



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 October 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 20 October 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)

Cr Liz Foat (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Catherine Bannerman

Cr Scott Rossetti

Cr Edward Lowe

Cr John Tatterson

Cr Carmel Ripper

Cr Geoff Wells

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer

Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment

Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development

Kim Salleh, Manager Customer & Communications

Nikola Faberova, Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Garry Stephens – Leave of Absence

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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 STEPHENS - Leave of Absence

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR WELLS declared a conflict of interest for Item 15.2 - Community Assistance Grants - August 2026.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 6 October 2026.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 6 October 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

5.1. LATE ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the late agenda item to call an Unscheduled Meeting of Council on Tuesday 27 October 2026 for consideration of the Annual Report 2025/26.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council accept the late agenda item to call an Unscheduled Meeting of Council on Tuesday 27 October 2026 for consideration of the Annual Report 2025/26.

CARRIED

5.2. UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council meet on Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 5pm for an Unscheduled Council Meeting to consider the formal adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council meet on Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 5pm for an Unscheduled Council Meeting to consider the formal adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Report.

CARRIED

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Request to reject proposed use and development of land for a 2206 Head Cattle Feedlot in Llowalong.	6 October 2026	A response to this Petition is required to align with the Planning Application processes.	Refer Item 14.3 of this Council Meeting Agenda.

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR RIPPER attended and acknowledged the Centenary Anniversary of the first Stratford Scout Group that was held on Saturday 17 October 2026. The group remains based in the same building, with the front of the Scouting Hall recently painted with a mural thanks to the support of Stratfords of the World.

Councillor Ripper also acknowledged Ken Baxter, a Heyfield resident and dedicated member of the Scouting community, who joined Stratford Scouts in 1948 and attended the celebration. Councillor Ripper noted that it was admirable to speak with him and hear his extensive knowledge and recollections of the group's history.

COUNCILLOR FOAT provided an update on the Business Boost Reference Group meeting. The event provided an opportunity for the various business sectors in Sale to be recognised for their contributions to the local community

Councillor Foat also informed Council of a number of upcoming events taking place throughout the Gippsland region, including:

- Free Social Media Strategy Workshop for small businesses will be held on 11 November 2026 and run by Sherise Oldham from Soda Creatives to receive practical advice on choosing social media platforms and creating content to engage customers;
- Maffra Agriculture Show takes place this weekend from Friday 23 October through to Sunday 25 October 2026 with the main Carnival taking place on Saturday 24 October 2026;
- Sale Show takes place the following weekend from Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November 2026;
- Glenmaggie Wines is holding a Wedding Expo on Sunday 15 November 2026;
- Yarram Agriculture Show takes place on Saturday 21 November;
- The Middle of Everywhere Gippsland Rally runs from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November 2026 at the West Sale Airport;
- Port of Sale Christmas Party takes place on Friday 4 December followed by the Sale Christmas Parade the next day, Saturday 5 December 2026;
- Maffra Christmas Festival on 11 December 2026 and
- New Year's Eve Fireworks in both Port Albert and Loch Sport.

Councillor Foat also attended and acknowledged the Citizenship Ceremony which was officiated by Mayor Madeley and also attended by Councillor Stephens, Councillor Lowe and CEO David Morcom. The event was held at The Wedge in Sale, where 48 people officially became Australian citizens and joined the Wellington Shire community. Becoming an Australian citizen is an important milestone, marking the beginning of a new chapter filled with opportunity, belonging and connection. Councillor Foat reflected that it was a privilege to attend the ceremony and witness the happiness and pride of the new citizens and their families as they embraced their new lives in Australia.

Councillor Foat attended and acknowledged the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Gippsland Education Awards 2026 on Friday 16 October 2026 at The Wedge Performing Arts Centre in Sale.

TAFE Gippsland Awards celebrate and recognise outstanding students, dedicated teachers, apprentices and staff, and valued industry and community partners who help make a difference across Gippsland. Councillor Foat congratulated all finalists and winners on their achievements and efforts, expressing hope that the recognition would build their confidence, encourage continued learning and skills development, and motivate them towards future success. Councillor Foat noted that all participants should be proud of their achievements.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON had the privilege of attending an event on Saturday 17 October 2026 celebrating 40 years of the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network (YYLN) and acknowledging the dedication and valuable contributions of the late David McAninly. The Councillor highlighted Wellington Shire Council's longstanding partnership with the YYLN and its collaboration on numerous projects like Hiawatha Falls, Albert River Reserve, Port Albert and Rail Trails.

Councillor Tatterson acknowledged David's significant contribution to the YYLN, including his service as Chair of the Board for over a decade. A memorial seat was unveiled at the Yarram Botanical Gardens in his honour, commemorating his contribution and legacy.

Councillor Tatterson also attended and acknowledged TEDx Yarram that took place on Saturday 17 October 2026 at the Regent Theatre in Yarram. The sold-out event, organized locally by Matt Langdon and Ben Langdon, marked Victoria's first-ever TEDx held outside of a major city. The program featured diverse speakers including local voices, professionals and also young people. Cr Tatterson congratulated the organisers and all those involved for their efforts and contribution to the event.

COUNCILLOR LOWE acknowledged Australian endurance runner Chris Dixon's remarkable achievement in making history by surpassing the treadmill world record, running 940.06 kilometres over seven days. The challenge tested Chris's extraordinary physical and mental endurance. Councillor Lowe also recognised the strong community support surrounding the challenge, including the volunteers and supporters who accompanied Chris throughout the week and those who encouraged him from afar. Cr Lowe also acknowledged H C Fitness in Stratford for providing facilities and making this world record attempt possible.

This event also brought awareness for Free 3D Hands, a Gippsland-based charity and Helping Hands Running Festival that is being held from 23 October to 24 October 2026 at Lake Guthridge. Cr Lowe wished all participants every success, noting that events such as this showcase the community spirit, generosity and willingness to support others that make the community such a great place to live. Cr Lowe congratulated Chris and acknowledged his efforts in making the community proud.

Councillor Lowe joined the Middle of Everywhere Gippsland Rally team along with Mayor Madeley to welcome the event back to Wellington Shire as one of the biggest motor-sport events in Gippsland. Councillor Lowe thanked rally driver Jackson Long for the opportunity to experience sitting in the car with him and acknowledged the admirable courage, skill and precision required in the sport.

The final round of the 2026 Australian Rally Championship will be held from 20 to 22 November 2026 at the West Sale Airport. This is a family-friendly event for locals and

visitors, bringing valuable tourism and economic benefits to our community. Cr Lowe congratulated all organisers, supporters and volunteers and encouraged residents to join the event.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN attended the Sale Lions Club civic reception hosted by Wellington Shire for members to come together and celebrate their successes. Cr Bannerman recognised the significant contributions made by members to their communities and acknowledged the positive impact of their work.

MAYOR MADELEY also mentioned the Lions Club District Conference, an annual gathering for members that was hosted by Wellington Shire. Mayor Madeley attended the event, welcomed Club members visiting from outside the Shire, and appreciated the opportunity to meet them.

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
<i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for September 2026.</i>
COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON
That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for September 2026.
CARRIED

11. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN shared an update regarding her recent visit to Parliament House in Canberra as a delegate for the Rural Councils of Victoria (RCV).

Cr Bannerman highlighted the importance of advocating for rural councils and raising awareness of the differing needs of rural and metropolitan communities. Over two and a half days, delegates met with approximately 20 Members of Parliament, Senators, Ministers and advisers to discuss opportunities to improve financial sustainability, reduce bureaucracy and make more effective use of existing processes. Discussions covered a range of matters affecting rural Victoria, including roads, childcare and housing.

Councillor Bannerman was encouraged by the engagement and greater understanding of the different approaches required for rural communities. She looks forward to seeing solutions arising from these discussions and expressed hope that the discussions would lead to further action and positive outcomes for Wellington and other rural communities represented by Rural Councils Victoria.

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 September 2026.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 6 October 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 6 October 2026.

CARRIED

13.2. BIENNIAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE UPDATE

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the biennial report on the Audit and Risk Committee's activities, findings and recommendations for the period April 2026 to September 2026, as attached.

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council receive and note the biennial report on the Audit and Risk Committee's activities, findings and recommendations for the period April 2026 to September 2026, as attached.

CARRIED

13.3. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Minutes in Brief of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 24 September 2026, as attached, and the confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 24 September 2026;*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 24 September 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 29 September 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:
1) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.*

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Minutes in Brief of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 24 September 2026, as attached, and the confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 24 September 2026;*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 13.3.3 - Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 24 September 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 29 September 2026 because it relates to the following grounds:
1) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.*

CARRIED

13.4. COUNCIL QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Council Quarterly Performance Report for September 2026 as attached.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR WELLS

That Council receive and note the Council Quarterly Performance Report for September 2026 as attached.

CARRIED

13.5. CONSIDERATION OF 2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

Consideration of this agenda item was deferred to the following week. Refer to Item 5.2 of this agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and consider the Annual Report 2025/26, as attached, presented by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 2020.

14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - AUGUST 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

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

CARRIED

14.2. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT, QUARTER 3 - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Strategic Planning Committee Update Report for Quarter 3, July to September 2026, as attached.

COUNCILLOR FOAT/ COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council receive and note the Strategic Planning Committee Update Report for Quarter 3, July to September 2026, as attached.

CARRIED

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

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note the subject petition presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 6 October 2026;*
- 2. Include the petition as an objection to planning permit application P139/2026; and*
- 3. Acknowledge that the statutory planning process will consider the issues raised in the petition.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council:

- 1. Note the subject petition presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 6 October 2026;*
- 2. Include the petition as an objection to planning permit application P139/2026; and*
- 3. Acknowledge that the statutory planning process will consider the issues raised in the petition.*

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

15.1. PROPOSED LAND LEASE - BOISDALE STREET, MAFFRA

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to offer to lease Council land at the corner of Thomson and Boisdale Street, Maffra as shown in Figure 1 - Proposed Lease Area; and*
- 2. Advertise its intention to lease land to Maffra Dramatic Society at a community rental amount for a period of ten years, subject to the provisions of Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, including calling for submissions in relation to the proposed lease.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to offer to lease Council land at the corner of Thomson and Boisdale Street, Maffra as shown in Figure 1 - Proposed Lease Area; and**
- 2. Advertise its intention to lease land to Maffra Dramatic Society at a community rental amount for a period of ten years, subject to the provisions of Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, including calling for submissions in relation to the proposed lease.**

CARRIED

15.2. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS – AUGUST 2026

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

Councillor Wells declared a material conflict of interest in this item due to his connection with Sale Maffra Cricket Association in accordance with section 127 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Councillor Wells left Council Chambers at 5:38pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note this report;*
- 2. Approve the allocation of Community Assistance Grants August 2026, as detailed in the Confidential Attachment 15.2.2 - Recommendations - Community Assistance Grants - August 2026, with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications; and*

- 3. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.2.2 - Recommendations - Community Assistance Grants - August 2026, of this Council meeting agenda, is designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 6 October 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 applicants can be made public.**

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note this report;**
- 2. Approve the allocation of Community Assistance Grants August 2026, as detailed in the Confidential Attachment 15.2.2 - Recommendations - Community Assistance Grants - August 2026, with applicants being notified of the outcome of their applications; and**
- 3. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.2.2 - Recommendations - Community Assistance Grants - August 2026, of this Council meeting agenda, is designated confidential under section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 6 October 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 applicants can be made public.**

CARRIED

Councillor Wells returned to Council Chambers for the Council Meeting at 5:39pm.

The Chair announced the successful grant recipients as:

- Anglican Parish of Avon
- Sale Christmas Parade Committee
- Sale and District Junior Football Association
- Stratford on Avon Shakespeare Association
- Lions Club of Sale
- Sale Music Festival
- Port Albert Progress Association
- Maffra Business and Tourism Association
- City of Sale Eisteddfod Society Inc
- Loch Sport Business and Tourism Association
- Golden and Paradise Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Wellington Toy Library
- Gippy Rocks Inc
- The Gumboot Collective
- Sale Theatre Company
- Sale Museums and Family History Research Group Incorporated
- Tarra Festival
- The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc – North Gippsland Group
- Gormandale Mechanics Institute

- Wurruk Community House
- Rotary Club of Maffra
- Gippsland Water Dragons Inc
- RSL Loch Sport Sub Branch Inc
- Heyfield and District Vintage Machinery Group Inc
- Collegians Cricket Club Inc
- Heyfield War Memorial Hall Committee of Management Inc
- Sale Maffra Cricket Association.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Billie-Jo Thorburn, acting Manager of Facilities and Emergencies had declared a conflict of interest for the Yarram and District Adult Riding Club Inc application.

Sam Pye, Manager Built Environment completed the assessment of this application on her behalf.

5.3. CONTRACT 2027-002 GEORGE STREET DRAINAGE STAGE 2 AND 3, MAFFRA

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.3.2 - 2027-002 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - George Street Drainage Upgrade – Stage 2 and 3 - Maffra; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.3.2 - 2027-002 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - George Street Drainage Upgrade – Stage 2 and 3 - Maffra was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.3.2 - 2027-002 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - George Street Drainage Upgrade – Stage 2 and 3 - Maffra; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.3.2 - 2027-002 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - George Street Drainage Upgrade – Stage 2 and 3 - Maffra was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 Jaydo Construction Pty Ltd.

15.4. CONTRACT 2027-048 WOORARRA ROAD AND YARRAM-MORWELL ROAD LANDSLIP RECTIFICATION WORKS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.4.2 - 2027-048 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Woorarra Road and Yarram-Morwell Road Landslip Rectification Works; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.4.2 - 2027-048 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Woorarra Road and Yarram-Morwell Road Landslip Rectification Works was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.4.2 - 2027-048 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Woorarra Road and Yarram-Morwell Road Landslip Rectification Works; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 15.4.2 - 2027-048 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Woorarra Road and Yarram-Morwell Road Landslip Rectification Works was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 Ground Technique VIC Pty Ltd.

15.5. CONTRACT 2027-019 GRAVEL RE-SHEETING PROGRAM - EAST

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.5.2 - 2027-019 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program – East; and*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.5.2 - 2027-019 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - East was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.5.2 - 2027-019 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program – East; and*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.5.2 - 2027-019 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - East was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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.

15.6. CONTRACT 2027-020 GRAVEL RE-SHEETING PROGRAM - SOUTH

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.6.2 - 2027-020 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - South; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.6.2 - 2027-020 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - South was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 confidential Attachment 15.6.2 - 2027-020 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - South; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.6.2 - 2027-020 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - South was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 Riley Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

15.7. CONTRACT 2027-021 GRAVEL RE-SHEETING PROGRAM - WEST

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.7.2 - 2027-021 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - West; and*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.7.2 - 2027-021 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - West was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 confidential Attachment 15.7.2 - 2027-021 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - West; and*
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.7.2 - 2027-021 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gravel Re-sheeting Program - West was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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.

15.8. CONTRACT 2027-022 LIONS PARK, SALE PAVILLION REFURBISHMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.8.2 - 2027-022 Contract Tender Evaluation Report – Sale Lions Park Pavilion Refurbishment; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.8.2 - 2027-022 Contract Tender Evaluation Report – Sale Lions Park Pavilion Refurbishment was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 FOAT / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.8.2 - 2027-022 Contract Tender Evaluation Report – Sale Lions Park Pavilion Refurbishment; and**
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.8.2 - 2027-022 Contract Tender Evaluation Report – Sale Lions Park Pavilion Refurbishment was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 JT Custom Builders Pty Ltd.

15.9. CONTRACT 2027-017 RODGERS STREET RECONSTRUCTION YARRAM

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.9.2 - 2027-017 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Rodgers Street Reconstruction Yarram; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.9.2 - 2027-017 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Rodgers Street Reconstruction Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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 WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations contained in the confidential Attachment 15.9.2 - 2027-017 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Rodgers Street Reconstruction Yarram; and***
- 2. Note that the information contained in the confidential Attachment 15.9.2 - 2027-017 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Rodgers Street Reconstruction Yarram, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 05 October 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.

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

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

17. IN CLOSED SESSION

17.1. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

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 Third Party Agreement.*

CARRIED

IN CLOSED SESSION

This Ordinary Meeting of Council declared closed to the public at: 5:55pm.

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

The Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) David Morcom declared a conflict of interest at Item 17.2 - Chief Executive Officer Contract.

The CEO left the Council chambers at: 5:56pm.

17.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONTRACT



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 20 OCTOBER 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 CONTRACT** 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
12/10/2026

17.3. THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 20 OCTOBER 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 **THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT** 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 information being considered is private commercial information, i.e. information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that, if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

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ARTHUR SKIPITARIS
GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
12/10/2026

17.4. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR LOWE

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

CARRIED

Closed Session declared closed at: 5:58pm.