting community input on the future development of this important recreation area.</li> <li>Prince Street Reserve Master Plan - Consulting with the community on the future use and development of the reserve.</li> <li>Draft Waste Collection Policy and Guideline - Seeking community feedback on a policy that helps guide the delivery of Council's waste collection service.</li> </ul><br>Council also gathered participant feedback through targeted surveys and forms, including the Jobs and Careers Fair Feedback Survey, to inform improvements for future events.<br><br>These activities help ensure community views are considered when planning services, projects and future improvements across the shire. | Progressing | 30%      |

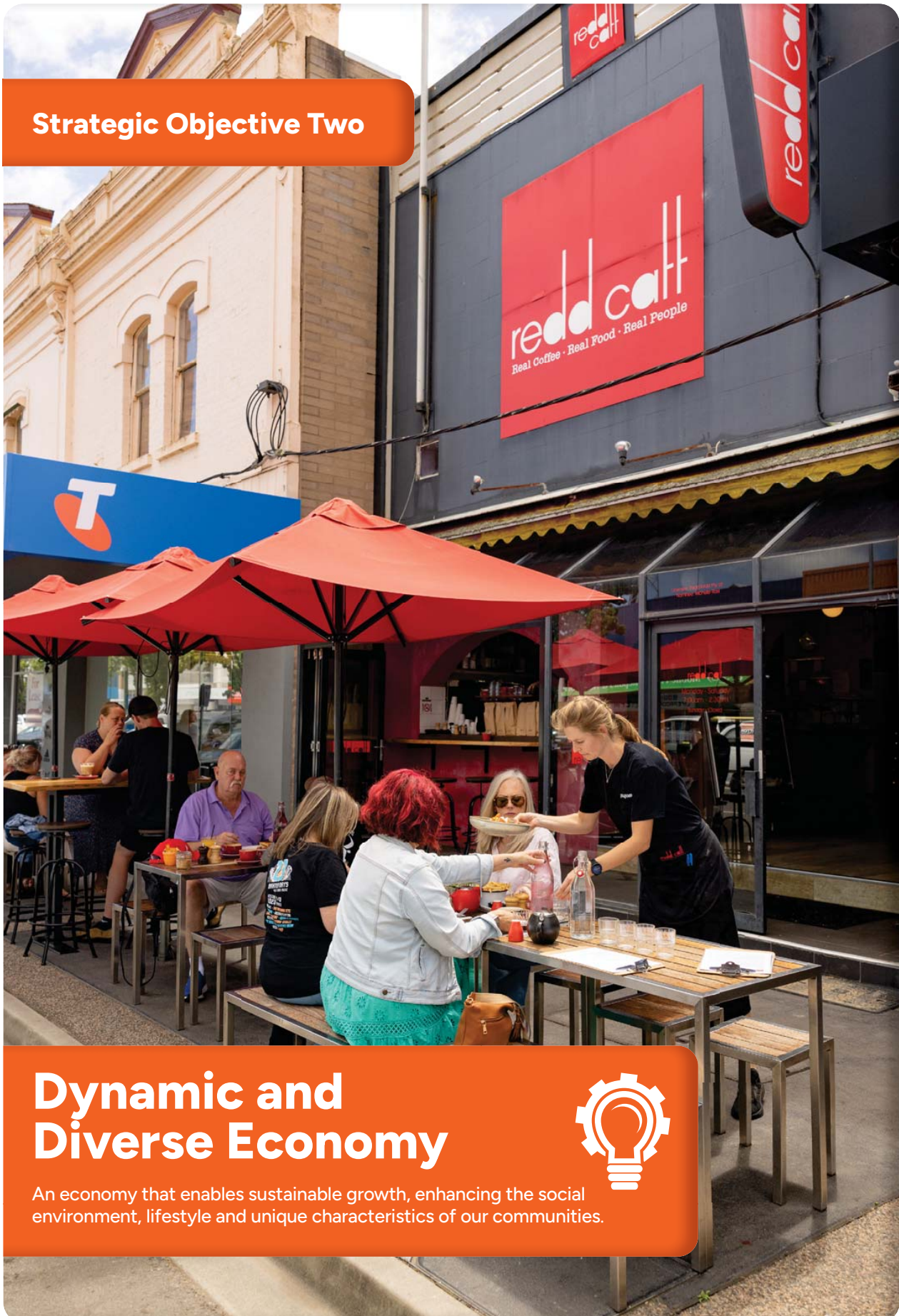
| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                                                                                                  | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Status      | Progress |
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| 1.4 - Major Initiative | Advance inclusion and engagement of Wellington's socially and culturally diverse communities through a range of arts and culture programs.                                                                                | <p>This quarter has focused on strengthening Wellington Shire's cultural offering through the continued development of performing and visual arts programs, audience engagement initiatives and strategic partnerships.</p> <p>At The Wedge Performing Arts Centre, work has continued to deliver a diverse and accessible program of performances and community activities, supporting both professional artists and local creative groups. Ongoing venue improvements, programming development and stakeholder engagement have helped maintain The Wedge's role as a key cultural hub for the region.</p> <p>At the Gippsland Art Gallery, the team has concentrated on exhibition development, collection management and audience engagement, while also progressing plans for future major exhibitions. Significant effort continues to be directed towards securing and developing high-profile exhibition opportunities that will enhance visitation and strengthen the Gallery's reputation as one of regional Victoria's leading cultural destinations.</p> <p>Across the broader cultural portfolio, the team has remained actively engaged with regional and state networks to identify opportunities for collaboration, cultural events and creative initiatives that support community participation and promote Wellington Shire as a vibrant and connected cultural centre.</p> | Progressing | 35%      |
| 1.5 - Major Initiative | Implement key initiatives of the Information and Communication Technology Strategic Plan, including regional shared services initiatives, that support community facing services and emergency management responsiveness. | <p>Key highlights for the quarter include work undertaken for the following initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital transformation projects that are designed to enhance customer service delivery, streamline internal processes, and enhance staff productivity across Council operations through use of new technologies.</li> <li>Strengthening cybersecurity maturity through continued alignment with the Essential Eight framework, expanded security monitoring capabilities, staff awareness training, and improved incident response readiness to ensure ongoing protection and security of community data.</li> <li>Regional collaboration and shared service opportunities to ensure ongoing capability sharing, and cost efficiencies in ICT service delivery.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Progressing | 65%      |
| 1.6 - Action           | Provide ongoing internal training in inclusive practices, cultural safety, and accessibility.                                                                                                                             | <p>This quarter has seen the submission of the Gender Equality Audit and new Gender Equality Action Plan to the Gender Equality Commission.</p> <p>Internal training is undertaken on a recurring cycle and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Awareness</li> <li>Gender Equality</li> <li>Prevention of Workplace Bullying and Harassment</li> <li>Child Safety</li> <li>A new e-learning module relating to Gender Impact Assessments (GIAs) which includes the topic of intersectionality is in development.</li> <li>Monthly Gender Impact Assessment drop-in sessions are also facilitated to build capability and strengthen understanding of gender equality.</li> </ul> <p>During this quarter, an audit against the Child Safety standards has commenced which will include a review of the allocation of cultural awareness training across the organisation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Progressing | 25%      |
| 1.7 - Action           | Lead a collaborative procurement initiative to acquire upgraded leisure management software that provides a user-friendly customer experience.                                                                            | <p>Since the close of the tender period, the project has continued to progress through a detailed assessment phase during this quarter. Additional due diligence activities, including site reviews, technical evaluations and service demonstrations, have been undertaken to further refine project requirements and confirm the preferred delivery approach.</p> <p>The project is now in its final stages of assessment, with evaluation outcomes being reviewed and the associated report nearing completion. Procurement activities are also expected to be finalised shortly, positioning the project to move forward to the next phase and enabling works to commence once all approvals and appointment processes are complete.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Progressing | 60%      |

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                      | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Status      | Progress |
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| 1.8 - Action    | Provide resources, training, and recognition opportunities that strengthen volunteering and community groups. | <p>Despite staffing vacancies and recruitment activity impacting some planned initiatives during the quarter, Council continued to support and recognise community-managed facility committees.</p> <p>Training and learning opportunities were promoted through the quarterly Community Managed Facilities newsletter, and three volunteer thank you events were successfully delivered in Heyfield, Stratford and Dargo to acknowledge the valuable contribution of volunteers across the municipality.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Progressing | 30%      |
| 1.9 - Action    | Strengthen public transparency through enhancing accessibility to reporting and decision-making information.  | <p>The new reporting platform, Future Wellington was launched in September 2025, demonstrates a commitment to transparency, accessibility, and community engagement.</p> <p>This platform serves as a central hub for Council's long-term strategic plans, including the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Vision 2041</li> <li>• Council Plan 2025-2029</li> <li>• Financial Plan</li> <li>• Asset Plan</li> <li>• Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan - Live Well in Wellington</li> </ul> <p>The new website is designed to address previous challenges around engagement and accessibility. It replaces the static PDF-based approach with a dynamic, user-friendly interface that allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real-time tracking of progress against strategic priorities via a performance dashboard.</li> <li>• Clear updates on Council initiatives and actions</li> <li>• Interactive access to strategic documents and sub-plans</li> <li>• New channels for community feedback and engagement</li> </ul> <p>The reporting platform is available at <a href="https://future.wellington.vic.gov.au">future.wellington.vic.gov.au</a> and is updated after the end of each quarter.</p> <p>Engagement with our local community is guided by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) framework, which recognises that when a community, or a specific cohort within the community, is impacted by a decision, they should have a meaningful opportunity to contribute to that decision. Consistent with this approach, Council has established a Youth Council, focused on training and empowering young people to build the skills and confidence needed to have their voices heard across the municipality. Through this forum, young people are supported to participate as active citizens and to contribute to community policy, discussion and decision-making.</p> <p>During Quarter 4, Council continued to strengthen public transparency and accessibility to decision-making information through the Your Wellington Your Say online engagement platform. Between 1 April and 30 June 2026, the platform recorded 12,791 page views, 8,314 visits and 6,596 visitors, resulting in 1,640 community contributions through surveys. These results demonstrate strong community interest in Council projects and decisions, providing residents with accessible opportunities to stay informed, share feedback and participate in Council's decision-making processes.</p> <p>Continued use of the platform supports Council's commitment to open, transparent and informed engagement with the community. The importance of providing accessible, timely information to support meaningful community participation aligns with Council's community engagement approach and commitment to transparency.</p> <p>A section titled Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) has been incorporated into the Council Report process, embedding the consideration of gender equality impacts into decision making. This enhancement aligns reporting requirements with legislative obligations and supports more informed and thoughtful assessments across projects and initiatives.</p> | Progressing | 60%      |

| Initiative Code | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                            | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status      | Progress |
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| 1.10 - Action   | Continue to grow Wellington Shire's reputation as a cultural centre for Gippsland through major arts, culture events and festivals. | <p>This quarter has seen a strong focus on strategic planning, partnership development and future program delivery across the cultural portfolio.</p> <p>The team has been actively engaging with regional, state and industry networks to identify opportunities for new cultural events, festivals and creative initiatives that will strengthen community participation and enhance Wellington Shire's cultural offering. Through these ongoing relationships, Council continues to advocate for the region and explore collaborative opportunities that support visitation, economic development and community connection.</p> <p>At the Gippsland Art Gallery, significant effort has been directed towards the development and planning of future major exhibitions. The team is working extensively with partners, artists, lenders and stakeholders to secure and deliver high-profile blockbuster exhibitions that will attract new audiences, increase visitation and further strengthen the Gallery's reputation as a leading cultural destination within regional Victoria.</p> <p>Across the broader cultural services area, work has continued on program development, audience engagement initiatives and the ongoing improvement of visitor experiences. Planning and preparation activities undertaken this quarter will help ensure a strong pipeline of cultural experiences, exhibitions and events for residents and visitors in the months ahead.</p> <p>The team remains committed to delivering high-quality cultural opportunities that celebrate creativity, support local communities and contribute to Wellington Shire's reputation as a vibrant and connected region.</p> | Progressing | 35%      |

| Strategic Indicators: How we will measure success                        | Baseline<br>30 June 2025                                                          | 2025-26 Result                                                                    | 2026-27<br>Result | 2027-28<br>Result | 2028-29<br>Result | Target<br>30 June 2029                              |
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| Community satisfaction with Council's customer service.                  | Wellington Shire Council result<br>68/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>65/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>69/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>66/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's community and culture activities.  | Wellington Shire Council result<br>66/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>63/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>64/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>63/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's local street and footpath network. | Wellington Shire Council result<br>56/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>48/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>55/100<br>Large Rural Council result 50/100    |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Satisfaction with Council's community consultation and engagement.       | Wellington Shire Council result<br>52/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>48/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>52/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>49/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Participation at Council-run performing arts events.                     | 18,615 visits                                                                     | 25,731 visits                                                                     |                   |                   |                   | Maintain                                            |
| Participation in Gippsland Art Gallery programs and events.              | 35,508 visits                                                                     | 40,491 visits                                                                     |                   |                   |                   | Maintain                                            |

## Strategic Objective Two



## Dynamic and Diverse Economy



An economy that enables sustainable growth, enhancing the social environment, lifestyle and unique characteristics of our communities.

**Strategic  
Objective  
Two:**
**Dynamic and Diverse Economy**

An economy that enables sustainable growth, enhancing the social environment, lifestyle and unique characteristics of our communities.



| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                                                                               | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Status      | Progress |
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| 2.1 - Major Initiative | Provide support to existing, new and emerging businesses and industries to contribute to their sustainability and growth.                                                                              | <p>A series of targeted events were delivered during the quarter to support workforce development, industry awareness, and local business capability across the defence and aviation sectors.</p> <p>The Aviation Taster Tour provided participants with a practical introduction to aviation careers and training pathways, fostering early interest in the sector and highlighting local opportunities. Complementing this, the Defence 101 Event offered foundational knowledge of the defence industry, including procurement processes, key stakeholders, and potential entry points for businesses and individuals seeking to engage with defence-related opportunities.</p> <p>Industry engagement was further strengthened through the Ventia Subcontractors Forum, which connected local suppliers with a major defence contractor to explore subcontracting opportunities and requirements for participation in defence supply chains. This event facilitated direct contact between Ventia and local businesses, improving understanding of compliance, capability, and partnership expectations. Similarly, participation in The Middle of Everywhere Jobs and Careers Fair broadened outreach efforts by showcasing local employment pathways, promoting local industries, and connecting job seekers with employers and highlighting potential careers to students.</p> <p>To build business capability, the Business Victoria Workshop on Winning Government Grants and Tenders assisted local enterprises with practical skills to navigate funding opportunities and tender processes. This workshop provided guidance on identifying relevant opportunities, preparing strong submissions, and aligning business offerings with government objectives.</p> <p>Collectively, these events contributed to strengthening workforce pipelines and supporting economic development outcomes within the region.</p> | Progressing | 40%      |
| 2.2 - Major Initiative | Deliver integrated, place-based planning for community infrastructure and services with a focus on housing diversity, equitable access, and long-term social and physical infrastructure requirements. | Council continues to advance integrated place-based planning and promote housing diversity through the ongoing assessment of planning permit applications and the implementation of Planning Scheme Amendments. These actions ensure alignment with strategic objectives and support sustainable growth across the municipality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Progressing | 20%      |
| 2.3 - Major Initiative | Collaborate with industry and government partners in attracting new investment to advance renewable energy solutions.                                                                                  | <p>Council continued to work with industry and government partners to attract investment that supports renewable energy development and the broader energy transition.</p> <p>Engagement with Regional Development Victoria focused on identifying opportunities to strengthen local industry participation and investment outcomes. To further promote the region's capabilities, Council organised a tour of local businesses during the quarter, highlighting the strength of the local supply chain and advocating for greater involvement of local businesses in upcoming new energy projects.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progressing | 40%      |

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| 2.4 - Major Initiative | Maximise Councils current and future investment in The Middle of Everywhere branding and supporting materials.                                                                | <p>Council continued to maximise investment in the Middle of Everywhere brand through the support, facilitation and promotion of events across the municipality. The reporting period commenced with the highly successful ANZAC Week Airshow, which attracted 12,300 ticket sales and continued to be a major event for the region, generating a significant boost to the local economy through increased visitation, accommodation bookings and visitor spending.</p> <p>During the reporting period, 28 event applications were assessed and approved, ensuring events were compliant and able to proceed successfully. Three major events received additional Council support, including sponsorship, staff attendance, visitor information and promotional materials, social media promotion, and direct permit assistance.</p> <p>Council's event facilitation role involved extensive cross-organisational coordination, with 71 referrals made across Council departments for acknowledgements, approvals, permits and specialist advice. This collaborative approach helped deliver safe, compliant and successful events that contribute to visitation, economic activity and the promotion of Wellington Shire as the Middle of Everywhere.</p> <p>Council also continued work on the Gippsland Rally, supporting event planning and delivery to ensure the event remains a premier attraction for motorsport enthusiasts and visitors to the region. The rally continues to provide opportunities to showcase local communities, businesses and visitor experiences while generating economic benefits across Wellington Shire.</p> | Progressing | 20%      |
| 2.5 - Major Initiative | Facilitate the delivery of zoned land for residential, industrial and commercial growth and land supply.                                                                      | Several Planning Scheme Amendments (including C124well, C126well, C131well and C132well) are currently in progress and at different stages of preparation but when completed will enable the delivery of zoned land for residential, industrial, and commercial growth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progressing | 10%      |
| 2.6 - Major Initiative | Progress the West Sale industrial precinct to facilitate economic development.                                                                                                | A finalised Development Plan was formally adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 April 2026. Work will now continue to provide support in accessing the necessary infrastructure required to facilitate the development of the land.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Completed   | 100%     |
| 2.7 - Action           | Progress initiatives and projects to maximise returns to Council by leveraging its assets.                                                                                    | <p>Investigation works continued during the reporting period on the subdivision of strategically significant Council-owned land in Stratford, Sale and Yarram. These activities support future investment opportunities and help ensure an ongoing supply of land to meet residential, commercial and industrial development needs across the municipality.</p> <p>Progress also continued on the West Sale Airport Master Plan, with the project advancing through key planning and consultation stages. Endorsement of the Master Plan is anticipated in late 2026 and will provide a strategic framework to guide the future development and growth of this important regional asset.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Progressing | 40%      |
| 2.8 - Action           | Review the Wellington Planning Scheme.                                                                                                                                        | Following a successful bid for funding from the Department of Transport and Planning during the reporting period, consultants have been appointed to undertake the project, which is now formally underway. Councillors will receive an update in September 2026 with a final report for adoption anticipated to be presented to the 20 October 2026 Council meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Progressing | 25%      |
| 2.9 - Action           | Partner with and advocate for our local agricultural industry, to support and add value to horticulture, dairy, timber, animal husbandry and other key agri-business sectors. | <p>As part of Council's participation in Timber Towns Victoria, a delegation attended State Parliament to advocate on behalf of timber-dependent communities. The delegation focused on key State Government election priorities, highlighting the importance of supporting regional economies, industry development, workforce transition, and investment in communities impacted by changes in the forestry sector. This advocacy aimed to ensure local priorities were recognised and considered in future government policy and funding decisions.</p> <p>Throughput at the Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange continues to remain strong, with increased buyer attendance at sales contributing to robust competition and positive market activity. The continued strength of the exchange reinforces its importance as a key regional economic asset, supporting livestock producers and attracting participation from across Victoria and interstate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Progressing | 20%      |

| Strategic Indicators: How we will measure success                                                        | Baseline<br>30 June 2025                                                                       | 2025-26 Result                                                                                                                                                         | 2026-27<br>Result | 2027-28<br>Result | 2028-29<br>Result | Target<br>30 June 2029                                |
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| Community satisfaction with the support given by Council to business, community development and tourism. | Wellington Shire Council result<br>61/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>55/100              | Wellington Shire Council result<br>59/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>57/100                                                                                      |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result   |
| Community satisfaction with Council's planning and building permits.                                     | Wellington Shire Council result<br>53/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>41/100              | Wellington Shire Council result<br>54/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>44/100                                                                                      |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result   |
| Annual growth rate of real Gross Regional Product (GRP).                                                 | Wellington Shire Council<br>\$5.134B - 20.78% growth<br>Gippsland<br>\$24.933B - 15.40% growth | Wellington Shire Council<br>\$4.8224B (6.08% decrease)<br>Gippsland<br>\$25.029B - 0.39% increase                                                                      |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than the growth rate of Gippsland |
| Unemployment rate.                                                                                       | Wellington Shire<br>4.8%<br>Gippsland<br>4.9%                                                  | Wellington Shire<br>4.1%<br>Gippsland<br>4.2%<br><br><b>Data provided is from 1 July 2025 to March 31, 2026</b><br>Final 2025/26 figures are expected by October 2026. |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or lower than the Gippsland rate             |
| Domestic travel visitors to Wellington Shire.                                                            | 1,168,000 visitors                                                                             | Data source no longer available                                                                                                                                        |                   |                   |                   | Increase                                              |
| Population growth of Wellington Shire.                                                                   | 46,533 people                                                                                  | 46,551 people (0.03% increase)                                                                                                                                         |                   |                   |                   | Increase                                              |

## Strategic Objective Three

# Infrastructure, Spaces and Places

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**Strategic  
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| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                            | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Status      | Progress |
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| 3.1 - Major Initiative | Maintain a network of local parks, open spaces and urban forest to support community activity, wellbeing and connection to the natural environment. | <p>Parks are regularly maintained on a set schedule, and upgrades to park infrastructure are planned as assets require renewal or replacement at end of life.</p> <p>Masterplans for key reserve sites are in preparation with active engagement of communities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lions Park Sale</li> <li>• Golden Beach</li> <li>• Prince Street Reserve Rosedale, and</li> <li>• Great Southern Rail Trail.</li> </ul> <p>The Urban Forest program has delivered over 700 street and park trees in the autumn of 2026 following engagement with the relevant communities on tree selection in late 2025. Council continues to support in-park events and licensed activities that encourage community use of the Shire's parks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Progressing | 25%      |
| 3.2 - Major Initiative | Explore alternative, cost-effective models for delivering cultural, leisure, and recreation facilities and programs.                                | This activity is scheduled to begin in Year 3 of the Council Plan. It follows a regular cycle and was last completed in 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pending     | 0%       |
| 3.3 - Major Initiative | Advocate and plan for early years infrastructure provision and developments that support inclusive access to appropriate facilities.                | During this reporting period, Council has commenced the review of the adopted Early Years Infrastructure Plan. The focus of this review is to ensure that the region is well placed to respond to the 2028 roll out of the Best Start, Best Life reforms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progressing | 40%      |
| 3.4 - Major Initiative | Improve physical accessibility, enhance safety and ease of use for all ages and abilities, and embed inclusive design features.                     | <p>Council is continuing regular maintenance of parks along with upgrades to trails, paths, playgrounds, and accessible facilities. Plans also include improving access to open spaces within a short walk of homes and adding lighting to make parks safer and more usable for longer hours.</p> <p>The 2025/26 Capital Expenditure (CapEx) Program rollout has supported some enhanced accessible infrastructure to paths and playgrounds and will continue to respond to identified needs and opportunities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Progressing | 25%      |
| 3.5 - Major Initiative | Deliver a targeted activation plan for the newly redeveloped Aqua Energy leisure facility.                                                          | <p>Council's targeted reactivation of Aqua Energy Leisure continues to deliver outstanding results, with record levels of participation, visitation and community engagement across the facility. Supported by new membership options, expanded swimming lesson capacity, enhanced wellness offerings and improved digital communication, the centre has experienced significant growth in both membership and program participation since reopening.</p> <p>These initiatives complement the recently completed \$23 million redevelopment, which delivered major facility upgrades including a seven-lane indoor pool, zero-depth water play area, 24-hour gym access, contemporary wellness facilities and fully accessible changerooms and pool deck. Additional services such as Reformer Pilates, cold-water immersion and recovery programs have further diversified opportunities for participation and wellbeing.</p> <p>The centre continues to exceed expectations, with memberships now well above pre-closure levels and record numbers being achieved across a range of programs, including swim school enrolments. Increased programming and community engagement activities have strengthened Aqua Energy Leisure's role as a key health, wellbeing and recreation destination for Wellington Shire residents.</p> <p>Further supporting this growth, during the reporting period a new car park upgrade has been completed and opened to the public, significantly improving access, safety and convenience for patrons. Together, these outcomes reflect the success of Council's investment in the facility and the strong community demand for high-quality aquatic and leisure services.</p> | Completed   | 100%     |

| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                                                                        | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Status      | Progress |
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| 3.6 - Major Initiative | Develop and deliver a renewed Aquatic and Leisure Strategy.                                                                                                                                     | This activity is scheduled to commence in Year 2 of the Council Plan, with planning and strategic development work already underway during the reporting period. The development of the Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategy has commenced and will provide the overarching framework to guide future service delivery, investment and community outcomes across the sector. As a critical supporting component of this work, an Aquatic Strategy will also be developed to inform the long-term planning and provision of aquatic facilities and services across Wellington Shire. | Progressing | 5%       |
| 3.7 - Major Initiative | Undertake review of libraries to ensure improved effectiveness of service delivery without compromising community satisfaction.                                                                 | The Library Review has progressed significantly and Council has collected and analysed qualitative and quantitative information against industry benchmarks.<br><br>Extensive consultation with Shire Library staff, the Public Library sector, and the Not For Profit library corporations in addition to reviewing and comparison of Public Library sector benchmarks has been completed. The next step will include reporting to and engaging with Council's senior management and Councillors.                                                                                | Progressing | 90%      |
| 3.8 - Major Initiative | Work to ensure that our town centres are activated, safe, well presented, have appropriate facilities and are well-maintained.                                                                  | Council continues to maintain garden beds, street trees, rubbish services, lighting, seating, and other amenities across the shire. Standards are regularly internally audited, and customer requests are promptly addressed to keep these spaces well-presented, active, and welcoming.<br><br>The completion of the 2025/26 Capital Expenditure program (CapEx) rollout during this reporting period has allowed for programmed renewal of assets, new green features and small infrastructure installations.                                                                   | Progressing | 25%      |
| 3.9 - Major Initiative | Undertake a review of the Community Managed Facilities Strategy to ensure continued community access to well-managed, well-maintained spaces that prioritise high-use and multi-purpose venues. | The review of key elements of the Community Managed Facilities Strategy and the Sporting and Community Infrastructure Plans is continuing as planned. Key items to date during the quarter include the review of hierarchy model and core service level provision.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Progressing | 30%      |
| 3.10 - Action          | Ensure the proactive maintenance, renewal, and management of Council infrastructure assets.                                                                                                     | Asset Condition data was considered in the development of the initial 2026/27 budget during the quarter. This data ensures that any assets listed in poor condition have been addressed and considered in the program of developments in the coming years.<br><br>Condition audits and renewal modelling has shown a steady positive trend in asset condition rating indicating that expenditure is effective in maintaining/slightly improving over the longer term. Council assets are being maintained in a good condition.                                                    | Progressing | 20%      |
| 3.11 - Action          | Deliver The Wedge Performing Arts Centre refresh project and operating model.                                                                                                                   | The detailed design tender process has been completed during the quarter, with submissions assessed and the preferred consultant identified. Council has progressed to final appointment arrangements, with the detailed design phase to commence in the near future.<br><br>This phase of the project will include stakeholder and community engagement activities, to ensure the final design reflects project objectives and user requirements. Subject to completion of this phase and the necessary approvals, the project will then progress toward construction.           | Progressing | 30%      |
| 3.12 - Action          | Revise the Residential Road and Street Construction and Urban Paths Plans.                                                                                                                      | The updated Residential Road and Street Construction Plan has been adopted by Council during the quarter, and the latest version is available on Council's website.<br><br>The Urban Paths Plan update has remained on track with a Council workshop planned for August 2026 followed by community engagement later in the calendar year. The review is progressing as planned and due to be completed by June 2027.                                                                                                                                                              | Progressing | 55%      |
| 3.13 - Action          | Revise the Recreational Boating Facilities Plan.                                                                                                                                                | Initial internal review of the current Recreational Boating Facilities Plan has been undertaken during the quarter. The community consultation planning phase has progressed and with plans for it to be opened to the public in September/October 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Progressing | 15%      |

| Strategic Indicators: How we will measure success                     | Baseline<br>30 June 2025                                                          | 2025-26 Result                                                                    | 2026-27<br>Result | 2027-28<br>Result | 2028-29<br>Result | Target<br>30 June 2029                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Community satisfaction with the appearance of Council's public areas. | Wellington Shire Council result<br>71/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>66/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>69/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>69/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's recreational facilities.        | Wellington Shire Council result<br>70/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>65/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>70/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>70/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's Art centres and libraries.      | Wellington Shire Council result<br>77/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>71/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>76/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>72/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's overall performance.            | Wellington Shire Council result<br>58/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>50/100 | Wellington Shire Council result<br>58/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>50/100 |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Utilisation of aquatic facilities.                                    | 160,943 visits or 3.46 visits per head of population                              | 218,350 visits or 4.69 visits per head of population                              |                   |                   |                   | Maintain                                            |
| Library visits per head of population.                                | 226,587 visits or 4.87 visits per head of population                              | 227,382 visits or 4.88 visits per head of population                              |                   |                   |                   | Maintain                                            |

## Strategic Objective Four

# Natural Environment

A healthy natural environment, protected and nurtured for generations to come.



**Strategic  
Objective  
Four:**
**Natural Environment**

A healthy natural environment, protected and nurtured for generations to come.



| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                                                   | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status      | Progress |
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| 4.1 - Major Initiative | In partnership with community and business, encourage sustainability initiatives and take actions to reduce Council's impact on climate.                   | The Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) introduction campaign has been the most significant focus for Sustainability over the last quarter. Education campaigns and attendance at events by Council Officers representing waste have aided in the community adapting to the new bin service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Progressing | 25%      |
| 4.2 - Major Initiative | Enhance the extent and quality of the urban forest across our townships.                                                                                   | Council continues to deliver the multi-year Urban Forest program, which focuses on planting street trees to improve shade and streetscape amenity in Wellington townships where trees are limited or missing. Over 700 street and park trees have been planted in the autumn 2026 across the shire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Progressing | 25%      |
| 4.3 - Major Initiative | Continue involvement in regional Integrated Water Management forum and consider funding opportunities where aligned with Integrated Water Management Plan. | Staff continue to actively participate in regional meetings, ensuring Wellington Shire remains engaged in collaborative planning efforts. Funding submissions have been submitted during the quarter for an Integrated Water Management (IWM) study to support the Stratford Structure Plan, and for an investigation into alternative water sources for the Yarram Recreation Reserve.<br><br>Council officers plan to continue to contribute to these forums to support coordinated outcomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progressing | 15%      |
| 4.4 - Major Initiative | Encourage the reuse of items through the provision of a quality library service.                                                                           | The Wellington Shire Library staff staged another Itty Bitty Booksale in Maffra in June where approximately 500 books were rehomed. The library service has provided local childcare and educational organisations with withdrawn library materials. They have also worked closely with local volunteers who arranged for resources to be sent overseas to disadvantaged children.<br><br>A small offering of free withdrawn library materials have also been made available within the branch libraries. This work redirects items away from landfill, encourages literacy development and engages non-library members who might be visiting hubs for other services e.g. Gallery, Maternal child health, tourism, etc.<br><br>Libraries are committed to reducing use of plastics where possible. This has been achieved through the use of biodegradable book contact, advocating for the use of recyclable materials in packaging from book suppliers, and reuse of boxes from book deliveries, provision of reusable library bags to new members.<br><br>Home Efficiency kits have been made available through our Library of Things collection. Winter is considered an ideal time for residents to use these kits.<br><br>Wellington Libraries have launched Citizen Science corners at Rosedale and Sale Libraries. Citizen scientists help researchers by collecting data, making observations, and contributing to real scientific discoveries. Wellington Libraries guide library users to building their citizen scientist skills through the provision of information, resources, referrals. There has also been a collection of take-home citizen Science kits including being made available such as the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bugs &amp; Beetles Kit</li> <li>Nature Exploration Kit</li> <li>Stargazing Kit</li> <li>Port of Sale Wetlands Discovery Kit.</li> </ul> | Progressing | 50%      |
| 4.5 - Major Initiative | Ensure emergency management plans are developed collaboratively with lead agencies and communities to improve community preparedness.                      | The review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMPC) by the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) has remained on schedule, and due to be completed by the legislative timeframe (October 2026).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Progressing | 55%      |

| Initiative Code        | Key initiatives and priorities to achieve these outcomes                                                                  | Progress update comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Status      | Progress |
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| 4.6 - Major Initiative | Progress updates to the flooding provisions within the Wellington Planning Scheme.                                        | Consent to progress Amendment C125well to exhibition was formally given by the Minister for Planning on 14 May 2026. Work is progressing on the finalisation of associated supporting material (web portal, Frequently Asked Questions, media etc) in preparation for a 60-day period of exhibition which is anticipated to run between 3 September and 2 November 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Progressing | 25%      |
| 4.7 - Action           | Manage waste production and resource recovery, supporting both waste reduction and diversion from landfill.               | <p>All Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) 240 litre bins have been delivered to properties during the quarter, ready for commencement on collection starting in July 2026.</p> <p>Less waste is expected to end up in landfill, with measures of results to be made available in the first quarter of next Financial Year.</p> <p>Education on general waste within schools and the general community including FOGO have been undertaken during the quarter and have assisted residents in understanding the importance of these new initiatives.</p> <p>Council continues to deliver education campaigns to encourage waste reduction, as well as correctly separating materials to reduce contamination, improve recycling, and reuse where possible. These initiatives help maximise recovery within the community.</p> | Progressing | 25%      |
| 4.8 - Action           | Enhance the reuse and recycling of resources, minimise waste and support the development of circular economy initiatives. | <p>Ongoing waste education campaigns during the quarter have assisted residents in understanding the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling resources. These efforts have built in momentum during the reporting period, and excitement from the public has been noted in anticipation of the introduction of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin in mid-2026.</p> <p>The full bin rollout of up to 20,400 properties has been completed by the end of June 2026, ready for the new FOGO service to commence in July 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Progressing | 25%      |
| 4.9 - Action           | Educate the community on the importance of environmental stewardship, sustainable living, and climate resilience.         | <p>Campaigns across schools and the broader community have been delivered as scheduled during the reporting period. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability Education</li> <li>• Planting programs have been implemented in designated Natural Environment areas.</li> <li>• Ongoing Waste Education with an emerging focus on the introduction of the new Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service in 2026.</li> <li>• Sustainable living monthly online training continues throughout 2026 in partnership with Gippsland Councils.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Progressing | 25%      |

| Strategic Indicators: How we will measure success                                             | Baseline<br>30 June 2025                                                                  | 2025-26 Result                                                                                                        | 2026-27<br>Result | 2027-28<br>Result | 2028-29<br>Result | Target<br>30 June 2029                              |
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| Community satisfaction with emergency and disaster management by Council.                     | Wellington Shire Council result<br>67/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>65/100         | Wellington Shire Council result<br>65/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>64/100                                     |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with the management of waste by Council.                               | Wellington Shire Council result<br>63/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>62/100         | Wellington Shire Council result<br>66/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>64/100                                     |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Community satisfaction with Council's approach to environmental sustainability.               | Wellington Shire Council result<br>59/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>58/100         | Wellington Shire Council result<br>58/100<br>Large Rural Council result<br>58/100                                     |                   |                   |                   | Equal to or greater than Large Rural Council result |
| Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill.                                             | 26.35% waste diversion                                                                    | 25.58% waste diversion                                                                                                |                   |                   |                   | Maintain                                            |
| Achieve an annual net gain of street and park trees through the Urban Forest Renewal Program. | Approximately 100,000 trees within Wellington Shire's urban areas are managed by Council. | Council increased the number of trees across its open spaces by 389 through proactive planting and targeted removals. |                   |                   |                   | Increase                                            |



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## 14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - JULY 2026

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

#### PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of July 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council receive and note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 July and 31 July 2026.***

#### BACKGROUND

Statutory Planners have delegated authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to make planning decisions in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme, including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, extensions of time, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

A copy of planning permit decisions made between 1 July and 31 July 2026 is included in Attachment 14.1.1 - Planning Decisions Report - July 2026.

An overview of recent planning permit trends including decisions made, efficiency of decision making and the estimated value of approved development (derived from monthly planning permit activity reporting data) is included at Attachment 14.1.2 - Planning Trends Report - July 2026.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Planning Decisions Report - July 2026 [**14.1.1** - 4 pages]
2. Planning Trends Report - July 2026 [**14.1.2** - 3 pages]

#### OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive and note 1 July to 31 July 2026 planning decisions report; or
2. To not receive and note 1 July to 31 July 2026 planning decisions report and seek further information for consideration at a future Council meeting.

#### PROPOSAL

That Council note the report of recent planning permit trends and planning application determinations between 1 and 31 July 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:

- *Supporting job growth and diversification of our economy.*
- *Planning to support future growth and changing needs of our community.*
- *Guiding responsible, sustainable development that protects, values and celebrates our unique heritage.*

## **GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT (GIA)**

Officers understand the requirements in relation to conducting GIAs 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 monthly report communicates information about planning trends and determinations including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, refusal of planning permits, and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

All planning decisions have been processed and issued in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme.

## **COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT**

All planning decisions have been issued after due consideration of relevant Council policy, including Council's Heritage Policy, and the requirements of the Planning Policy Framework in the Wellington Planning Scheme.

## **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**

Planning decisions are made in accordance with the relevant environmental standards to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised.

## **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.

**PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS  
BETWEEN 1/07/2026 AND 31/07/2026**

| <b>Application No/Year</b> | <b>Date Received</b> | <b>Property Title &amp; Address</b>                                                  | <b>Proposal</b>                                                        | <b>Status</b>                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 143-1.00/2023              | 4/05/2023            | Assessment No. 103275<br>CA: 6 SEC: F<br>751 MAFFRA-ROSEDALE RD<br>NAMBROK           | Two lot subdivision of the land.                                       | Lapsed<br><br>16/07/2026                                   |
| 268-2.00/2023              | 3/06/2026            | Assessment No. 50203<br>PC: 383934S<br>114-122 YORK ST<br>SALE                       | Use and develop land for service station/access TRZ2/illuminated sign  | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>13/07/2026   |
| 7-1.00/2024                | 15/01/2024           | Assessment No. 327791<br>LOT: 2 PS: 302143<br>99 LICOLA RD<br>HEYFIELD               | 4 Lot Subdivision of the Land.                                         | Lapsed<br><br>28/07/2026                                   |
| 63-1.00/2024               | 5/03/2024            | Assessment No. 331975<br>CA: 2 SEC: 2<br>15 CAHILL ST<br>BRIAGOLONG                  | Two lot subdivision of the land.                                       | Withdrawn<br><br>16/07/2026                                |
| 248-1.00/2024              | 31/07/2024           | Assessment No. 77040<br>CA: 7<br>37 MERRICK ST<br>STRATFORD                          | Subdivision of the land into two lots.                                 | Lapsed<br><br>16/07/2026                                   |
| 71-2.00/2025               | 18/06/2026           | Assessment No. 318659<br>CA: 4 SEC: B<br>50 LICOLA RD<br>HEYFIELD                    | Subdivision of the land into 2 lots & remove native vegetation.        | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>17/07/2026   |
| 230-1.00/2025              | 28/07/2025           | Assessment No. 265116<br>LOT: 1 TP: 234271Y<br>1,788 TARRA VALLEY RD<br>TARRA VALLEY | Buildings and works associated with the construction of an outbuilding | Refusal Issued by Delegate of Respo/Auth<br><br>16/07/2026 |
| 251-1.00/2025              | 13/08/2025           | Assessment No. 326413<br>LOT: 2 LP: 201126X<br>47 MCEVOYS TRK<br>SEATON              | Use and development of the land for a dwelling.                        | Refusal Issued by Delegate of Respo/Auth<br><br>15/07/2026 |
| 264-2.00/2025              | 14/04/2026           | Assessment No. 13557<br>LOT: 1 TP: 419953R<br>63 REEVE ST<br>SALE                    | Part demolition of building/develop medical centre/reduce carparking.  | Withdrawn<br><br>16/07/2026                                |
| 361-2.00/2025              | 7/07/2026            | Assessment No. 226498<br>LOT: 807 LP: 55692<br>45 CARROLL ST<br>LOCH SPORT           | Buildings and works / construct extension to an existing dwelling.     | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>23/07/2026   |
| 9-2.00/2026                | 6/07/2026            | Assessment No. 207175<br>LOT: 1 PS: 713646Y<br>32 DIP LANE<br>STRADBROKE             | Buildings & works / construct an extension to an existing dwelling.    | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>21/07/2026   |

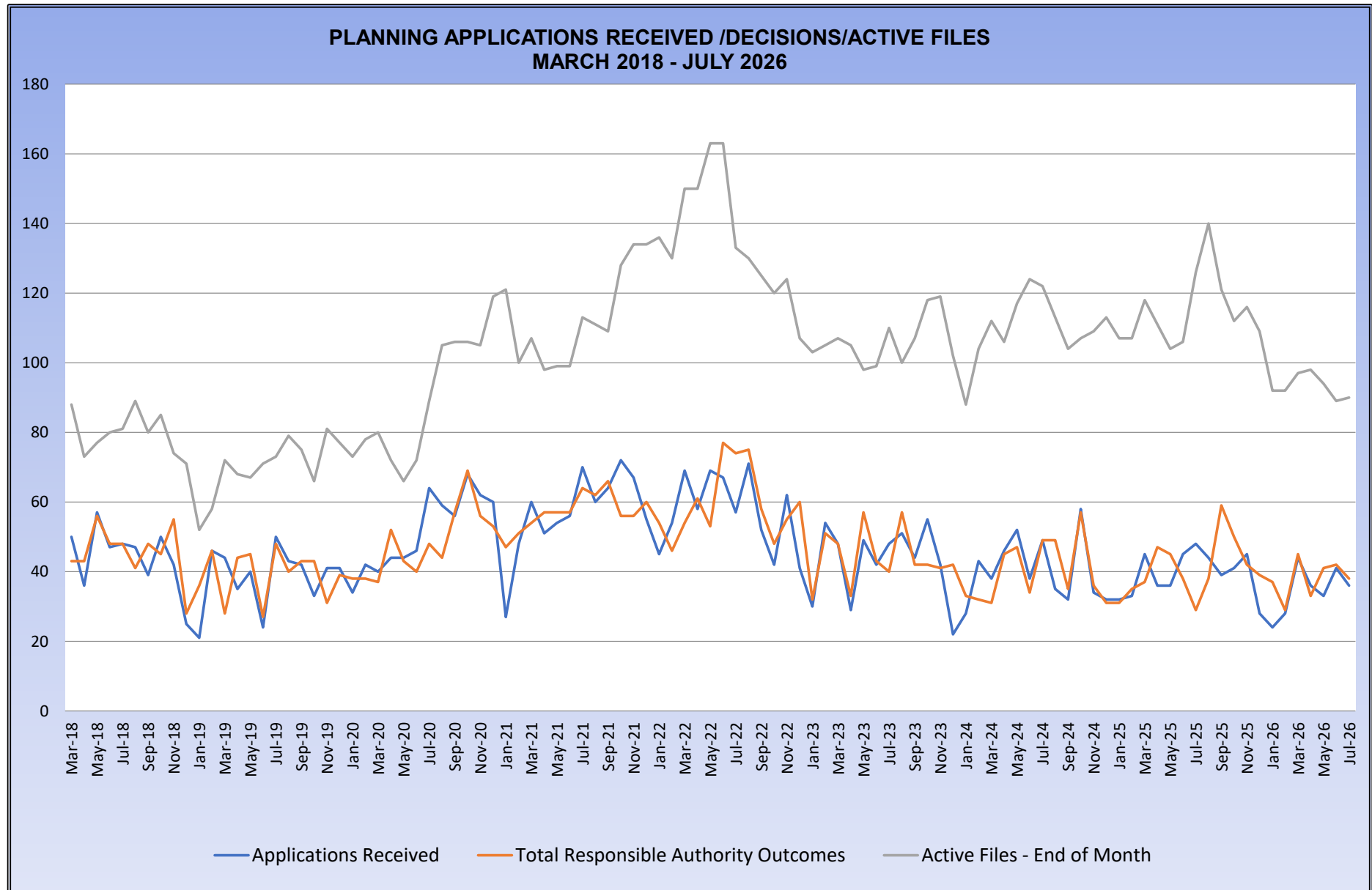
| Application No/Year | Date Received | Property Title & Address                                                         | Proposal                                                               | Status                                                   |
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| 13-2.00/2026        | 30/06/2026    | Assessment No. 460964<br>LOT: 6 PS: 845013D<br>22 MILL LANE<br>ROSEDALE          | B&Ws associated with construction of dwelling, outbuilding & fence.    | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>23/07/2026 |
| 24-2.00/2026        | 12/06/2026    | Assessment No. 466060<br>LOT: 5 PS: 846505A<br>102 FIREBRACE RD<br>HEYFIELD      | Buildings & works associated with construction of a wood storage shed. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>2/07/2026  |
| 47-2.00/2026        | 8/07/2026     | Assessment No. 465476<br>LOT: 2 PS: 915372K<br>85B BOUNDARY CREEK RD<br>LONGFORD | Buildings and works associated with the construction of a dwelling.    | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>24/07/2026 |
| 49-1.00/2026        | 10/03/2026    | Assessment No. 244616<br>LOT: 2079 LP: 69874<br>5 TOORAK AVE<br>LOCH SPORT       | Buildings and works associated with the construction of a dwelling.    | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>3/07/2026  |
| 60-1.00/2026        | 18/03/2026    | Assessment No. 9050<br>LOT: 1 TP: 91995<br>136 MARLEY ST<br>SALE                 | Two lot subdivision of the land.                                       | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>16/07/2026 |
| 69-1.00/2026        | 24/03/2026    | Assessment No. 255612<br>LOT: 767 LP: 40160<br>4 FIFTEENTH ST<br>PARADISE BEACH  | Buildings and works associated with the construction of a dwelling.    | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>7/07/2026  |
| 73-1.00/2026        | 25/03/2026    | Assessment No. 55673<br>CA: 10 SEC: E1<br>85-95 STEPHENSON ST<br>SALE            | Buildings and works associated with the construction of an outbuilding | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>2/07/2026  |
| 74-1.00/2026        | 27/03/2026    | Assessment No. 65110<br>LOT: 1 PS: 422472D<br>254-256 YORK ST<br>SALE            | Buildings & works associated with construction of an access to a TZ2.  | Withdrawn<br><br>23/07/2026                              |
| 82-1.00/2026        | 9/04/2026     | Assessment No. 288316<br>LOT: 1 TP: 584876<br>346 BREWERY RD<br>TARRAVILLE       | Two lot subdivision of the land.                                       | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>15/07/2026 |
| 93-1.00/2026        | 22/04/2026    | Assessment No. 207423<br>CA: 12 SEC: A<br>83 TALBOT LANE<br>LONGFORD             | B&Ws associated with construction of a small second dwe                | No Permit Required<br><br>1/07/2026                      |
| 107-1.00/2026       | 30/04/2026    | Assessment No. 85316<br>CA: 100B SEC: 1<br>317 MYRTLEBANK RD<br>MYRTLEBANK       | Use & Development of land and Rural Workers Accom (up to 33 workers).  | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>20/07/2026 |
| 112-1.00/2026       | 4/05/2026     | Assessment No. 287706<br>CA: 33B<br>BALLOONG RD<br>HUNTERSTON                    | 2 Lot Re-Subdivision of the land                                       | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>9/07/2026  |

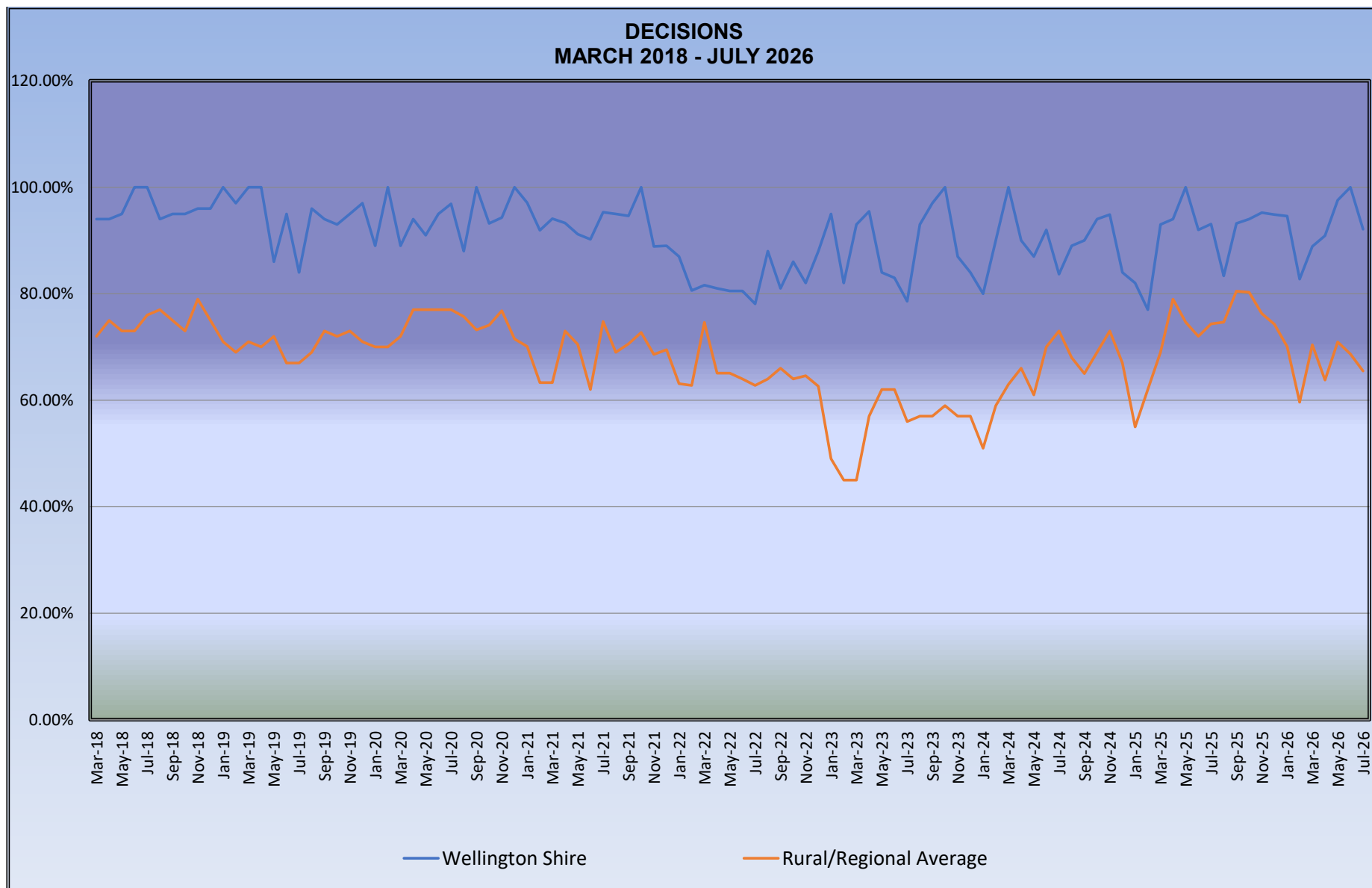
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| 119-1.00/2026       | 8/05/2026     | Assessment No. 438796<br>LOT: 1 PS: 724770L<br>1/19 STEPHENSON ST<br>SALE        | Buildings and works associated with the construction of a dwelling.   | NOD issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>9/07/2026     |
| 121-1.00/2026       | 11/05/2026    | Assessment No. 4937<br>LOT: 1 TP: 568161<br>29 FITZROY ST<br>SALE                | Buildings & works / construct 2 dwellings / 2 lot subdivision.        | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>27/07/2026 |
| 125-1.00/2026       | 19/05/2026    | Assessment No. 466029<br>LOT: 1 PS: 143690<br>FIREBRACE RD<br>HEYFIELD           | Use and development of the land for Industry (Earth Moving Depot)     | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>16/07/2026 |
| 129-1.00/2026       | 25/05/2026    | Assessment No. 201087<br>LOT: 1 PS: 111387<br>138<br>GORMANDALE                  | Buildings & works associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>3/07/2026  |
| 130-1.00/2026       | 25/05/2026    | Assessment No. 318071<br>PCA: 188F<br>3 GORDON ST<br>HEYFIELD                    | Buildings & works / extension to an existing kindergarten.            | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>3/07/2026  |
| 138-1.00/2026       | 3/06/2026     | Assessment No. 15461<br>LOT: 1 TP: 162308B<br>122 THOMSON ST<br>SALE             | B&Ws associated with constructing 2 dwellings & 3 lot subdiv of land. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>23/07/2026 |
| 142-1.00/2026       | 4/06/2026     | Assessment No. 465427<br>LOT: 1 PS: 915349E<br>45 LYONS RD<br>SALE               | 2 Lot Re-Sub of land & removal of easement & creation easement        | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>23/07/2026 |
| 153-1.00/2026       | 18/06/2026    | Assessment No. 357806<br>LOT: 1 TP: 89996<br>125 BOGGY CREEK RD<br>TINAMBA       | Buildings and works / construct an extension to an existing building. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>27/07/2026 |
| 155-1.00/2026       | 19/06/2026    | Assessment No. 346171<br>CA: 3C SEC: 1<br>241 LITTLE PLAIN RD<br>VALENCIA CREEK  | Two lot re-subdivision of the land.                                   | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>28/07/2026 |
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| 162-1.00/2026       | 23/06/2026    | Assessment No. 447722<br>LOT: 635 LP: 52648<br>14 SEA BREEZE AVE<br>GOLDEN BEACH | Buildings & works associated with the construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>6/07/2026  |
| 166-1.00/2026       | 26/06/2026    | Assessment No. 318691<br>LOT: 1 TP: 345256A<br>73 LICOLA RD<br>HEYFIELD          | Two lot re-subdivision of the land.                                   | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>30/07/2026 |

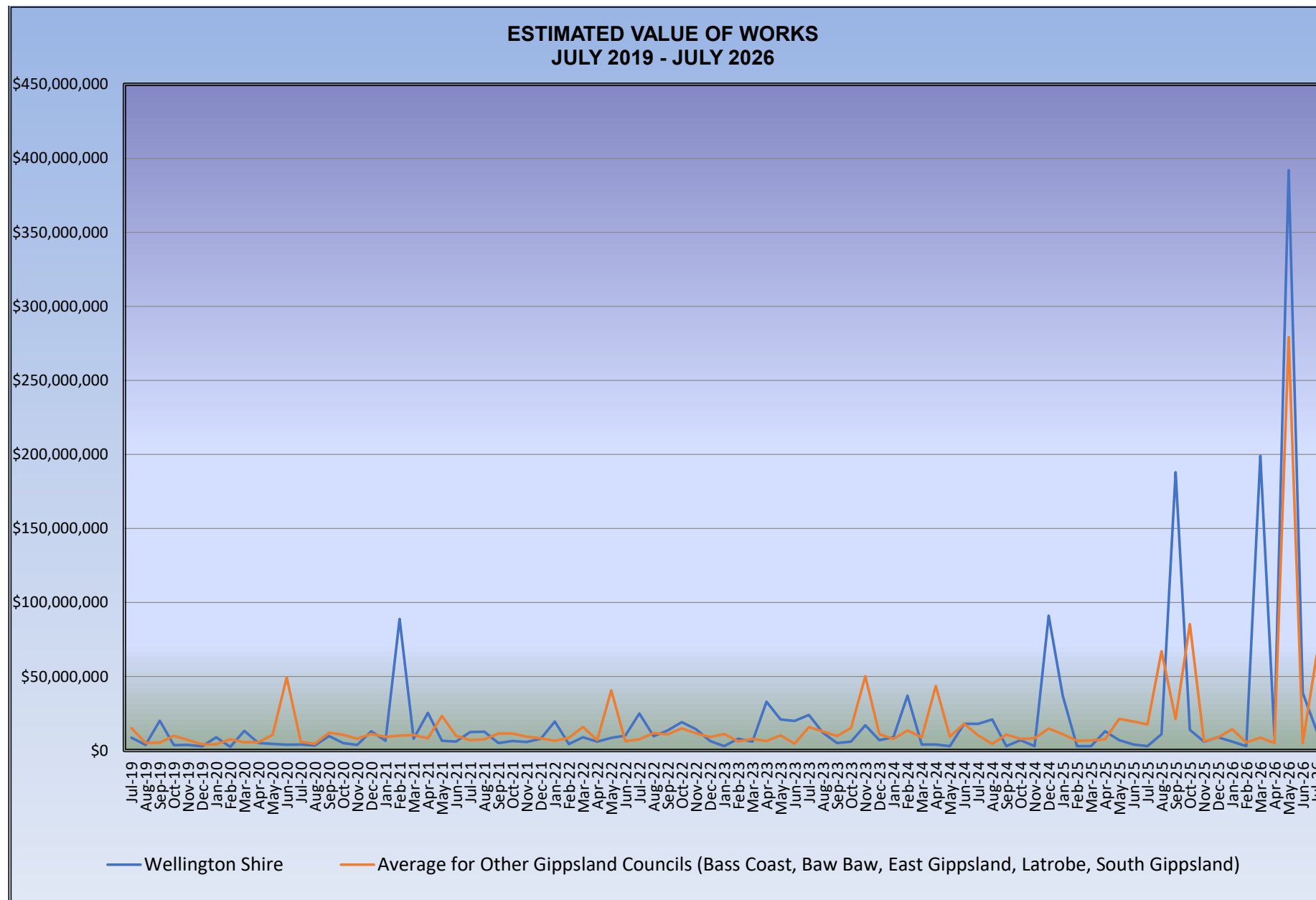
**ATTACHMENT 14.1.1**

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| 175-1.00/2026              | 7/07/2026            | Assessment No. 200485<br>LOT: 2 PS: 833212P<br>43 GERRAND DR<br>LONGFORD      | Buildings and works associated with construction of an outbuilding. | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>21/07/2026 |
| 179-1.00/2026              | 10/07/2026           | Assessment No. 103945<br>LOT: 2 LP: 144518<br>NAMBROK RD<br>NAMBROK           | Buildings and works / construction of an agricultural building.     | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>21/07/2026 |
| 187-1.00/2026              | 20/07/2026           | Assessment No. 103549<br>LOT: 1 PS: 413548W<br>102 MALVERN PARK RD<br>DENISON | Buildings & works / construction of an agricultural building.       | Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth<br><br>28/07/2026 |

**Total No of Decisions Made: 38**







## 15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 15.1. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE - AUGUST 2026

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

#### PURPOSE

For Council to receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 11 August 2026 and to consider the recommendations from that meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- 1. Receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 11 August 2026;***
- 2. Resolve that the following road names be assigned to subdivision PS904015 Mill Lane, Rosedale;***
  - a. Minnie Street replacing the proposed Edith Street***
  - b. Reed Crescent to replace the proposed Rhys Crescent***
  - c. Adams Place to replace Angus Place; and***
  - d. That Council officers inform the developer of the assigned names.***
- 3. Resolve that Cove Street in Loch Sport be renamed Cove Court and that this be registered with Geographic Names Victoria and that the affected property owners be notified.***

#### BACKGROUND

The Place Names Committee is an advisory committee of Council that meets quarterly to make recommendations to Council on geographical place name issues.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Place Names Committee Minutes 20260811 - Personal Information Redacted [**15.1.1** - 33 pages]

#### OPTIONS

Council has the following options available:

1. To receive and note the minutes of the Place names Committee and consider the recommendations; or
2. To not receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee or consider the recommendations and seek further information for consideration at a future meeting.

## PROPOSAL

That Council:

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 11 August 2026;
2. Resolve that the following road names be assigned to subdivision PS904015 Mill Lane, Rosedale;
  - a. Minnie Street replacing the proposed Edith Street
  - b. Reed Crescent to replace the proposed Rhys Crescent
  - c. Adams Place to replace Angus Place; and
  - d. That Council officers inform the developer of the assigned names.
3. Resolve that Cove Street in Loch Sport be renamed Cove Court and that this be registered with Geographic Names Victoria and that the affected property owners be notified.

## 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 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 GIAs 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**

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.



**PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

11 August 2026

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**ATTENDEES:**

Councillor Liz Foat  
Councillor Carmel Ripper  
Councillor Garry Stephens  
Ray Weber (Manager Assets & Projects)  
James Blythe (GIS Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**MEETING OPENED:** 9:15am

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** NIL

## 1.0 ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS

### 1.1 Proposed road names for subdivision PS904015 off Mill Lane, Rosedale

The following road names are proposed by the developer for a subdivision off Mill Lane, Rosedale:

- Angus Place;
- Edith Street;
- Rhys Crescent;

The developer has been asked to provide background information on the names to ensure that they meet 'Principle H - Using Commemorative Names' of the Naming Rules for places in Victoria.

Furthermore, confirmation is sought as to whether the roads designated as Street and Crescent will eventually be open-ended roads in future stages of subdivision.

It should be noted that the use of first names in road naming is now permitted under the revised naming rules although last name is still preferred.

Refer to attachment for item 1.1 for the plan of subdivision.

The developer has been re-contacted but no response has been received to date.

At the Place Names Committee meeting on 26 May 2026 the committee resolved that Council officers contact the developer requesting that they either provide appropriate background information on the submitted names or select names from the Approved Road Names Register to finalise the matter, and that the committee select names at the next meeting if insufficient information has been received.

An e-mail was sent to the developer on 17 June 2026 again requesting the background information and advising the developer that they need to either provide the requested background information or select names from the Approved Names Register otherwise the committee would select the names at the next meeting. No response was received.

**It was moved:**

**Cr Stephens / Cr Ripper:**

**That;**

- **As no response has been received from the developer that the Committee selects the following names from the Approved Names Register - Minnie, Reed & Adams.**
- **Council officers advise the developer of the assigned names.**
  - **Minnie Street to replace Edith Street,**
  - **Reed Crescent to replace Rhys Crescent, and**
  - **Adams Place to replace Angus Place.**
- **This item be closed**

## **1.2 Request to assign a name to North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve**

The Manager Built Environment has suggested that the North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve should be assigned a name by the Place Names Committee, given that the project is moving to the landscaping phase.

This project received funding of \$1 million from Regional Development Victoria, with the potential for ministerial attendance at the opening. GLAWAC has provided a letter of support for the project.

A map showing the location of the land parcel is shown in the attachment for item 2.6.

At the Place Names Committee meeting on 11 September 2025 it was resolved that the Mayor send a letter to GLAWAC inviting them to participate in the naming process for the recently constructed North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve.

Refer to attachments for item 1.2 for the letter and the acknowledgement from GLAWAC.

At the Place Names Committee meeting on 26 May 2026 the committee resolved pending a response from GLAWAC that Council officers investigate the history of the associated land with a view to providing the Place Names Committee with alternative names that represent the flora, fauna or historical background to the land parcel for further consideration.

No further correspondence from GLAWAC has been received. Please refer to attachments for item 1.2 for information prepared by the council officer.

**It was moved:**

**Cr Stephens / Cr Ripper:**

**That;**

**Council officers contact GLAWAC requesting further consideration be given to the provision of a name that represents the historical vegetation class (Plains Grassland) of the land that may be suitable for use in the naming of this reserve.**

## **2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **2.1 Proposed road type change from Cove Street to Cove Court Loch Sport**

Following receipt of some Community feedback the Manager Built Environment has requested that the Place Names Committee change Cove Street Loch Sport to Cove Court Loch Sport. This section of road is the one of a small number of streets in Loch Sport that have a designation that does not match the nature of the roadway. In this instance due to the designation as a street vehicles seeking to access the Marina precinct use the road only to find that they cannot access the Marina precinct.

**The MEMO is written as follows:**

Cove Street, Loch Sport, is frequently mistaken as an access route to the marina, resulting in unnecessary vehicle movements along the street. Council officers reviewed the naming guidelines and identified an inconsistency with the current road name and similarly named courts in Loch Sport.

Redesignating the road as Cove Court is expected to improve wayfinding and align the name with established protocols. Council consulted affected property owners between 13 May and 10 June on the proposal to redesignate Cove Street as Cove Court.

Property owners were advised that the proposal would not proceed if 50 per cent or more opposed it. Letters were issued to 31 property owners, using both property and postal addresses. Council received four objections, including one submission from a property owner who owns three properties. Affected property owners will continue to be updated as the process progresses.

A check in GIS confirms that there are 31 lots serviced by the road. They are each individual properties, except for three which are under the one rates property number. Therefore there are 28 unique properties on this road.

4 objections out of 28 means that only 14% of property owners oppose the proposal.

Section 7.1 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria stipulates that if a naming authority needs to amend a road type, but not the name, then the naming authority may consider how best to engage with the public be it by a notification to the affected property owners or a more formal consultation.

Refer to attachments for item 2.1 for a map and further information.

The Place Names Committee has been requested to endorse redesignating Cove Street, Loch Sport, as Cove Court, noting the wayfinding issue, the naming guideline inconsistency, the local context, and the outcome of community consultation.

**It was moved:**

**Cr Stephens / Cr Foat:**

**That;**

- **Cove Street Loch Sport be renamed Cove Court and this be registered with Geographic Names Victoria for gazettal,**
- **The affected properties be notified**
- **This item be closed.**

## **2.2 Approved Names Register: Aspinall, Booth, Richards**

The names Aspinall, Booth, and Richards, have been selected for use for subdivision developments on the East side of Stratford located between Hobson and Carter Streets. (P129/2025 and PS934741 – See map in attachment for item 2.2).

They have therefore been marked as reserved on the Approved Names Register.

The Committee acknowledges the selection.

**It was moved:**

**Cr Stephens / Cr Ripper:**

**That this item be closed.**

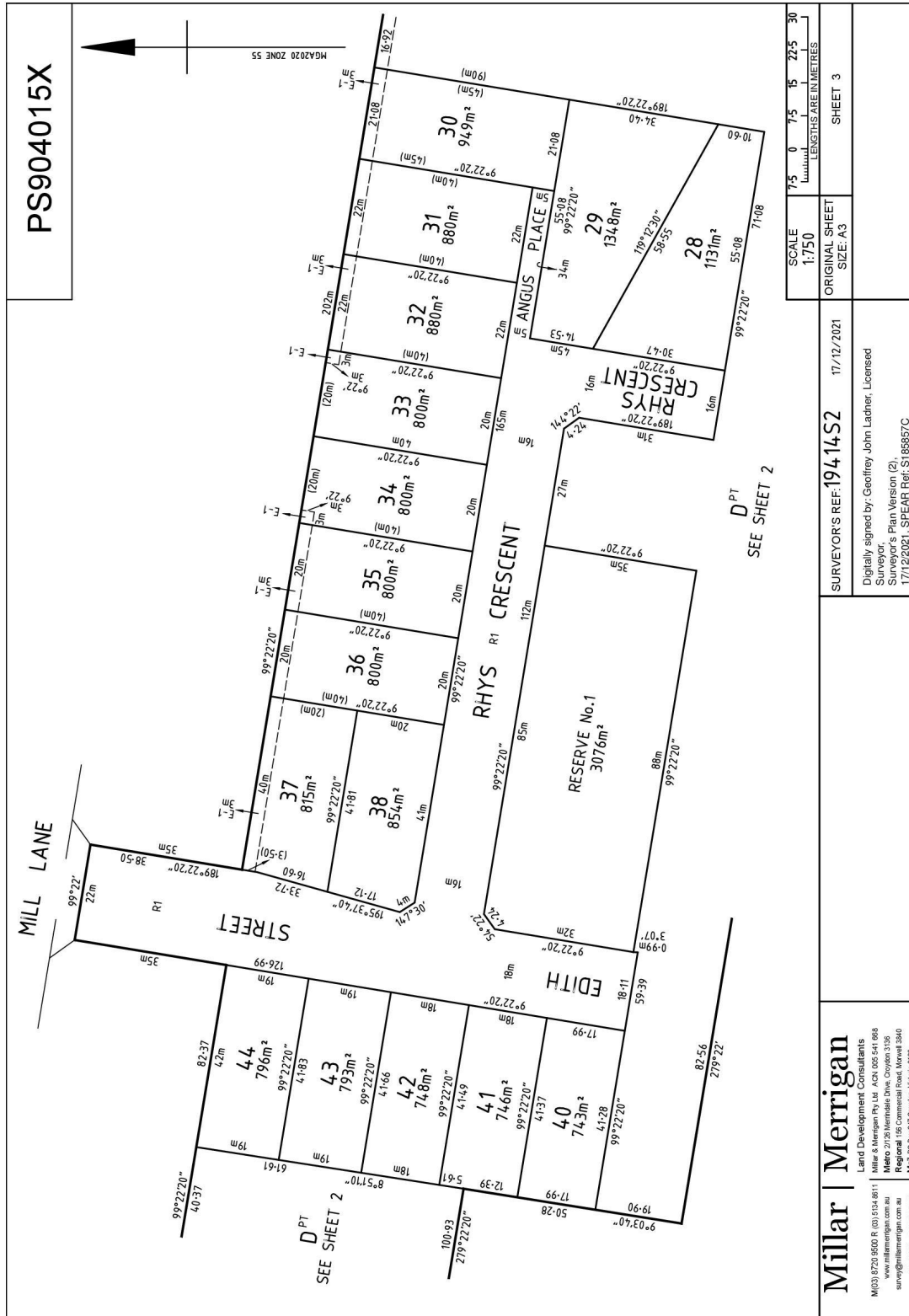
## **3.0 NEXT MEETING**

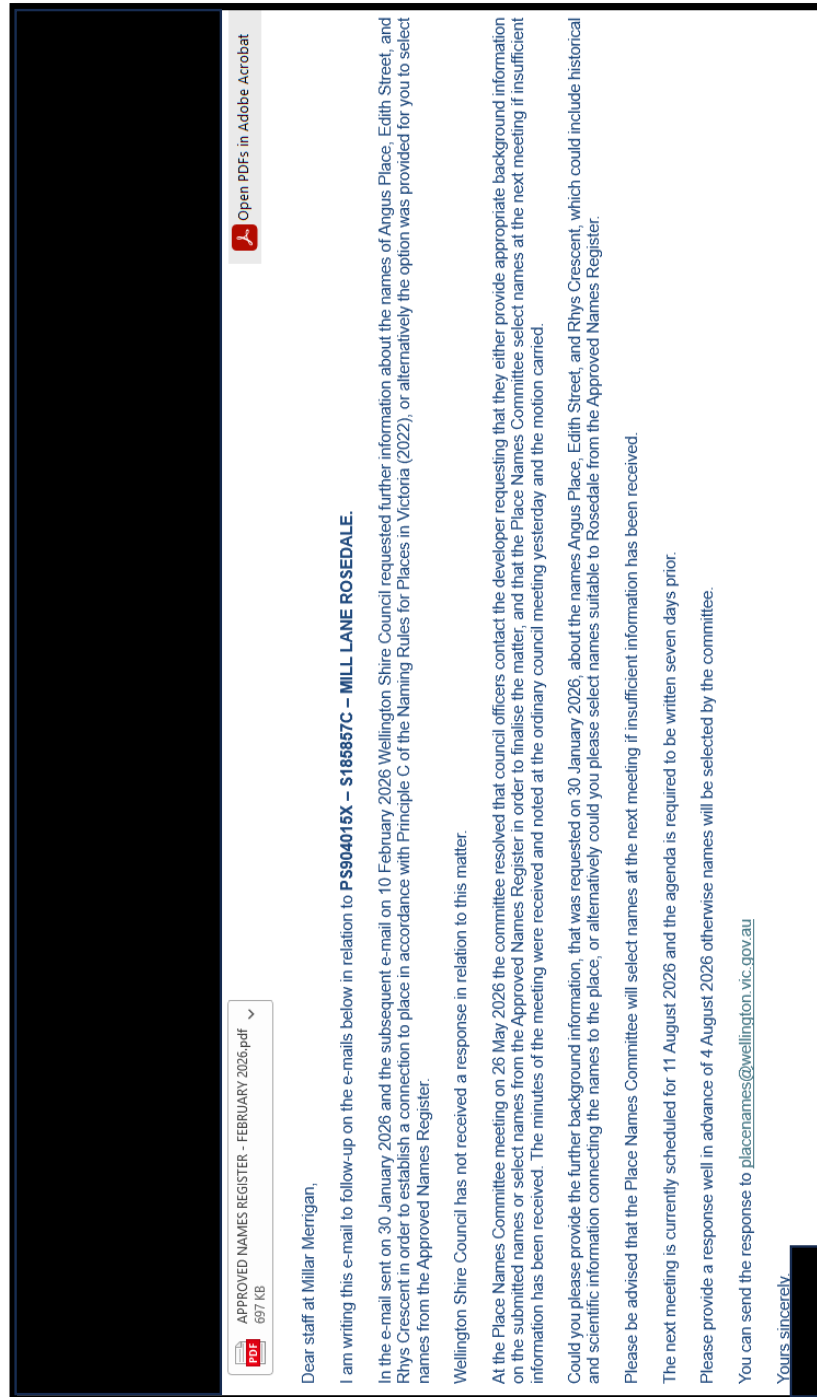
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## **4.0 CLOSE**

Meeting closed 10:15am.

### Attachment for item 1.1





**PS904015X – S185857C – MILL LANE ROSEDALE**

I hope that you are all going well.

I am writing this e-mail to inform you that the Place Names Committee meeting took place this morning and the committee discussed the proposed names being Angus Place, Edith Street, and Rhys Crescent. No decision was made and the matter remains on hold.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 I sent an e-mail requesting further information about the names Angus Place, Edith Street, and Rhys Crescent, which could include historical and scientific information connecting the names to the place.

Principle C of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria (2022) relates to the linking of the name to a place and it states that names should have a link to place to ensure the preservation of our cultural heritage. The naming of roads after breeds of cattle would indeed be compliant if it can be established that the cattle were farmed on that land (or nearby land) and that this production provides a valuable contribution (for example, economy, supply chain security, etc): "Names that link the name to the place could relate to Traditional Owner culture and occupation of the land. Other examples include local flora and fauna, Australian war contributions, past exploration and settlement, local geography and geology, significant events, the cultural diversity of past and current inhabitants, or patterns of land usage and industrial/mineral/agricultural production."

It is important that you send to me the information that has been requested to prevent any unnecessary delays to the approval of the naming and consequently the planning permit application.

If you cannot source the required information, or you have a change of mind, you are more than welcome to select some alternative names from Wellington Shire Council's Approved Names Register by viewing the document [here](#).

The document has been attached for your convenience.



Summarize

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Wed 17/06/2026 9:45 AM

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**Subject:** CM: RE: CM: PS904015X – S185857C – MILL LANE ROSEDALE

OFFICIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Thankyou for returning contact to Wellington Shire Council about the naming layout for PS904015X – S185857C – MILL LANE ROSEDALE.

Could you please provide more detailed information in support of the naming proposals that is suitable for consideration by the Place Names Committee and is compliant with the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria 2022.

Specifically, what is needed is a connection to place for each of the names Angus Place, Edith Street, Rhys Crescent.

If these are breeds of cattle then you could include information about the breed type, information showing that these were bred on the farm, and how this is significant. An example of significance could be the valuable economic contributions of the farming that took place on the land that is applicable to PS904015X – S185857C – MILL LANE ROSEDALE or nearby. Provide supportive evidence.

Also, if these are animal breeds it would be highly useful if you could include the scientific names if known.

The naming rules are attached for your convenience.

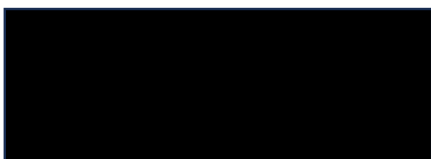
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require assistance.

Yours sincerely,

## Attachment for item 1.2



30 October 2025



### NORTH SALE BIODIVERSITY RESERVE AND WETLAND

Following your recent meetings with Andrew Pomeroy, General Manager Development, we appreciate your interest in the North Sale Biodiversity Reserve and Wetland and thank you for supporting our earlier funding application to Regional Development Victoria.

This project represents a significant step forward in our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable urban development. The project saw major upgrade of an old drainage reserve to treat stormwater improving the health of our waterways, and enhancing urban biodiversity by creating habitats to support native flora and fauna. Importantly, it also lays the groundwork for future housing development in a way that respects and integrates with the natural environment.

We value the relationship between Wellington Shire Council and the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation. In recognition of this, we would like to explore the possibility of naming this wetland reserve in consultation with your organisation, to reflect the improvement it has provided to the land and water.

Additionally, we also invite your organisation to consider participating in a soft opening of the facility, anticipated in early 2026. While still in the early planning phases this opening would be attended by representatives from Wellington Shire Council and the Victorian State Government. We understand and respect if you choose not to take part, and we welcome your guidance on how best to acknowledge and involve your community in a way that aligns with your values and priorities.

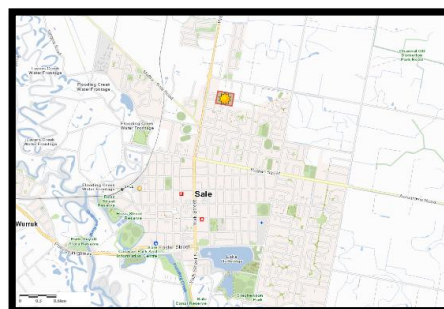
Thank you again for your support and ongoing partnership. We look forward to continuing our shared efforts to protect and celebrate the unique landscapes and heritage of our region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me.

Yours sincerely

**CR SCOTT ROSSETTI**  
Mayor

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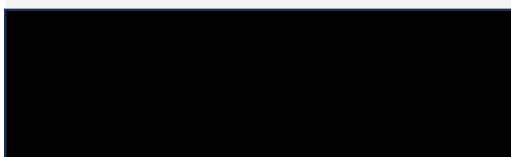
Dear Cr Rossetti & [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the North Sale Biodiversity Reserve and Wetland project.

I have shared your request with our Cultural Hub senior team members and Comms and Media to determine if they have capacity to support with the naming of Wetland, given time constraints and other priorities.

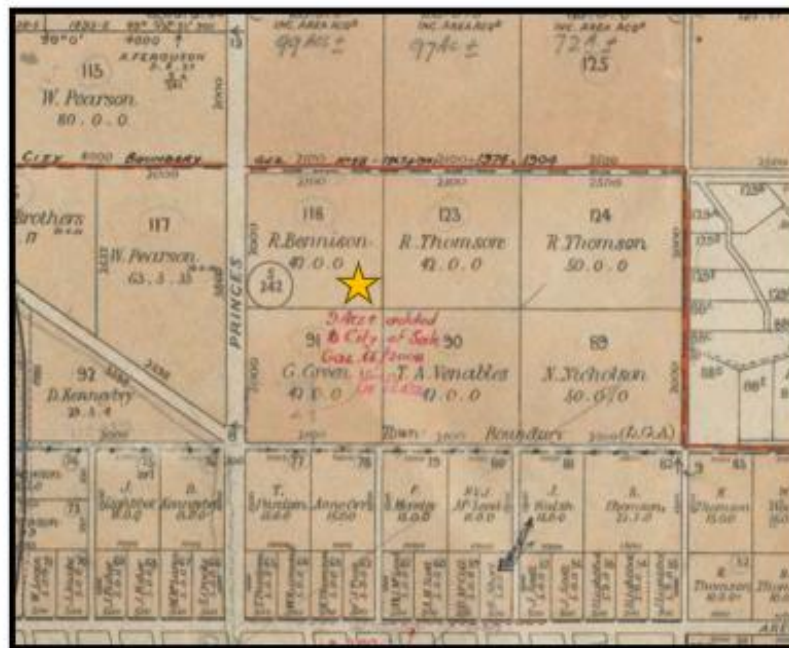
We look forward to the formal invitation to the event, please send this to [REDACTED] once the details are confirmed.

Warm regards



### A Brief History of the North Sale Biodiversity and Wetland Reserve

The North Sale Biodiversity and Wetland Reserve was originally owned (post-colonisation) by R Bennison according to the Parish Plan dated October 1949 as available from Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV). The Bennison family is prominent in the history of Sale. For example, Richard Bennison was the first owner of the Club Hotel in Sale, having built it in 1858 (City of Sale, 1994). Note that the R Bennison cited in the parish plan below is not Richard Bennison but is likely to have been a descendant or a relative of Richard Bennison.]



On the following page is an aerial photograph of the Sale area taken in November 1970 by the Victorian Government's Department of Crown Lands and Survey. As you can see it appears that the land had a different use to that of a wetland reserve. It is difficult to determine precisely using the aerial photography because the resolution is so low – It is possible that the land was used for farming purposes.

A search on [Landata](#) reveals that the title is currently owned by Wellington Shire Council. The former City of Sale made an application for the Transfer of Land by Mortgagee or Annuitant on 17 October 1988 with the consideration of \$34,000 noted on the record.



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Subject to the encumbrances notified the mortgagee or annuitant being the proprietor of the mortgage or charge described for the consideration expressed and in exercise of the power of sale conferred by the *Transfer of Land Act 1958* transfers to the transferee all the estate and interest of the registered proprietor in the land described together with any easement hereby created and subject to any easement hereby reserved or restrictive covenant herein contained. (Notes 1-3)

Land (Note 4)  
 Part of lot 2 on plan of subdivision no. 136420 and being the land remaining untransferred in certificate of title volume 9023 folio 829.

Mortgage or charge under which power of sale is exercised No.: **N3797660** Consideration **\$34,000.00** (Note 5)

Mortgagee or Annuitant (Note 6)  
**CUSTOM CREDIT CORPORATION LIMITED**

Transferee (Note 7)  
**THE MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SALE of Macalister Street, Sale.**

Encumbrances (Note 8)  
 Nil.

Easements being created or reserved or restrictive covenants being entered into (Note 9)  
 Nil.

NOT CHARGED WITH STAMP DUTY

Date The **17<sup>th</sup>** day of **October** 19 **89** (Note 10)

Execution and Attestation  
~~THE COMMON SEAL of CUSTOM CREDIT CORPORATION was hereunto affixed in accordance with its Articles of Association in the presence of:~~

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1988 in the presence of:            )



..... *Richard* ..... MAYOR  
..... *[Signature]* ..... COUNCILLOR  
..... *[Signature]* ..... TOWN CLERK

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# APPLICATION BY SUCCESSOR CORPORATION

Section 59A Transfer of Land Act 1958

Lodged by:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Code: **9894C**

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The applicant, being the successor in law to the registered proprietor, applies to be registered as proprietor of the estate and interest of the former body corporate in the land described.

Land: *(title, mortgage, charge or lease)*

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE

Applicant: *(full name and address including postcode)*

**WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

Grounds of Application:

SUCCESSOR IN LAW TO THE REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Registered Proprietor: *(full name(s) of former body corporate)*

SEE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED

Dated: **13 November 2013**

Signature of applicant

or

**David Marcom**

Chief Executive Officer  
Wellington Shire Council

Signature of Australian Legal Practitioner  
under the *Legal Profession Act 2004*  
for applicant

ORDER TO REGISTER  
Please register and issue title to

**59A**

Signed

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**CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 59A (2) OF THE TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1935**

I, David Morcom certify that:

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the **WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL**
2. The successor body is the successor at law to the body or bodies listed below ("the former body").
3. The property, rights or liabilities of the former body have been vested by operation of law in, or become the property, rights and liabilities of, the successor body.

Dated: 13 November 2013

Signed:

David Morcom  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wellington Shire Council

Name(s) of former body or bodies:

THE MAYOR COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SALE  
THE PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE SHIRE OF AVON  
ROSEDALE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ALBERTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
MAFFRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
SALE CITY COUNCIL

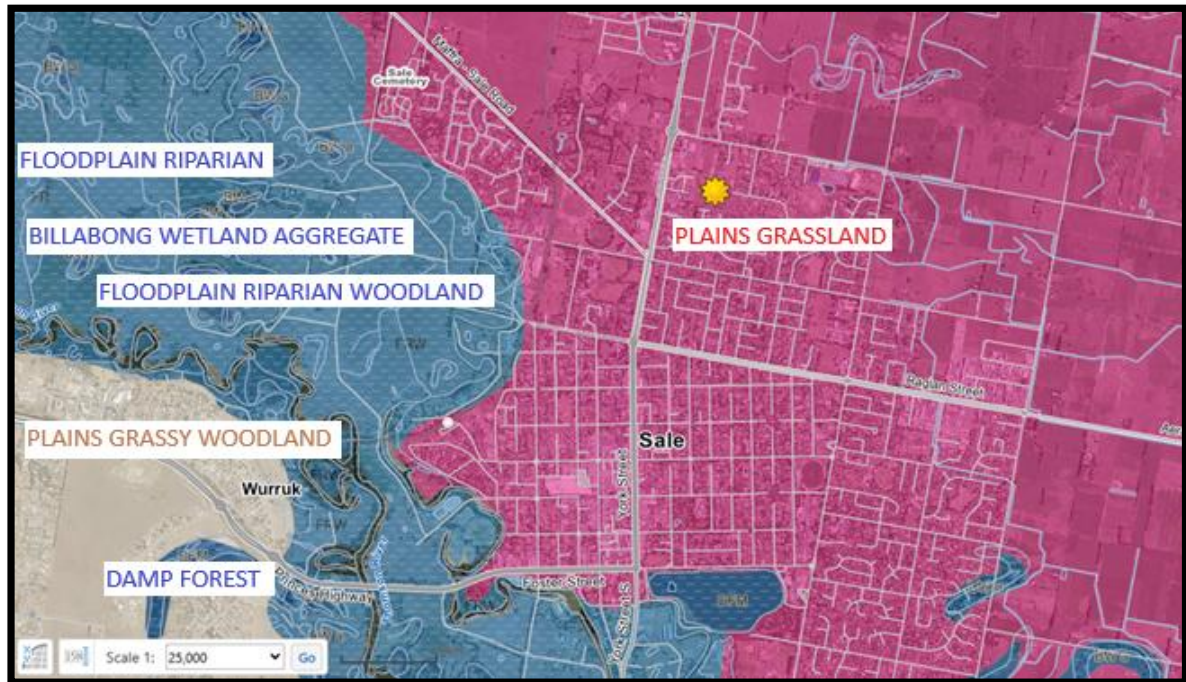
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THE DISTRICT BOARD AND RATEPAYERS OF THE ROSEDALE ROAD DISTRICT  
THE MAYOR COUNCILLORS AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF SALE  
THE MAYOR COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE SHIRE OF ALBERTON  
✓ THE PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS & RATEPAYERS OF THE SHIRE OF ALBERTON  
THE PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE SHIRE OF MAFFRA  
THE PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE SHIRE OF ROSEDALE  
AVON SHIRE COUNCIL  
THE PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS OF THE SHIRE OF AVON  
PRESIDENT COUNCILLORS AND CITIZENS OF THE SHIRE OF ROSEDALE

## Historical Landform

**MAP FROM NATUREKIT**

The above map shows that the reserve is within the Plains Grassland Pre-1750 Ecological Vegetation Class



Pre-1750 EVC: Plains Grassland

☆ **Pre-1750 EVC: Plains Grassland**

EVC Number: 132  
 Bioregion: Gippsland Plain  
 Group: Plains Grasslands and Chenopod Shrublands  
 Subgroup: Clay soils  
 Geographic Occurrence: C

Bioregion Gippsland Plain

☆ Bioregion Gippsland Plain

Bioregion Code: GipP  
 Area (ha): 713608.35  
 Land type:  
 Region: SCP

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**Description:**

Treeless vegetation dominated by largely grass and herb life forms. Shrubs and trees may be also occasionally present.

**Life Forms:**

| Life form                                        | #Spp | %Cover     | LF code |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|------------|---------|
| Small Shrub                                      | 1    | 1%         | SS      |
| Large Herb                                       | 2    | 5%         | LH      |
| Medium Herb                                      | 12   | 30%        | MH      |
| Small or Prostrate Herb                          | 3    | 5%         | SH      |
| Large Tufted Graminoid                           | 1    | 1%         | LTG     |
| Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid                 | 10   | 40%        | MTG     |
| Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid              | 2    | 5%         | MNG     |
| Bryophytes/Lichens                               | 0a   | 10%        | BL      |
| <b>Total understory projective foliage cover</b> |      | <b>95%</b> |         |

**LF Code****Species typical of at least part of EVC range****Common Name**

|     |                                                   |                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| LH  | <i>Calcephalus citreus</i>                        | Lemon Beauty-heads    |
| MH  | <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>                       | Blue Devil            |
| MH  | <i>Acaena echinata</i>                            | Sheep's Burr          |
| MH  | <i>Drosera peltata</i> ssp. <i>peltata</i>        | Pale Sundew           |
| MH  | <i>Leptorhynchus squamatus</i>                    | Scaly Buttons         |
| SH  | <i>Solenogyne dominii</i>                         | Smooth Solenogyne     |
| MTG | <i>Themeda triandra</i>                           | Kangaroo Grass        |
| MTG | <i>Schoenus apogon</i>                            | Common Bog-sedge      |
| MTG | <i>Austrodanthonia setacea</i>                    | Bristly Wallaby-grass |
| MNG | <i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i> | Weeping Grass         |
| SC  | <i>Convolvulus ecubescens</i> spp. <i>add.</i>    | Pink Bindweed         |

**Recruitment:**

Episodic/Fire or Grazing. Desirable period between disturbances is 5 years.

**Organic Litter:**

10 % cover

Ecological Vegetation Class bioregion benchmark



## EVC 132\_61: LaTrobe Valley Plains Grassland - Gippsland Plain bioregion

### Weediness:

| LF Code | Typical Weed Species              | Common Name                | Invasive | Impact |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------|
| SS      | Galenia pubescens var. pubescens  | Galenia                    | high     | high   |
| LH      | Rumex conglomeratus               | Clustered Dock             | high     | low    |
| LH      | Plantago lanceolata               | Ribwort                    | high     | low    |
| LH      | Senecio jacobaea                  | Ragwort                    | high     | high   |
| LH      | Rapistrum rugosum                 | Giant Mustard              | high     | high   |
| LH      | Lepidium afghanum                 | Common Peppergrass         | high     | low    |
| LH      | Urtica dioica                     | Giant Nettle               | high     | low    |
| LH      | Cirsium vulgare                   | Spear Thistle              | high     | high   |
| MH      | Plantago coronopus                | Buck's-horn Plantain       | high     | low    |
| MH      | Hypochaeris radicata              | Cat's Ear                  | high     | low    |
| MH      | Cerastium glomeratum s.l.         | Common Mouse-ear Chickweed | high     | low    |
| SH      | Trifolium repens var. repens      | White Clover               | high     | low    |
| LNG     | Holcus lanatus                    | Yorkshire Fog              | high     | high   |
| MTG     | Paspalum dilatatum                | Paspalum                   | high     | high   |
| MTG     | Sporobolus africanus              | Rat-tail Grass             | high     | high   |
| MTG     | Bromus catharticus                | Prairie Grass              | high     | low    |
| MTG     | Bromus hordeaceus ssp. hordeaceus | Soft Brome                 | high     | low    |
| MTG     | Rumex rosea                       | Onion Grass                | high     | low    |
| MTG     | Agrostis capillaris s.l.          | Brown-top Bent             | high     | high   |
| MTG     | Vulpia bromoides                  | Squirrel-tail Fescue       | high     | low    |
| MTG     | Lolium rigidum                    | Wimmera Rye-grass          | high     | low    |
| MTG     | Ehrharta erecta var. erecta       | Panic Veldt-grass          | high     | high   |
| MTG     | Ehrharta longiflora               | Annual Veldt-grass         | high     | low    |
| MNG     | Dactylis glomerata                | Cocksfoot                  | high     | high   |

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## Recent Animal Sightings

Adams, George (2018), *The Complete Guide to Australian Birds*, Penguin Random House Australia

### Latham's Snipe

*Gallinago hardwickii*

270–290mm



Sexes alike. Australia's largest snipe, cryptically plumed for superb camouflage. High, rounded head and extremely long, straight, olive-brown bill. Eyes: Large, brown with dark eye stripe. Crown: 2 broad, brown stripes. Upperparts, shoulders: Cryptic brown, black and buff. Wings: Dark brown flight feathers. Underparts: Cream, white and flecked black on upper throat and upper breast extending to flanks. Tail: Rufous band and tipped white (16–18 feathers). Legs: Olive-grey. Immature: Similar.

Quail-like, erratic flight when flushed. Wary. Solitary or small groups.

**Habitat:** Wet grasslands, swamps, mangroves, irrigated areas.

**Feeding:** Walks briskly probing for worms, aquatic larvae and crustaceans, often at dawn and dusk.

**Voice:** In flight, loud, rasping 'crek'.

**Status:** Locally common non-breeding migrant.

**Arrive:** Aug. **Depart:** Apr.

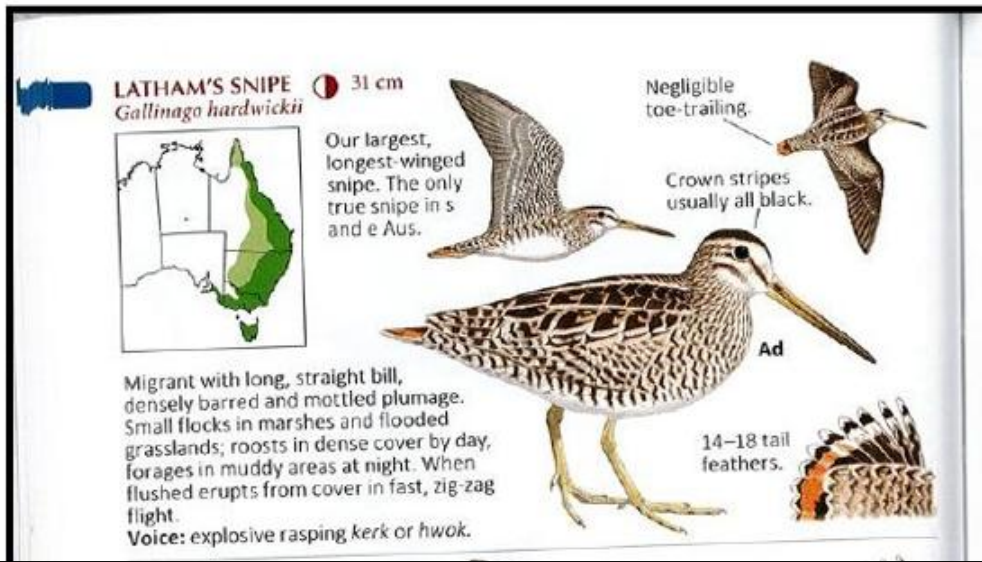
**Breeding:** Northern islands of Japan and East Asia.

 Jerringot Reserve, Geelong, Vic.

Left: Adult cryptic plumage. Right: Underparts.



Davies, Menkhorst, Rogers, Clarke, Marsack, Franklin (2022), *The Compact Australian Bird Guide*, CSIRO Publishing.



Ingwersen, Dean (2015), *Australian Geographic: A Naturalist's Guide to the Birds of Australia*, John Beaufoy Publishing Ltd.

#### ■ SNIFE & SHOREBIRDS ■

##### Latham's Snipe ■ *Gallinago hardwickii* 29-33cm

**DESCRIPTION** Black cap on top of head. Face has several dark stripes giving appearance of long, whitish supercilium and cheek. Back and wings mottled and streaked in browns, black and white. Pale underbelly and long, straight bill. **DISTRIBUTION**



Summer migrant from Japan; present around east coast of mainland and into Tas.; west as far as Eyre Peninsula in SA. **HABITS AND HABITAT** Found in a range of freshwater wetlands, especially those with low cover. Occurs singly or in small groups, although can be found in large flocks on suitable wetlands. Very shy and secretive. Explodes from cover if disturbed and flies away rapidly, usually giving rasping kzeek call. Mainly crepuscular.

## NORTH SALE BIODIVERSITY AND WETLANDS RESERVE

FIELD VISIT PHOTOGRAPHS – 24 JUNE 2026

**Australian Wood Duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)**Source of scientific name: [https://ebird.org/species/manduc1?siteLanguage=en\\_AU](https://ebird.org/species/manduc1?siteLanguage=en_AU)**Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*)**Source of scientific name: [https://ebird.org/species/ausibi1?siteLanguage=en\\_AU](https://ebird.org/species/ausibi1?siteLanguage=en_AU)

**Wallaby Grass (*Austrodanthonia*)**

There are multiple species of this genus within the reserve

Source of scientific name:

<https://science-health.csu.edu.au/herbarium/grasses/austrodanthonia/austrodanthoniasetacea-2347>

**Tatch Saw-Edge (*Gahnia sieberiana*)**

Source of scientific name: <https://vicflora.rbq.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/9a903500-2fa6-4571-be89-85a1963c198c>

**Spiny Headed Mat Rush / Basket Grass (*Lomandra longifolia*)**

Source of scientific name: <https://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/interns-2007/lomandra-longifolia.html>

**Weeping Grass (*Microlaena stipoides*)**

Source of scientific name: <https://vicflora.rbq.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/09e75b09-e077-4643-a246-0090a5712667>

**Grey Tussock Grass (*Poa labillardierei*)**

Source of scientific name: <https://vicflora.rbq.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/cf4809be-cafe-48f1-9599-bc29cabf1554>

**Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*)**

Source of scientific name: <https://vicflora.rbq.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/5c4beccd-3eef-434d-9769-4d187abb91e9>

**Latham's Snipe**  
***Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii***

All bird-related entries on Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au/>) that relate to the North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve have been contributed by BirdLife Australia. There were 14 observations on the map.

BirdLife Australia is located at Level 2, Main Building, 54 Wellington Street Collingwood VIC 3066

<https://birdlife.org.au/>

|                                                                   |                                    |                             |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Alerts                                                            | per page: 20                       | sort: Record date           | order: Descending |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2023-01-12                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2022-11-26                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2022-09-24                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2022-01-15                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2021-11-20                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2021-09-18                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2021-01-21                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
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| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2019-11-19                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2019-09-19                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2019-01-10                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |
| Species: <i>Gallinago (Gallinago) hardwickii</i>   Latham's Snipe | Date: 2018-11-18                   | State: Victoria             |                   |
| Data Resource: BirdLife Australia, Birdata                        | Basis Of Record: Human Observation | <a href="#">View record</a> |                   |

Taxonomy – *Gallinago* is the genus and *Gallinago hardwickii* is the species

|        |                  |                                        |                 |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| class  | Aves             | (Birds)                                | Linnaeus 1758   |
| order  | Charadriiformes  | (Small to medium-large Eurasian birds) | Huxley 1867     |
| family | Scolopacidae     | (Waders or shorebirds)                 | Rafinesque 1815 |
| genus  | <i>Gallinago</i> |                                        | Brisson 1760    |

<https://www.mindat.org/taxon-2481808.html>

Source: Hudson Institute of Mineralogy 1993-2006 (this includes palaeontology).

There was also one instance of a water rat (found dead).

Source: Atlas of Living Australia (<https://www.ala.org.au/>)

## Dataset

|                          |                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Data resource            | Australian Platypus Conservancy             |
| Catalog number           | r25-1009                                    |
| Record type              | Observation<br>Supplied basis "Observation" |
| Collector                | Aust Platypus Conservancy                   |
| Identification qualifier | Certain                                     |
| Individual count         | 1                                           |
| License                  | CC-BY 4.0 (Int)                             |
| Presence/Absence         | PRESENT                                     |
| Occurrence remarks       | found dead                                  |

## Event

|                   |                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Occurrence date   | 2025-09-29<br>Supplied date "2025-09-29 00:00:00" |
| End day of year   | 272                                               |
| Date precision    | DAY                                               |
| Start day of year | 272                                               |

## Taxonomy

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Scientific name            | <i>Hydromys chrysogaster</i> |
| Identified to rank         | species                      |
| Common name                | Water-rat                    |
| Kingdom                    | Animalia                     |
| Phylum                     | Chordata                     |
| Class                      | Mammalia                     |
| Order                      | Rodentia                     |
| Family                     | Muridae                      |
| Genus                      | <i>Hydromys</i>              |
| Species                    | <i>Hydromys chrysogaster</i> |
| Name match metric          | exactMatch                   |
| Scientific name authorship | Geoffroy, 1864               |
| Name parse type            | SCIENTIFIC                   |

VicNames Search Results for North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve**LATHAM:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There is a Lathams Road in Airly/Stratford (approximately 9.3km to the north).

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

The locality of Fulham may be considered similar in sound and is within 15km (approximately 4.68km to the west)

**SNIPE:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**GALLINAGO:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**HARDWICKII:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There is a Hardie Place in Stratford (approximately 13.1km to the north)

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

VicNames Search Results for North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve**CHENONETTA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**JUBATA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**THRESKIORNIS:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**MOLUCCA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

VicNames Search Results for North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve**AUSTRODANTHONIA:**

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Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

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**GAHNIA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**SIEBERIANA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**LOMANDRA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

Lake Melanxdra is only 8km away – Therefore Lomandra does not satisfy duplicate name rule.

|

VicNames Search Results for North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve**LONGIFOLIA:**

The similarity to the locality of Longford means this name does not satisfy the duplicate name rule.

**MICROLAENA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

There are no duplicate road names within 15km.

Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**STIPOIDES:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

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Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**LABILLARDIEREI:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

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Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**THEMEDA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

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Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

VicNames Search Results for North Sale Wetland and Biodiversity Reserve

**TRIANDRA:**

Duplicate Name Search by Road (non-binding):

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Duplicate Name Search by Feature (binding):

There are no duplicate feature names within 15km.

**Attachments for item 2.1**

13 May 2026

Dear Property Owner

#### COVE STREET – PROPOSED ROAD DESIGNATION CHANGE

Upon receipt of a resident's request, Council Officers conducted an assessment of the naming guidelines pertaining to Cove Street, Loch Sport and have identified an inconsistency. Wellington Shire Council are now evaluating the possibility of redesignating 'Street' to 'Court'. The request highlighted that motorists frequently mistake Cove Street as an access route to the marina, resulting in unnecessary traffic entering and subsequently exiting the street. Renaming it Cove Court is expected to address this wayfinding challenge and enhance conformity with established naming protocols.

The following steps must be completed before the proposed change can be implemented:

- Step 1:** Those directly affected by change must be informed and provided the opportunity to give feedback. This letter is an invitation for you to have your say.
- Hold Point:** Council officers will review feedback from Step 1. If 50% or more of property owners respond and do not support the proposed change, the proposal will not proceed. Otherwise, it will move to Step 2.
- Step 2:** The matter will be tabled at the Place Names Committee meeting in **August 2026**, followed by approval at a future Council meeting.
- Step 3:** When approved, Council officers will then notify Geographic Names Victoria (GNV), the authority responsible for the naming and registration of roads, features, and localities.
- Step 4:** GNV will conduct its assessment in line with the established guidelines. If there are no objections, the road type change will be gazetted.
- Note:** Step 4 can vary in duration from a few weeks to many months. As soon as we are aware, Council officers will record the official date and formally inform all affected property owners of the change.
- Step 5:** Council officers will update the Rates system accordingly and notify Australia Post.
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- Step 6:** Property owners are advised to update their address details with relevant service providers such as internet and electricity suppliers.

If you would like to let us know your thoughts on this proposal, please contact the Built Environment team on telephone number 1300 366 244 or email [enquiries@wellington.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@wellington.vic.gov.au) by 10 June 2026.

Yours sincerely




1 July 2026

Dear Property Owner / Resident

**COVE STREET – PROPOSED ROAD DESIGNATION CHANGE**

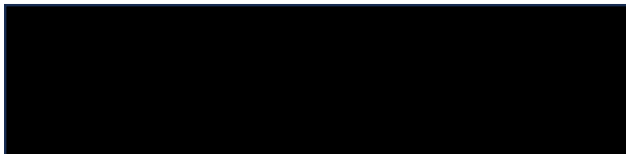
Following the recent consultation process, I am writing to update you on the proposed road designation change from Cove Street to Cove Court and the next steps in the process. Thank you to those who provided feedback.

Council has reviewed all feedback received and, in accordance with the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria, will proceed with the proposed road designation change. This change will better reflect the layout of the road and assist motorists by clearly identifying it as a court rather than a through street.

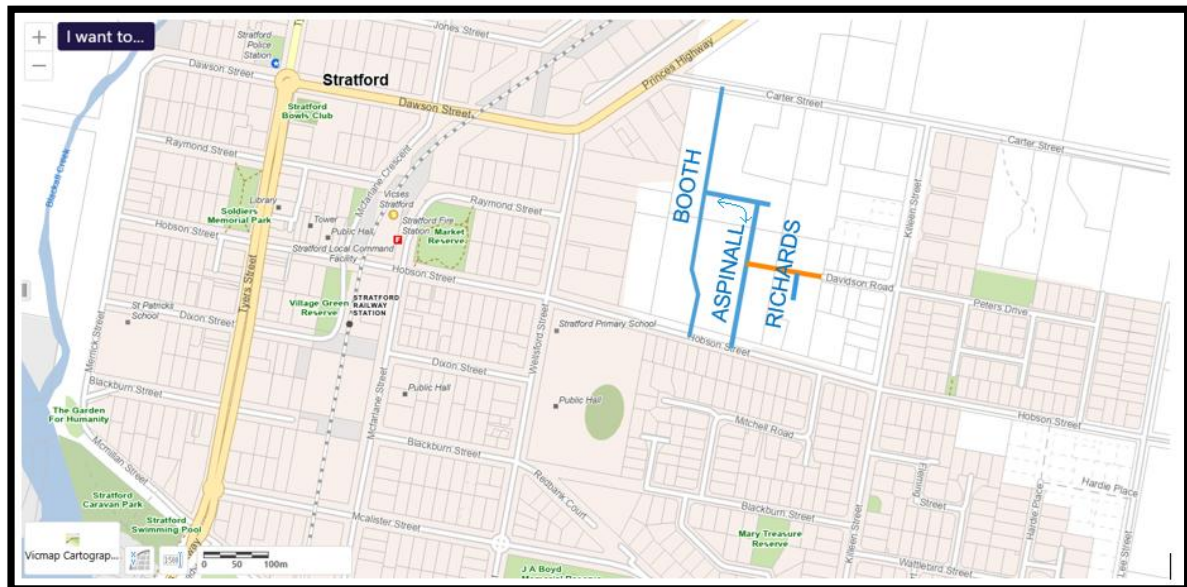
The matter will be presented to the Place Names Committee in August 2026 before being referred to a future Council meeting for adoption. If adopted, Council officers will notify Geographic Names Victoria (GNV), which will assess the change against the relevant guidelines.

Council will continue to keep you informed as the process progresses. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while this matter is finalised.

Yours sincerely



## Attachment for item 2.2



## 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 –

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS –

## **17. IN CLOSED SESSION**

### **17.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **COUNCILLOR**

- 1. That the meeting be closed to the public to consider confidential information pursuant to section 66(2)(a) 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 and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that – relates to trade secrets; or – if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.**
- 2. The further explanation for the closure of the meeting is due to;**
  - Item 17.2 relates to information that is deemed confidential to protect the privacy and personal information about any person or their personal affairs**
  - Item 17.3 relates to information that is deemed confidential due to the private commercial information relating to a contract variation.**

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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This Ordinary Meeting of Council declared closed to the public at:

The live streaming of this Council meeting will now come to a close.

## 17.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S 2025-26 PERFORMANCE REVIEW



WELLINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL

### ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* a meeting considering confidential information may be closed to the public.

I declare that the information contained in this report **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S 2025/26 PERFORMANCE REVIEW** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*;

***(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs***

I further declare that the circumstances of this report necessitate consideration in a meeting closed to the public pursuant to sections 66(2)(a) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Further explanation:

**The grounds for designation under section 3(1)(f) have been made as the information is deemed confidential to protect the privacy and personal information about any person or their personal affairs.**

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**ARTHUR SKIPITARIS**  
**GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**7/09/2026**

**17.3. LONGFORD LANDFILL / NORTH SALE WETLANDS CONTRACT 2025-066  
VARIATION**



**WELLINGTON**  
S H I R E   C O U N C I L

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
15 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* a meeting considering confidential information may be closed to the public.

I declare that the information contained in this report **LONGFORD LANDFILL / NORTH SALE WETLANDS CONTRACT 2025-066 VARIATION** is confidential because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*;

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

I further declare that the circumstances of this report necessitate consideration in a meeting closed to the public pursuant to sections 66(2)(a) and 66(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Further explanation:

**The grounds for designation under section 3(1)(f) have been made as the information is deemed confidential due to the private commercial information relating to a contract variation.**

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**CHRIS HASTIE**  
**GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**  
**31/08/2026**

#### **17.4. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

##### **COUNCILLOR**

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

Closed Session declared closed at: