



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 6 October 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 1 September 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Scott Rossetti

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr Garry Stephens

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment

Arthur Skipitaris, Manager Corporate Services

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development

Kim Salleh, Manager Customer & Communications

Catie Thomson, Senior Governance and Reporting Officer

Nikola Faberova, Corporate Governance Officer

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

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

1. APOLOGIES

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON – Leave of Absence

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 September 2026.</i>	
COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR FOAT	
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 September 2026.	
CARRIED	

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR: MAYOR MADELEY

COUNCILLOR MADELEY / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. Formally state its support for the establishment of a Gippsland Police Academy within the Gippsland region by advocating to the Victorian State Government and Victoria Police for the establishment of the Gippsland Police Academy within Wellington Shire, with the former TAFE site at West Sale Airport identified as Council's preferred location.
2. Write to the Premier of Victoria, the Minister for Police, the Minister for Regional Development, relevant local Members of Parliament, and the Chief Police Commissioner of Victoria Police outlining Council's support for the establishment of the academy at West Sale Airport.
3. Prepare a discussion paper outlining the merits of establishing a Gippsland Police Academy at West Sale Airport.
4. Include the establishment of a Gippsland Police Academy at West Sale Airport as a priority project within Council's advocacy platform for the upcoming Victorian State Election and seek bipartisan support from all major political parties and candidates contesting Gippsland electorates.
5. Request an Officer Report at a future Council meeting detailing advocacy activities undertaken and any responses received from the Victorian Government, Victoria Police, political parties, and election candidates.

CARRIED

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Request for reinstatement of weekly red bin collection.	1 September 2026	Refer to Item 13.1 of this 6 October 2026 Council Agenda for Council response to the Petition.	6 October 2026

7.2. RECEIPT OF PETITION - P139/2026 REJECT PROPOSED USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A 2206 HEAD CATTLE FEEDLOT IN LLOWALONG

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

Nick LEE addressed Council on behalf of the Llowalong community in support of the petition and in opposition to the proposed feedlot. He explained that he felt that the feedlot would be in an inappropriate location with twenty dwellings within a two kilometre radius of the site, including five within a one kilometre radius. He stated that this level of residential exposure is far beyond the industry average at more than four times higher exposure than the industry average of comparable feedlots in researched eastern states. Nick also raised concerns about the incorrect application of the separation data as the application data for section 1.3 of the Victorian Code for Cattle Feedlots requires a distance to be measured from the outer perimeter of the feedlot works area. He expressed his view that this method was not used in Planning Permit Application P139/2026.

Nick also commented on the many likely impacts to nearby residents, farms and businesses through increased traffic, noise, odour, dust, flies, pollution and potential effects on agritourism.

Nick also noted his concerns that the road network cannot safely support the proposed traffic. Referring to the Traffic Engineering Assessment submitted with the assessment, he advised that the development is expected to generate more than 850 truck movements per year and feels Llowalong Road is not suitable for this level of heavy vehicle traffic. Nick shared that there are safety concerns with the two sharp corners, the flooding at the Llowalong Road and Cameron's Lane intersection, and the narrow bridge which can only accommodate one vehicle at any given time. The proposed increases in truck movements would materially increase risks for residents, farmers, other road users and heavy vehicle drivers.

Council also received an online comment from Mr Lee outlining concerns consistent with those raised in his address to Council.

The Mayor Cindy Madeley acknowledged the online submission from Nick in conjunction with this presentation this evening.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the attached petition in relation to a request to refuse the proposed use and development of land for a 2206 Head Cattle Feedlot in Llowalong and refer it to the General Manager Development for a report to a future Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council receive the attached petition in relation to a request to refuse the proposed use and development of land for a 2206 Head Cattle Feedlot in Llowalong and refer it to the General Manager Development for a report to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

The Mayor invited the Chief Executive Officer to provide further detail on the process.

With this petition, it will sit in concert with the planning application. Council has asked a number of questions for clarification to the applicant and these questions have been provided to the applicant for a required response by 8 November 2026. This petition will also

be sent tomorrow to the feedlot applicant and form part of the required response by the feedlot applicant.

Due to the complexity of the application, a decision is not expected until the new year.

The Chief Executive Officer encouraged individuals with any questions to contact the Manager of Planning and Building, Barry Hearsey, present in tonight's Council meeting.

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS acknowledged Josh Dunkley, Australian Football League (AFL) player and Yarram local, on his role as co-captain of the AFL team Brisbane Lions in winning the 2026 AFL Premiership at the AFL Grand Final on 26 September 2026.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER acknowledged the Councillor Conversations and tours which took place as part of a community tour on Tuesday 22 September, commencing in Newry at Hussey and Co, a vegetable farm established in 1975. Councillors received an informative briefing on the farm's logistics operations, export activities, and investment in new technologies and equipment to improve efficiency. Discussion highlighted the business' contribution to the local economy through employment and support for local business and industry through purchase of machinery from Maffra-based suppliers.

Councillors visited the Boisdale Common Effluent System, a small, shared Council-managed wastewater network that services the township. The tour continued to Maffra Depot and Councillors then continued the tour to several locations in Maffra, including the Cameron Sporting Complex where they visited the recently renovated change rooms for the cricket and football clubs, following refurbishment works of the Sporting Complex over the past few years; the Gippsland Vehicle Collection; and the Sugar Beet Museum, located within the original weighbridge building, which preserves the area's history.

Councillor Ripper expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to engage with the community and extended her thanks to the General Manager of Built and Natural Environment, Chris Hastie, and the staff who dedicated significant time and effort during the councillors' visit.

COUNCILLOR LOWE acknowledged the visit of Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, Tony Mahar, on Wednesday 23 September 2026 hosted by South Gippsland and Wellington Shire Councils. Mayor Madeley, Councillor Tattersson, Councillor Stephens and Councillor Foat also attended and engaged in discussions about regional renewable energy developments, the future of the region and its challenges.

Councillor Lowe expressed appreciation that the Commissioner listened to the concerns raised and welcomed his commitment to advocating on behalf of the community. Councillor Lowe acknowledged that renewable energy projects have the potential to create jobs, attract investment, and deliver economic benefits to the region, but emphasised these projects require thorough planning and meaningful community consultation and assurances that local ratepayers will not bear the costs of associated infrastructure or development.

Councillor Lowe also acknowledged that local councils do not set power generation policy in Victoria; this responsibility sits with the State Government. The role of local government is to listen to the community, advocate for fair outcomes, raise local concerns, and pursue opportunities that deliver genuine benefits for the region. The current definition of "local" is broad and does not adequately recognise community impacts of large-scale infrastructure developments. Councillor Lowe argued that communities hosting this infrastructure should be prioritised when receiving local benefits, with tangible opportunities provided to local communities bearing the impacts of these developments.

Councillor Lowe strongly advocated for continued collaboration with South Gippsland Shire Council, noting that a united approach strengthens the region's voice and enables both councils to more effectively represent the interests of their communities. Working together supports stronger advocacy for renewable energy developments that deliver lasting and meaningful benefits to the people who live and work in the region.

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. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN provided an update on Rural Councils Victoria Committee, noting that discussions were primarily focused on a debrief of the Annual Forum. Councillor Bannerman had previously attended the Forum and provided an update to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 September 2026. The Committee discussions included the identification of future successors and consideration of key lessons and insights arising from the event.

Councillor Bannerman has been selected as part of a delegation to travel to Canberra next week to position Rural Councils Victoria as the Commonwealth Government's key local government partner for rural Victoria. The visit aims to highlight the significant contribution rural Victoria makes to food production, energy generation, resource development, supply chain security, national exports, and regional prosperity.

The delegation also seeks recognition of the unique challenges faced by rural councils, including higher service delivery costs, extensive asset networks, and limited capacity to generate own-source revenue. The delegation is seeking to advance a small number of practical federal priorities, with a particular focus on the key initiative of Financial Assistance Grants and strengthening inter-governmental partnerships.

The visit also aims to establish and maintain long-term relationships with key stakeholders through ongoing portfolio follow-up and future regional visits.

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 15 September 2026.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 15 September 2026.

CARRIED

11.2. IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL OF DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT 2025/26 AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT 2025/26

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CORPORATE FINANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve 'in principle' the Draft Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026 as attached, subject to no material changes by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO); and*
- 2. Authorise the Councillor representatives on the Audit and Risk Committee, and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to certify the documents in their final form.*

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

- 1. Approve 'in principle' the Draft Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026 as attached, subject to no material changes by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO); and*
- 2. Authorise the Councillor representatives on the Audit and Risk Committee, and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to certify the documents in their final form.*

CARRIED

11.3. S6 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL STAFF

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolve that:

- 1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument as attached.*
- 2. The S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff, comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer.*
- 3. On the coming into force of the S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff, the current S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff resolved by Council on 7 July 2026 is revoked.*
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the S6 Instrument of Delegation – Members of Staff must be performed, and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.*

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, resolve that:

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CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

12.1. ARTS CULTURE AND LEISURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION PAPERS - FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve the Draft Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategy Discussion Paper and the Draft Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper for the purpose of community consultation;*
- 2. Authorise Council Officers to undertake community consultation on the Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategy Discussion Paper and the Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper; and*
- 3. Authorise Council Officers to report the outcomes back to Council to inform the development of the final strategies.*

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council:

- 1. Approve the Draft Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategy Discussion Paper and the Draft Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper for the purpose of community consultation;**
- 2. Authorise Council Officers to undertake community consultation on the Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategy Discussion Paper and the Economic Development Strategy Discussion Paper; and**
- 3. Authorise Council Officers to report the outcomes back to Council to inform the development of the final strategies.**

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.1. RESPONSE TO PETITION - WASTE COLLECTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

GALLERY COMMENTS

PETER CLEARY addressed the Council regarding the fortnightly red bin collection service, particularly when he is away from town. Whilst Peter acknowledged the alternative options, these solutions are not practical for his situation and result in rubbish being scattered by wind, animals, and other such factors that create litter and issues within the neighbourhood, if bins are left out for collection during periods of extended leave.

Peter referred to the petition, which he has signed, and feels the information provided in the Council report on how the decision was reached via a survey on residents waste disposal habits by approximately 250 households is not an adequate sample size to represent the broader community on changes to the current bin collection schedule.

Peter requested that Council review the figures and expand the survey to include more households. He suggested distribution of a 'simple' survey to every household asking their preferred collection schedule would generate a stronger response rate and provide a more representative understanding of community preferences. Mr Cleary said he is not opposed to FOGO or recycling initiatives but maintains that red waste bins should be collected weekly.

CATHERINE JACKIW addressed Council regarding the red bin collection petition and her concerns about bin weight limits as several residents had brought this issue to her attention over the past few months, prompting her to raise the matter. Catherine indicated some residents had allegedly been advised their bins were not collected as they exceeded the allowable weight limit. While Catherine has reviewed all information provided by Council regarding the new collection structure and schedule, she cannot recall any information relating to weight restrictions on bins. Catherine seeks clarification from Council on:

- whether a weight limit applies to each bin type and, if so, whether this information could be more clearly communicated to the community; and
- how residents are expected to determine whether a bin is too heavy.

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledged Catherine Jackiw's questions and advised that a response from Council will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in response to the petition presented at the Ordinary Council meeting of 1 September 2026, resolve to:

- 1. Decline the request of the petition to amend the current kerbside waste collection service by reinstating weekly red-lidded bin collections while retaining the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service at no additional cost to residents; and***
- 2. Maintain the three-bin waste service model and frequency adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 June 2026, being weekly FOGO collection, fortnightly General Rubbish collection and maintain the fortnightly Mixed Recycling collection and continue monitoring operational performance, community feedback and service outcomes; and***
- 3. Reaffirm its decision of 2 June 2026 to undertake a 12-month review and evaluate both the program and the subsidy; and***
- 4. Acknowledge the concerns raised by the community regarding the introduction of the FOGO collection service; and***
- 5. Continue to provide education and communication activities to support residents in using the three-bin system correctly and accessing available support measures where required; and***
- 6. Write to the head petitioner of Council's resolution and the actions being undertaken in response to the matters raised.***

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council, in response to the petition presented at the Ordinary Council meeting of 1 September 2026, resolve to:

- 1. Decline the request of the petition to amend the current kerbside waste collection service by reinstating weekly red-lidded bin collections while retaining the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service at no additional cost to residents; and**
- 2. Maintain the three-bin waste service model and frequency adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 June 2026, being weekly FOGO collection, fortnightly General Rubbish collection and maintain the fortnightly Mixed Recycling collection and continue monitoring operational performance, community feedback and service outcomes; and**

3. Reaffirm its decision of 2 June 2026 to undertake a 12-month review and evaluate both the program and the subsidy; and
4. Acknowledge the concerns raised by the community regarding the introduction of the FOGO collection service; and
5. Continue to provide education and communication activities to support residents in using the three-bin system correctly and accessing available support measures where required; and
6. Write to the head petitioner of Council's resolution and the actions being undertaken in response to the matters raised.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS For: (7) Councillor Ripper, Councillor Wells, Councillor Foat, Councillor Madeley, Councillor Rossetti, Councillor Stephens, Councillor Bannerman

COUNCILLOR Against: (1) Councillor Lowe

13.2. DRAFT URBAN PATHS PLAN 2027

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve the release of the Draft Urban Paths Plan 2027, as attached, for public engagement; and***
- 2. Note that feedback received during the public engagement period will be considered before the Urban Paths Plan is presented to Council for adoption.***

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Approve the release of the Draft Urban Paths Plan 2027, as attached, for public engagement; and**
- 2. Note that feedback received during the public engagement period will be considered before the Urban Paths Plan is presented to Council for adoption.**

CARRIED

13.3. KERB AND CHANNEL REPLACEMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2027-008 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Kerb and Channel Replacement; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2027-008 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Kerb and Channel Replacement is designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 29 September 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2027-008 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Kerb and Channel Replacement; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2027-008 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Kerb and Channel Replacement is designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 29 September 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Chair announced the successful tenderer as Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd.

13.4. ASPHALT PROGRAM - URBAN STREETS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2027-013 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program – Urban Streets; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2027-013 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program – Urban Streets is designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 29 September 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential 2027-013 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program – Urban Streets; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the attached confidential 2027-013 Contract Tender Evaluation Report for the Asphalt Program – Urban Streets is designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 29 September 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020; (g)(ii) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.**

CARRIED

The Chair announced the successful tenderer as A1 Asphalting Pty Ltd.

14. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

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

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

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

ONLINE COMMENTS

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 6:11PM.

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

15. IN CLOSED SESSION

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

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

IN CLOSED SESSION

NIL