WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Resolutions in Brief Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 17 November 2026, commencing at 5:00 PM

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 17 November 2026.

Cr Cindy Madeley (Mayor)
Cr John Tatterson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Catherine Younger*
Cr Scott Rossetti
Cr Edward Lowe
Cr. Garry Stephens
Cr Carmel Ripper
Cr Liz Foat
Cr Geoff Wells

Renae Littlejohn, General Manager Development
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Emilie Davine, Acting General Manager Corporate Services
Kim Salleh, Manager Customer & Communications
Nikola Faberova, Corporate Governance Officer
Claudia Oswald, Communications Advisor

*Please note that Councillor Catherine Bannerman has changed her surname and will now be referred to as Councillor Catherine Younger.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY

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

1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

2.1. SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Resolve to establish an office of Deputy Mayor.***
2. ***Determine that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of a _____ year term as is reasonably practicable.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR YOUNGER

That Council:

1. **Resolve to establish an office of Deputy Mayor.**
2. **Determine that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of a one year term as is reasonably practicable.**

CARRIED

2.2. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCILLOR MADELEY was nominated by COUNCILLOR FOAT.
COUNCILLOR MADELEY accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

According to the *Local Government Act 2020*, if only one councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor _____ be elected as Mayor from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Councillor Cindy Madeley be elected as Mayor from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable.

CARRIED

The Chair congratulated Councillor Madeley to her re-appointment and invited her to assume the Chair.

COUNCILLOR MADELEY addressed Council as the newly re-elected Mayor and thanked her fellow Councillors for their trust and support. She also acknowledged the contribution of Cr Foat during her term as Deputy Mayor as it marked the Wellington Shire's first ever all female mayor and deputy mayor team. Cr Madeley also acknowledged Council's CEO, the Executive team and all council staff for their work, dedication and support.
Reflecting on the past year, Cr Madeley said it had been a privilege to represent the Wellington community through a year that required Councillors to make some difficult decisions and is grateful for collaboration and respect between councillors even they sometimes share different views and opinions.
Looking ahead, Cr Madeley said turning those community priorities into strong advocacy would be a major focus over the next 12 months as well as financial sustainability that will be an important consideration in decision making.
Cr Madeley extended a heartfelt acknowledgment to her family for their support, allowing her to take time to take on this role, understanding its importance and demands.
Lastly, Cr Madeley thanked the community she proudly calls home and represents.

2.3. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCILLOR YOUNGER was nominated by Councillor Rossetti.
Councillor Younger accepted the nomination.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON was nominated by Councillor Ripper.
Councillor Tatterson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Mayor called for a show of hands for the nominated candidates:

COUNCILLOR YOUNGER – Cr. Lowe, Cr. Younger, Cr. Rossetti – **3 votes**
COUNCILLOR TATTERSON – Cr. Foat, Cr. Ripper, Cr. Tatterson, Cr. Wells, Cr. Madeley, Cr. Stephens **– 6 votes.**

The Mayor announced an absolute majority vote in support of Councillor Tatterson for the role of Deputy Mayor and congratulated him on his appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor _____ be elected as Deputy Mayor from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Councillor Tatterson be elected as Deputy Mayor from 17 November 2026 to as close to the end of the one year term as is reasonably practicable.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON thanked his fellow Councillors for their support, and added he was looking forward to serve the community as it is a privilege to be elected as Deputy Mayor. Cr Tatterson also acknowledged Cr Foat for her previous service as Deputy Mayor and expressed his commitment to building on her achievements, and working alongside his fellow Councillors to continue the team's successful work.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

4.1. 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 4 November 2026.
COUNCILLOR LOWE / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS
That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 November 2026.
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

6. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

NIL

7. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

8. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

8.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

9. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COUNCILLOR LOWE attended and acknowledged the Donalda Motors of Maffra centenary celebrations, recognising the McDonald family's enduring commitment to Maffra. Councillor Ripper, Councillor Wells and Mayor Madeley also attended the celebrations. Founded in 1925, the McDonald family established their business in St Kilda before relocating to Maffra in 1926. Donalda Motors became known for innovation, installing the town's first petrol pump and one of the region's earliest hydraulic hoists. A century later, the business continues to keep local families, farmers and businesses moving, supplying everything from Mitsubishi vehicles and tractors to agricultural machinery and servicing.
What is particularly admirable is that Donalda Motors remains a family-owned business after three generations. The McDonald family's enduring commitment to Maffra stands as a remarkable achievement. Their contribution extends far beyond business, supporting local jobs, apprenticeships, community organisations and events across the region.
Through both prosperous and challenging times, the business has remained a trusted part of the community, serving customers with dedication and helping to strengthen the economy of Wellington Shire.
Congratulations to all members of the McDonald family, past and present, and to the dedicated staff who have contributed to the success of Donalda Motors over the past 100 years. Cr Lowe thanked them for their outstanding service to the Maffra community and the wider Wellington Shire and wished them every success for the future.

COUNCILLOR FOAT attended and acknowledged the Meerlieu Rural Fire Brigade’s 80th Anniversary celebrations, alongside Councillor Wells.
Although officially registered with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in 1946, the brigade had been operating independently prior to that time, providing vital fire protection and support to the local community. The anniversary offered an opportunity to recognise the brigade’s long-standing dedication, bravery, service and community spirit.
A highlight of the day was the display of historic CFA vehicles and memorabilia, showcasing the evolution of the brigade’s firefighting equipment and trucks over the decades and celebrating the rich history of the organisation.
Several members were recognised for their outstanding service. Gerrard Deery and Rory Blandford were awarded CFA Life Memberships, while the special Meerlieu Life Membership Award was presented to Don Love, Michael Holland and Rory Blandford in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the brigade and community.
Councillor Foat congratulated all award recipients on their well-deserved achievements. She made special mention of Rory Blandford, who joined the CFA as a 16-year-old and has devoted 60 years of service to the organisation, including two separate terms as Meerlieu CFA Captain totalling 36 years.
Councillor Foat also acknowledged the efforts of current Captain James Blandford, who coordinated the anniversary event and undertook extensive research into the brigade’s

history. His work helped bring the brigade's story to life and ensured past and present volunteers were recognised for their contributions.
The strong attendance at the celebrations reflected the high regard in which the brigade is held and demonstrated the important role it continues to play within the Meerlieu community.
Councillor Foat congratulated all members, past and present, and thanked them for their ongoing commitment to keeping the community safe. She also thanked Briagolong CFA for providing the catering.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER attended and acknowledged the recent Valencia Creek Centenary Celebrations that took place over two days from Saturday 14 November to Sunday 15 November 2026, marking 100 years of the Valencia Soldiers Memorial Hall and 101 years of the Valencia Creek Fire Brigade.
She also attended the launch of the Valencia history book called *Wa de Lock Valencia* by local author Rob Christie.
Cr Ripper acknowledged the significant contribution local communities make in maintaining and preserving halls across the Shire. The strong attendance at the event reflected the important role these halls continue to play as gathering places and community hubs.
She also recognised the dedication of committee members who worked tirelessly to prepare for the centenary celebrations. Their efforts in researching local history, collecting maps, memorabilia, documents, photographs and community records helped tell the story of the hall's development over the years and preserve its legacy for future generations.
Cr Ripper thanked all those involved for their commitment to documenting the hall's history and ensuring the contributions of past and present community members are remembered and celebrated.
Cr Ripper noted that communities are incredibly grateful for Council's support in helping preserve and maintain these important local legacies.
Both events provided an opportunity to recognise the many volunteers and community members for their contributions.
Councillor Ripper acknowledged the families of CFA volunteers, recognising the sacrifices they make when their loved ones respond to emergencies. She thanked them for their ongoing support, understanding and contribution to the vital work of the CFA.

10. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

10.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

11. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: MAYOR CINDY MADELEY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for October 2026.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR YOUNGER

That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted for October 2026.

CARRIED

12. DELEGATES REPORT

COUNCILLOR YOUNGER provided an update on the Star of the South Community Advisory Group meeting held on 5 November 2026. The group welcomed a new representative from the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC).
A presentation by Chris Wightman on the shared Wellington and South Gippsland Energy Readiness Plan was also included on the agenda.
The group received an update on the progress of both the Australian Government's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and the Victorian Government's Environment Effects Statement (EES) process.

13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORT

ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR FOAT/ COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

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

CARRIED

14. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

14.1. YOUTH COUNCIL MAYOR'S REPORT - THIRD QUARTER

ACTION OFFICER: YOUTH MAYOR, SIENNA D'ARCY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council receive and note the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

CARRIED

15. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

15.1. RECORD OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER GOVERNANCE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Wednesday 4 November 2026.

COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR LOWE

That Council receive and note the attached Council Workshop records for Wednesday 4 November 2026.

CARRIED

15.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Receive and note the Minutes of the Remuneration Committee held on 4 November 2026 as attached; and***
2. ***Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 November 2026 as detailed in the Attachment 15.2.1 - Remuneration Committee - Minutes - 4 November 2026.***

COUNCILLOR YOUNGER / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the Minutes of the Remuneration Committee held on 4 November 2026 as attached; and**
2. **Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 November 2026 as detailed in the Attachment 15.2.1 - Remuneration Committee - Minutes - 4 November 2026.**

CARRIED

16. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

16.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 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 September and 30 September 2026.

COUNCILLOR FOAT / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

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

CARRIED

17. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

17.1. ROAD EXCHANGES AND ROAD DECLARATION ALONG GIFFARD ROAD, DARRIMAN

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Pursuant to Section 206 including Clause 2 of Schedule 10 and Section 207A of the Local Government Act 1989, resolve to advertise its intention to undertake a series of road exchanges by deviating several sections of unused Government Road over the current alignment of Giffard Road, Darriman traversing through Crown Portion 1, Section A; Crown Allotment 11, Section 6; Crown Allotment 18, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5B, 5C & 5D, Section 2: Crown Allotment 14 Section 3; Crown Allotment 17, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5 & 5A, Section 2 and Crown Allotment 18A Section 6 in the Parish of Darriman;***
2. ***Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, resolve to declare the sections of Giffard Road, Darriman traversing through Crown Portion 1, Section A; Crown Allotment 11, Section 6; Crown Allotment 18, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5B, 5C & 5D, Section 2: Crown Allotment 14 Section 3; Crown Allotment 17, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5 & 5A, Section 2, Crown Allotment 18A Section 6 and Lot 1 TP854012 in the Parish of Darriman as a public highway;***
3. ***Place a public notice of the proposed road exchanges and road declaration in a local newspaper and serve a copy of the notice on statutory authorities;***
4. ***Appoint three Councillors, Cr_____, Cr _____, Cr _____, plus an alternative representative Cr _____ to form the 'Giffard Road Exchange Committee' that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider written submissions and to hear any persons who in their written***

submission under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, have requested to be heard in support of their submission; and

5. ***In the event that there are no submissions, resolve to place a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any documents to facilitate the road exchanges and road declaration.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON

That Council:

1. **Pursuant to Section 206 including Clause 2 of Schedule 10 and Section 207A of the Local Government Act 1989, resolve to advertise its intention to undertake a series of road exchanges by deviating several sections of unused Government Road over the current alignment of Giffard Road, Darriman traversing through Crown Portion 1, Section A; Crown Allotment 11, Section 6; Crown Allotment 18, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5B, 5C & 5D, Section 2: Crown Allotment 14 Section 3; Crown Allotment 17, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5 & 5A, Section 2 and Crown Allotment 18A Section 6 in the Parish of Darriman;**
2. **Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, resolve to declare the sections of Giffard Road, Darriman traversing through Crown Portion 1, Section A; Crown Allotment 11, Section 6; Crown Allotment 18, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5B, 5C & 5D, Section 2: Crown Allotment 14 Section 3; Crown Allotment 17, Section 6; Crown Allotments 5 & 5A, Section 2, Crown Allotment 18A Section 6 and Lot 1 TP854012 in the Parish of Darriman as a public highway;**
3. **Place a public notice of the proposed road exchanges and road declaration in a local newspaper and serve a copy of the notice on statutory authorities;**
4. **Appoint three Councillors, Cr Madeley, Cr Younger, Cr Stephens, plus an alternative representative Cr Tatterson to form the 'Giffard Road Exchange Committee' that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider written submissions and to hear any persons who in their written submission under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, have requested to be heard in support of their submission; and**
5. **In the event that there are no submissions, resolve to place a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any documents to facilitate the road exchanges and road declaration.**

CARRIED

17.2. ROAD DISCONTINUANCE – UNUSED ROAD, GORMANDALE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Pursuant to Section 206 including Clause 3 of Schedule 10, Section 207A and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve to advertise its intention to discontinue a road, being part of Road R1 on LP 4930, within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve; and***

2. ***Council place a notice of the proposed discontinuance of a road that is within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve, in the local newspaper and serve a copy of the notice on statutory authorities; and***

3. ***Council appoint three Councillors, Cr_____, Cr _____, Cr _____, plus an alternative representative Cr _____ to form the 'Gormandale Unused Road Discontinuance Committee' that is established by Council under Section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submission under section 223 of the Act have requested to be heard in support of their submission/objection; and***

4. ***In the event of no objections, Council resolve to discontinue a road, being Part of Road R1 on LP 4930, within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve and place a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette and lodge a title plan to this effect with Land Use Victoria; and***

5. ***Pursuant to Section 116 of the Local Government Act 2020 resolve to transfer the discontinued road to the Crown and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any documents to facilitate the transfer of the land.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR FOAT

That Council:

1. **Pursuant to Section 206 including Clause 3 of Schedule 10, Section 207A and Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolve to advertise its intention to discontinue a road, being part of Road R1 on LP 4930, within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve; and**

2. **Council place a notice of the proposed discontinuance of a road that is within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve, in the local newspaper and serve a copy of the notice on statutory authorities; and**

3. **Council appoint three Councillors, Cr Madeley, Cr Stephens, Cr Younger, plus an alternative representative Cr Tatterson to form the 'Gormandale Unused Road Discontinuance Committee' that is established by Council under Section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submission under section 223 of the Act have requested to be heard in support of their submission/objection; and**

4. **In the event of no objections, Council resolve to discontinue a road, being Part of Road R1 on LP 4930, within the Gormandale Recreation Reserve and**

place a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette and lodge a title plan to this effect with Land Use Victoria; and

5. **Pursuant to Section 116 of the Local Government Act 2020 resolve to transfer the discontinued road to the Crown and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal any documents to facilitate the transfer of the land.**

CARRIED

17.3. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT LOCH SPORT FORESHORE

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 agree to be appointed the Committee of Management over three areas along the Loch Sport Foreshore, known as:***
    a. ***Charlies Street Carpark and Foreshore Area;***
    b. ***Seagull Avenue Carpark Area; and***
    c. ***The Boulevard Carpark Area; and***
2. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and/or seal any documents to facilitate the appointment of Council as the Committee of Management for the three areas nominated along the Loch Sport Foreshore.***

COUNCILLOR YOUNGER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council:

1. **Pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 agree to be appointed the Committee of Management over three areas along the Loch Sport Foreshore, known as:**
    a. **Charlies Street Carpark and Foreshore Area;**
    b. **Seagull Avenue Carpark Area; and**
    c. **The Boulevard Carpark Area; and**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and/or seal any documents to facilitate the appointment of Council as the Committee of Management for the three areas nominated along the Loch Sport Foreshore.**

CARRIED

17.4. CONTRACT 2027-032 WELLINGTON POUND FACILITY UPGRADE

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 17.4.2 - 2027-032 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wellington Pound Facility Upgrade; and***
2. ***Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 17.4.2 2027-032 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wellington Pound Facility Upgrade, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 6 November 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, namely (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 YOUNGER

That Council:

1. **Adopt the recommendations contained in the Confidential Attachment 17.4.2 - 2027-032 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wellington Pound Facility Upgrade; and**
2. **Note that the information contained in the Confidential Attachment 17.4.2 2027-032 Contract Tender Evaluation Report - Wellington Pound Facility Upgrade, was designated confidential by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 6 November 2026 because it contains confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, namely (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 Building Club Pty Ltd.

18. 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

CLINT GARTUNG – Clint submitted the comment about natural waterways being used as stormwater drainage for new developments. Mr Gartung stated that this practice is contributing to environmental impacts on downstream properties and expressed concern that development occurring in the Lee and Hobson Streets area of Stratford has adversely affected their properties. He also further indicated that the impacts on existing residents had not been adequately considered during the development process.

The CEO advised that a written response will be provided to Mr Gartung.

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 5:49pm.

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