



WELLINGTON

SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Resolutions In Brief

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda
6 November 2019**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Alan Hall (Mayor)
Gayle Maher (Deputy Mayor)
Ian Bye
Carolyn Crossley
Malcolm Hole
Darren McCubbin
Carmel Ripper
Scott Rossetti
Garry Stephens

IN ATTENDANCE

Arthur Skipitaris	- General Manager Corporate Services
John Websdale	- General Manager Development
Chris Hastie	- General Manager Built & Natural Environment
Karen McLennan	- Acting General Manager Community & Culture
Denise Teo	- Governance Officer
Wendy Reeves	- Coordinator Communications and Media

APOLOGIES

Sharon Houlihan, General Manager Community & Culture

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ITEM AA1**APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY CHAIR****OBJECTIVE**

To appoint a temporary chair for the Council meeting prior to the election of a Mayor.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Councillor Crossley be appointed as Temporary Chair for this Council Meeting prior to the election of a Mayor.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI/COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Councillor Crossley be appointed as Temporary Chair for this Council Meeting prior to the election of a Mayor.

CARRIED

Councillor Rossetti nominated Councillor Crossley as Temporary Chair.

ITEM AA2 ELECTION OF MAYOR**OBJECTIVE**

For Council to elect a Councillor to be Mayor at a meeting that is open to the public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Councillor Hall be elected as Mayor for the 2019/2020 period to 6am Saturday 24th October 2020, the commencement of the Victorian Electoral Commission's declared 2020 Local Government election day.

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Councillor Hall be elected as Mayor for the 2019/2020 period to 6am Saturday 24th October 2020, the commencement of the Victorian Electoral Commission's declared 2020 Local Government election day.

CARRIED

ITEM AA3**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor Maher be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/2020 period to 6am Saturday 24th October 2020, the commencement of the Victorian Electoral Commission's declared 2020 Local Government election day.

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY/COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Councillor Maher be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2019/2020 period to 6am Saturday 24th October 2020, the commencement of the Victorian Electoral Commission's declared 2020 Local Government election day.

CARRIED

ITEM A4**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S****OBJECTIVE**

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2019.

COUNCILLOR BYE/COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 15 October 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM A5**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S**

NIL

ITEM A6**ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

NIL

ITEM A7**NOTICE/S OF MOTION**

NIL

ITEM A8**RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS**

NIL

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Leaf debris from deciduous trees on Desailly Street, Sale	15 October 2019	The petition is currently being reviewed and a response will be provided at the Council Meeting on 19 November 2019.	Manager of Natural Environment and Parks

ITEM A9**INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

NIL

ITEM A10(1)**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

At the 6 November 2019 Council Meeting, Councillor Maher asked the following Question on Notice:

COUNCILLOR MAHER

There are currently signs warning of footpath hazards around the Alberton township. Can the CEO inform the Council about whether there are proposed works to be undertaken to address the footpath hazards, what is the proposed timeline to complete these works and have Alberton residents been notified?

The CEO advised that Council takes the question on notice and will provide a response at the next Council meeting being 19 November 2019.

ITEM B**DELEGATES**

Councillor Hole

- State Conference, Melbourne – first week of November 2019
 - Strong focus of the conference was on all facets of waste and recycling and how Councils can work with their communities
 - Minister for Local Government addressed the conference confirming that the revised *Local Government Act* will come into effect 1 January 2020 with a number of important changes for Councils
- AusTimber 2020 Dinner, Traralgon – 24 October 2019
 - Wellington Shire received positive feedback from the organisers in relation to our participation
 - Areas of vulnerability identified as being the train services into and accommodation within Gippsland which are considered to be insufficient to visitors to the region compared to similar services offered in other states and internationally
- Youth Forestry Conference, Morwell – 23 October 2019
 - Excellent turn out from Gippsland youth during the school holidays at the symposium
 - Discussions focused on all facets from protection to industries reliant on forestry
- MAV awarded a 10 Year Service Award to Councillor Crossley

ITEM C2.1**ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS****OBJECTIVE**

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 9 October 2019 to 30 October 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 October 2019 to 30 October 2019.

COUNCILLOR BYE/COUNCILLOR MAHER

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 October 2019 to 30 October 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.2**REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- 1. Council note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 as attached; and**
- 2. Council endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 as detailed in the attached minutes.**

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Council note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 as attached; and**
- 2. Council endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 October 2019 as detailed in the attached minutes.**

CARRIED

ITEM C3.1

DROUGHT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR FARMERS

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is to seek Council authorisation to:

1. allocate the Victorian Government's Local Government Service Support Payment to rate relief for all farm property assessments classified in Council's rating system subject to receiving formal funding agreements from the State Government; and
2. allocate a portion of the Wellington Shire Council Drought Support Initiative Fund towards the Gippsland Agriculture Research farm demonstration site.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. ***Allocate the Victorian Government's Service Support Payment of \$3,310,000 for drought affected farmers in Wellington Shire to rate relief for all farm property assessments classified in Council's rating system as farm properties at 1 July 2019, on a proportional basis, based on the applicable 2019/20 farm vacant or improved rates raised at 1 July 2019, excluding any Waste infrastructure charges, garbage collection charges, EPA levy or Fire services Levies, subject to receipt of a formal funding agreement from the State Government.***
2. ***Allocate \$40,000 from Council's \$1M Drought Support Initiative Fund towards the Gippsland Agriculture Research Farm demonstration site to improve farm management locally and increase the capacity of local farmers to adapt to dry conditions.***

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI/COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council;

1. ***Allocate the Victorian Government's Service Support Payment of \$3,310,000 for drought affected farmers in Wellington Shire to rate relief for all farm property assessments classified in Council's rating system as farm properties at 1 July 2019, on a proportional basis, based on the applicable 2019/20 farm vacant or improved rates raised at 1 July 2019, excluding any Waste infrastructure charges, garbage collection charges, EPA levy or Fire services Levies, subject to receipt of a formal funding agreement from the State Government.***
2. ***Allocate \$40,000 from Council's \$1M Drought Support Initiative Fund towards the Gippsland Agriculture Research Farm demonstration site to improve farm management locally and increase the capacity of local farmers to adapt to dry conditions.***

CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for kerb and channel renewal works in Heyfield, Sale and Stratford.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.1 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-005 Kerb and Channel Renewal Program; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 23 September 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR BYE

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.1 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-005 Kerb and Channel Renewal Program; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.1 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 23 September 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

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

ITEM C4.2

FOOTPATH RENEWAL WORKS

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for footpath renewal works across urban areas.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.2 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-004 Footpath Renewal Works; and*
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.2 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 23 September 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

COUNCILLOR MAHER/COUNCILLOR BYE

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.2 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-004 Footpath Renewal Works; and*
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.2 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 23 September 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Contula Constructions Pty Ltd.

ITEM C4.3

STOCKDALE ROAD INTERSECTION SAFETY UPGRADES: BRIAGOLONG-STOCKDALE ROAD AND BEVERLEYS ROAD, STOCKDALE

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the reconstruction of the two intersections of Briagolong-Stockdale Road with Stockdale Road and Beverleys Road with Stockdale Road, Stockdale.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.3 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-031 Stockdale Road Intersection Safety Upgrades: Briagolong-Stockdale and Beverleys Road; and*
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.3 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 24 October 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

COUNCILLOR RIPPER/COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.3 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-031 Stockdale Road Intersection Safety Upgrades: Briagolong-Stockdale and Beverleys Road; and*
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.3 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 24 October 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as East Gippsland Road Maintenance Pty Ltd.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the reconstruction and sealing of Balloong Road, Woodside.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.4 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-018 Balloong Road Woodside Reconstruction and Sealing; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.4 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 6 November 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS/COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.4 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-018 Balloong Road Woodside Reconstruction and Sealing; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.4 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 6 November 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as QR Construction Pty Ltd.

ITEM C4.5**URBAN STREET ASPHALT RESHEETING****OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the annual urban street asphalt resheeting program that is to be conducted in Maffra, Sale, Stratford, Wurruk and Yarram.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.5 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-022 Urban Street Asphalt Resheeting; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.5 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 24 October 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN/COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That:

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report at Item F1.5 of the Council Meeting Agenda for contract 2020-022 Urban Street Asphalt Resheeting; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential document Item F1.5 of this Council Meeting and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Built & Natural Environment on 24 October 2019 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: c) Contractual matters be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

CARRIED

The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as Cranes Asphaltting & Bitumen Sealing Pty Ltd.

ITEM C5.1**GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

To receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 2 September 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 2 September 2019.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI/COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 2 September 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.2**GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

COUNCILLOR HOLE/COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.3**BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meetings held on 14 August 2019 and 9 September 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meetings held on 14 August 2019 and 9 September 2019.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER/COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meetings held on 14 August 2019 and 9 September 2019.

CARRIED

ITEM C5.4**MAFFRA RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

COUNCILLOR RIPPER/COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council receive the minutes from the Maffra Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 2 September 2019.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**ITEM D****URGENT BUSINESS**

NIL

ITEM E**FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS**

CHAT ROOM – NIL

GALLERY COMMENTS –

Maurice Shanley, Sale: Incorrect rates valuation notices and request for implementation of tip vouchers

- Believes that the valuation process is unfair and that it is calculated from an average of all properties of his street,

some of which are significantly improved resulting in a higher valuation.

- Contested previous notices and received a reduction so is following the same process for another reduction – believes the whole process needs to be reviewed so ratepayers do not have to seek review and reductions.
- Requested the implementation of tip vouchers as he believes these fees are covered under rates paid. Councillor McCubbin responded on the matter that the User Pays system that is in place is equitable and fair.

Meeting declared closed at: 3:55pm

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