WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 4 November 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 4 November 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
Cr. Garry Stephens (Online)

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Kim Salleh, Manager Customer & Communications
Nikola Faberova, Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Chief Executive Officer, David Morcom – Apology

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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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DAVID MORCOM – Apology

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 MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 October 2026.***
2. ***Adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Unscheduled Council Meeting of 27 October 2026.***

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

1. **Adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 October 2026.**
2. **Adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Unscheduled Council Meeting of 27 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

NIL

6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR FOAT attended and acknowledged the Helping Hands Running Festival, which was held at Lake Guthridge, Sale from 6.00 am on Friday 23 October to 6.00 pm on Saturday 24 October 2026. This was the second consecutive year the event has been hosted in the community. The festival was organised and officially opened by Chris Dixon with a speech marking one week since he set the world record for the longest distance run on a treadmill over seven days.

More than 200 participants took part in a range of solo events and team relays across 36 hours of continuous running, raising funds for the Free 3D Hands charity. The event attracted strong community support, with volunteers, family members, spectators and live music contributing to a vibrant atmosphere throughout the weekend. Participants were greeted by the event's iconic bell, which was rung as they crossed the finish line.
Cr Foat acknowledged the determination and dedication of all participants, many of whom pushed themselves to complete remarkable distances, all in support of a worthy cause. Their achievements were truly inspiring.
Cr Foat congratulated the organisers on their commitment and success in delivering the event and bringing the community together for such a meaningful cause. Well done to everyone involved in making the festival a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Councillor Foat also attended the Woodside Energy Gippsland Community Dinner last week, alongside Cr Ripper, Cr Tatterson, Cr Wells, Cr Rossetti and Mayor Madeley.
The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with people from across the Gippsland community and hear firsthand about the positive impact Woodside Energy continues to have through its operations and community partnerships. Attendees gained insight into the broad scope of the organisation's work, including the significant planning and effort involved in decommissioning projects.
A highlight of the evening was hearing from Josh Neille, who shared his personal journey, outlining how the skills and experience he gained through his career helped shape his path to becoming the passionate wildlife advocate he is today. Other speakers included Heather Baird and Andrew Williamson, who spoke about their community initiatives and the positive outcomes achieved with the support of Woodside Energy. Andrew highlighted his work improving the lives of foster children through fundraising activities, including organising of Gippsland's largest Pyjama Day fundraiser.
The evening served as a timely reminder of the value of attending community events, networking with a diverse range of people and learning about the many initiatives taking place across the region. Cr Foat thanked Woodside Energy for a great evening.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER also attended and acknowledged the Helping Hands Running Festival. The event raised $256,941, bringing the two-year cumulative total to $336,000 for Free 3D Hands.
During the event, Cr Ripper had the opportunity to speak with Mat Bowtell, founder of Free 3D Hands, a charity dedicated to designing and manufacturing free assistive hands and arms for children and adults around the world. Mat shared how his mission began with a simple but powerful belief: that prosthetic and bionic devices should be affordable and accessible to everyone who needs them. He recognised that the high cost of traditional prosthetics often places them out of reach for many families, particularly for children who quickly outgrow their devices and require regular replacements. Believing that 3D printing technology could provide a solution, Mat invested approximately $5,000 in a 3D printer and software and began producing open-source prosthetic hands. Through innovation and dedication, he was able to reduce manufacturing costs dramatically, creating devices that can cost less than $1 to produce compared with traditional prosthetics that may cost up to $6,000. One particularly inspiring story involved a recipient in Japan who, after receiving a prosthetic hand through Free 3D Hands, was able to play the piano again after a decade of silence. Cr Ripper acknowledged the extraordinary impact of Mat's work, describing it as both inspirational and admirable. Through his generosity, innovation and commitment to helping others, Mat is transforming lives of people around the world.

Councillor Ripper also acknowledged Charlie Hall of Sale Field and Game who won first place in the Sub-Junior division at the 2026 Field and Game Australia National Championship held in Wodonga - Albury Field and Game grounds. The championship brought together some of Australia’s top clay targets shooters. Cr Ripper congratulated Charlie on his outstanding achievement and also acknowledged the Sale Field and Game Club for this success and its commitment to supporting and developing young talent.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY attended and acknowledged the book launch for Gentleman John: The Life of John Leslie OBE that took place on Saturday, 24 October 2026 at the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale and was also attended by Cr Ripper.
John Leslie OBE helped shape Sale’s civic and cultural life, but his most enduring passion was the arts and the Gallery he helped establish in the early 1960s. The book is a comprehensive new biography by Gallery Director Simon Gregg. The book follows John’s childhood in Sale, wartime service, years in local government, love of travel and art, and the lasting contribution he made to his community. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Port of Sale. All profits from the publication go to Gippsland Art Gallery.

Some attendees received a printed invitation that included a suggested dress code, replicated from an invitation John personally received from Buckingham Palace. This thoughtful detail added a special touch to the occasion and reflected the sense of style and courtesy, reinforcing the image of John as a true gentleman.

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 Timber Towns Victoria Annual General Meeting (AGM), which formed part of a three-day forum in Gannawarra Shire.

Some of the key discussion points focused on the red gum timber industry, which remains important to the region. Cr Bannerman noted that local mills continue to face supply challenges following the Victorian Government's closure of the native timber industry. Concerns were raised that while native timber harvesting has ceased locally, timber continues to be sourced from interstate and overseas companies, and some imported timber may not be subject to the same environmental standards and sustainable forestry practices applied in Australia.
The AGM also established the committee for the coming year, with most members continuing in their roles and one new member joining the committee.

Councillor Bannerman also provided an update on Rural Councils Victoria Committee Annual General Meeting. The key focus of the meeting was the consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements. Members also approved an increase in membership fees for rural councils that still remain substantially lower than those charged by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), at approximately one-sixth of the MAV membership cost. Discussion acknowledged the strong value delivered through the organisation's advocacy and policy work despite its limited resources.
Cr Bannerman also acknowledged the guest speaker Cr Rebecca Vonhoff, Deputy Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council, who presented on the growing demands of data centres and highlighted concerns about the use of potable drinking water for cooling computer systems. Her presentation prompted discussion about the sustainable management of water resources as demand for digital infrastructure continues to grow. The topic is particularly relevant to Wellington Shire, given the current proposal for a local data centre. Toowoomba provides a valuable case study, having hosted data centres for more than a decade, and the lessons learned there highlight important considerations around water usage, long-term planning and community impacts that should be carefully considered as similar developments are assessed in our region.

The AGM also reviewed the key learnings from recent advocacy delegations to Canberra. Members reflected on the many positive outcomes achieved through the visits. Discussions also focused on opportunities for improvement, ensuring that future delegations are even better prepared to present their priorities and advocate effectively for rural and regional communities when engaging with the Federal Government.

11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

11.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 20 October 2026.

COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Tuesday 20 October 2026.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

12.1. APPROVE PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW REPORT AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORISATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PLANNING AND BUILDING

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Approve the Attachment 12.1.1- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Report and associated Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 to meet Council's obligations under Section 12B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.***
2. ***Approve Council officers to submit the Attachment 12.1.1- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Report and associated Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Minister for Planning to report the findings of the planning scheme review under Section 12B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.***
3. ***Authorise the Manager Planning and Building to make any administrative level changes, if required, to the proposed Attachment 12.1.1- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Report that do not change the intent of the planning scheme review, prior to the information being submitted to the Minister for Planning.***
4. ***Note and consider the marked-up planning scheme ordinance and the Attachment 12.1.2- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C133well documentation.***
5. ***Authorise officers to seek Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Planning Scheme Amendment C133well and to give public notice of Attachment 12.1.2- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C133well documentation.***

6. ***Authorise the Manager Planning and Building to make any administrative level changes, if required, to the proposed Attachment 12.1.2- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C133well that do not change the intent of the planning scheme amendment, prior to the information being submitted to the Minister for Planning.***

COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. **Approve the Attachment 12.1.1- Wellington Planning Scheme Review - Report and associated Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 to meet Council's obligations under Section 12B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.**
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CARRIED

12.2. SEASONAL OUTDOOR POOLS - 2026/27 SEASON

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER CULTURE AND LEISURE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Approve the proposed operating model and season dates for the 2026/27 Outdoor Pool Season, including:***
   - ***Commencing the Maffra, Stratford and Heyfield Outdoor Pool season one week earlier, operating from 30 November to 14 March 2027.***
   - ***Retaining the existing operating model at the Maffra, Stratford and Heyfield Pools, including guaranteed daily opening hours, temperature based extended operating hours.***
   - ***Retaining the existing operating model and season dates for the Yarram Pool, operating from 23 November 2026 to 4 April 2027.***
   - ***Continuing 'Free Swim Fridays' across the seasonal pool facilities, including the Maffra, Stratford, Heyfield, Sale and Yarram Pools, in recognition of the positive community outcomes achieved over the past two seasons.***
2. ***Approve a free-entry pilot for the Rosedale Pool for the 2026/27 season, with the pool retaining its existing 10-week season, operating from 14 December 2026 to 28 February 2027, in recognition of ongoing low participation levels and to encourage increased community usage, accessibility and participation.***
3. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to implement the approved operating arrangements and undertake all required actions to prepare for and deliver the 2026/27 outdoor pool season.***

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

1. **Approve the proposed operating model and season dates for the 2026/27 Outdoor Pool Season, including:**
   - **Commencing the Maffra, Stratford and Heyfield Outdoor Pool season one week earlier, operating from 30 November to 14 March 2027.**
   - **Retaining the existing operating model at the Maffra, Stratford and Heyfield Pools, including guaranteed daily opening hours, temperature based extended operating hours.**
   - **Retaining the existing operating model and season dates for the Yarram Pool, operating from 23 November 2026 to 4 April 2027.**
   - **Continuing 'Free Swim Fridays' across the seasonal pool facilities, including the Maffra, Stratford, Heyfield, Sale and Yarram Pools, in recognition of the positive community outcomes achieved over the past two seasons.**
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3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to implement the approved operating arrangements and undertake all required actions to prepare for and deliver the 2026/27 outdoor pool season**

CARRIED

13. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

13.1. CONTRACT 2027-001 GIBSONS AND COBAINS ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION - SALE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.1.2 2027-001 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gibsons and Cobains Road Roundabout Construction- Sale; and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.1.2 2027-001 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gibsons and Cobains Road Roundabout Construction – Sale was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 5 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 FOAT

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.1.2 2027-001 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gibsons and Cobains Road Roundabout Construction- Sale; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.1.2 2027-001 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Gibsons and Cobains Road Roundabout Construction – Sale was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 5 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 Pty Ltd.

13.2. CONTRACT 2027-036 HOBSON WELLSFORD STREET ROUNDABOUT, STRATFORD

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.2.2 2027-036 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Hobson Wellsford Street Roundabout, Stratford; and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.2.2 2027- 036 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Hobson Wellsford Street Roundabout, Stratford was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 30 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 LOWE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.2.2 2027-036 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Hobson Wellsford Street Roundabout, Stratford; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.2.2 2027- 036 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Hobson Wellsford Street Roundabout, Stratford was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 30 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 Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd.

13.3. CONTRACT 2026-151 KILMANY LANDFILL CELL 4 CONSTRUCTION

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.3.2 2026–151 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Kilmany Landfill Cell 4 Construction; and***

2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.3.2 2026–151 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Kilmany Landfill Cell 4 Construction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 26 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 LOWE

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.3.2 2026–151 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Kilmany Landfill Cell 4 Construction; and**

2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.3.2 2026–151 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Kilmany Landfill Cell 4 Construction, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 26 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 McInnes Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

13.4. CONTRACT 2027-030 MAJOR CULVERT RENEWAL

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.4.2 2027–030 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Major Culvert Renewal; and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.4.2 2027–030 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Major Culvert Renewal, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 26 October 2026 Renewal 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 FOAT

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.4.2 2027–030 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Major Culvert Renewal; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.4.2 2027–030 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Major Culvert Renewal, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 26 October 2026 Renewal 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 Bryco Civil Construction Pty Ltd.

13.5. CONTRACT 2027-039 LOWER DARGO ROAD LANDSLIP RECTIFICATION WORKS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.5.2 2027–039 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Lower Dargo Road Landslip Rectification Works; and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.5.2 2027- 039 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Lower Dargo 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 RIPPER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.5.2 2027–039 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Lower Dargo Road Landslip Rectification Works; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 13.5.2 2027- 039 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Lower Dargo 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 Plunket Civil Pty Ltd.

13.6. COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Receive and note the Annual Report outlining the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for 2025/26 financial year; and***
2. ***Acknowledge the contribution made by Community Asset Committee volunteer members during the reporting period.***

COUNCILLOR WELLS / COUNCILLOR BANNERMAN

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the Annual Report outlining the activities and performance of the five Community Asset Committees for 2025/26 financial year; and**
2. **Acknowledge the contribution made by Community Asset Committee volunteer members during the reporting period.**

CARRIED

14. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

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

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

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

ONLINE COMMENTS

NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 5:39pm.

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