



Council Meeting Agenda

**Meeting to be held at
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Tuesday 1 September 2015, commencing at 1pm

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL –1 SEPTEMBER 2015

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A - PROCEDURAL



STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

***“We acknowledge the traditional custodians
of this land the Gunaikurnai people,
and pay respects to their elders past and present”***



PRAYER

***“Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the Wellington
Shire Council, its Councillors, officers, staff and their families.
We pray for your guidance in our decisions so that the
true good of the Wellington Shire Council may result to
the benefit of all residents and community groups.”***

Amen



A - PROCEDURAL

A4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

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

ACTION OFFICER:

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 August 2015.

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

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 August 2015 as tabled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.



A - PROCEDURAL

A5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

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

ACTION OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE:

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Nil			



A - PROCEDURAL

A6 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS



A - PROCEDURAL

A7 NOTICE/S OF MOTION



A - PROCEDURAL

A8 RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ACTION OFFICER

GOVERNANCE

DATE:

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Cease drumming at property from Paradise Beach.	19 May 2015	That the motion lay on the table until the meeting of July 21 or until mediation can take place	Manager Municipal Services
Objection to the proposed Wellington Shire Council tree planting scheme for Powerscourt Street Maffra.	7 July 2015	Report to Council 1 September 2015	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
Kerbside Garbage Service Anderson Court Myrtlebank.	21 July 2015	Report to Council 1 September 2015	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
Restoration of Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road, Willung.	18 August 2015	Report to Council 15 September 2015	Manager Built Environment

ITEM A8(2)**RESPONSE TO PETITION: CEASE DRUMMING FROM PROPERTY IN PARADISE BEACH**

DIVISION: DEVELOPMENT
 ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER MUNICIPAL SERVICES
 DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
	✓			✓	✓				

OBJECTIVE

To reconsider and respond to the petition received by Council at its meeting of 19 May 2015, in relation to drumming noise at a property in Paradise Beach.

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

That Council write to the head petitioner confirming that it supports a formal mediation process where the concern of all parties can be addressed, and until that mediation process is conducted in good faith, no further investigation into this matter will be undertaken by Council.

BACKGROUND

Council received a petition at its meeting of 19 May 2015 requesting that the drumming noise at a property located at Paradise Beach cease. In response to this petition, Officers prepared a report that was presented to the Council Meeting of 21 July 2015 that included the following background information.

This matter has been the subject on ongoing complaints that date back to September 2013. Council's Environmental Health Officers have conducted numerous site inspections, met with the concerned neighbors and held interviews with the occupiers of the subject property. Officers have also met with local real-estate agents in an attempt to get a broader perspective on the concerns being raised.

As a result of these ongoing inquiries, Council Officers were able to get the occupier to install some acoustic barriers in the shed where the drumming occurs. Utilising the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1970*, officers were also able to establish a schedule as to when drumming can be conducted at the property. This schedule is outlined in the table below.

Time	Session	Duration	Time Permitted
Monday to Thursday	Single	30 minutes	4.00pm -5.30pm
Friday	Single	45 minutes	4.00pm – 6.30pm
Saturday	Two	30 minutes	10.00am – 6.00pm
Sunday	Single	30 minutes	11.00am – 4.00pm

The report provided the following recommendation:

“That Council writes to the head petitioner confirming that further investigation will be undertaken, and if it is found that drumming is occurring outside the agreed schedule outlined within this report, issues notices under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1970 to cease drumming on a permanent basis”.

Before this report was considered by Council, a number of residents who supported the petition spoke of their concerns as did the Aboriginal Legal Services who was there representing the property owner of the subject property.

The Aboriginal Legal Services in making their presentation stated that the property owner wished to work with their neighbours in an attempt to find an amicable solution to the issues being raised and that this could be best achieved through a formal mediation process. As a result, the following motion was supported:

“that the motion lay on the table until the Council meeting of July 21 or until mediation could take place”.

At the conclusion of the 16 June Council Meeting, it appeared that all parties were supportive of the outcome and would work through their concerns via mediation.

Since that time, Council officers have been in regular contact with the head petitioner and the mediation service provider, and it appears that the head petition is no longer willing to participate in the mediation process and is wanting Council to enforce the drumming times outlined in the original schedule.

Council has the following options:

1. That Council write to the head petitioner confirming that it supports a formal mediation process where the concern of all parties can be addressed, and until that mediation process is conducted in good faith, no further investigation into this matter will be undertaken by Council; or
2. That Council writes to the head petitioner confirming that further investigation will be undertaken, and if it is found that drumming is occurring outside the schedule outlined within this report, issue notices under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1970* to cease drumming on a permanent basis.

PROPOSAL

That Council write to the head petitioner confirming that it supports a formal mediation process where the concern of all parties can be addressed, and until that mediation process is conducted in good faith, no further investigation into this matter will be undertaken by Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Staff and/or Contractors involved in the compilation of this Report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

Council Officers have been in ongoing communication with all parties and will continue to monitor the situation.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-2017 Theme 7 Community Wellbeing states the following strategic objective and related strategy.

Strategic Objective

Enhance health and wellbeing for the whole community

Strategy 7.7

Work in partnerships to provide leadership and strategic direction on issues or risks relating to community safety.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Matters such as this can have a significant impact on staff resources and priorities, as without being present when the alleged noise occurs, it can be difficult to manage a successful outcome.

However implementing the recommendation to this report can be undertaken within existing allocated resources.

ITEM A8(3)**RESPONSE TO PETITION: TREE PLANTING POWERSCOURT STREET MAFFRA**

DIVISION: BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & PARKS
DATE: 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

OBJECTIVE

To consider and respond to the petition received by Council at its meeting of 7 July 2015, in relation to Wellington Shire Council's proposed replacement of trees in Powerscourt Street Maffra.

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

That:

- 1. Council not support the petition for alternate tree planting species in Powerscourt Street, Maffra; and***
- 2. Council authorise planting of the species most voted for in the residents survey of Powerscourt Street (Eucalyptus sideroxylon – Ironbark) which was conducted in May and June 2015; and***
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer write to the head petitioner to advise them of Council's decision in relation to this matter.***

BACKGROUND

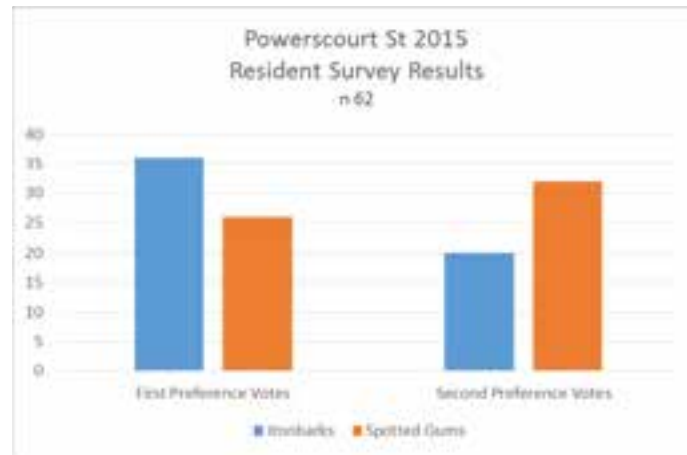
Council received a petition at its meeting of 7 July 2015 objecting to the proposed tree-planting scheme for Powerscourt Street Maffra.

The original 1920s avenue of Silky Oaks (*Grevillea robusta*) was in significant decline and replaced starting in 2009 by *Zelkova serrata* (a species chosen by resident ballot from a choice of five species).

The Zelkova were slow to establish and generally did not perform well. Efforts to improve their performance failed and a decision was made to replace this species. A range of potential replacement species was workshopped with Council in April 2015. The key factors in determining suitable species were:

- Very high and demonstrated likelihood of success
- Potential to create a significant avenue in scale with the width and long linear nature of the road reserve
- Life expectancy on this site greater than 50 years
- Uniformity (important for long avenues)
- Maintenance requirements
- Availability

Subsequent to the workshop, residents were given the choice of voting for one of two recommended species (Ironbark - *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* and Spotted Gums – *Corymbia maculata*). Council received 67 responses from the 154 delivered, giving a response rate of 43%. Sixty percent of the respondents had a first preference for the Ironbark. Five responses were received that stated a preference for neither of the options.



The petition submitted contained 78 signatures representing 54 unique Powerscourt Street addresses (35%).

Issues raised by the petitioners were mainly expressing that they did not want 'gum trees', a few cited safety concerns and the existence of power lines. The head petitioner also sent out a questionnaire to some residents asking what species they would like to see; he noted he received few responses.

Council officers discussed the petition with the head petitioner and met him on site to discuss what he considered should be planted. Officers and the head petitioner drove around Maffra looking at various options and discussed his preferences and the range of issues that need to be considered when selecting suitable species. The head petitioner provided a list of what he considered suitable species.

Table 1 analyses and summarises the relative strengths and weaknesses of the two trees offered by Council to residents and the 11 alternatives offered by the petitioner and their rankings.

- Ten of the eleven species suggested by the head petitioner are very small in scale, often both in height and width and hence not suitable to create an avenue effect in such a large scaled street (road reserve is 40m wide) with the road seal occupying only six metres. Power lines are well set back and clearances are not a significant consideration for most potential species on the site.
- Site/Soil suitability reflects the confidence in the likelihood of the various species performing well. This is medium or low for most of the petitioner species, with the exception of the upright olive (although the same cultivar has been very slow to establish in Heyfield and Sale) and is too small to achieve stated aims.
- Uniformity is an issue for many of the species with disparate growth being the norm for many of the species and uniformity is an important aspect for such a long linear street and key entry point to Maffra.
- Maintenance of many of the suggested species is problematic; with many being large shrubs that will require frequent pruning, formative for structure and lifting for sight visibility and many are short lived.

- Local experience is a measure of how well the particular species performs both in the immediate area and more broadly within the landscape. Some species such as *Acer* 'Bowhall' are an unknown quantity, as they have not been grown in the area; many of the others are widely grown in both Maffra and the wider shire.
- Availability is a measure of how readily a species is available in the trade in the number, size and quality required for the project. Most of the species should be available although it is unlikely most would be readily available in the volume, size and quality required and may be needed to be sourced over several years.

The most significant issue is scale. Given the width and length of the street and size of the nature-strip, significant trees are required to have the desired impact on the landscape. Many of the suggested trees will not achieve the critical criteria.

Table 1

Species	Common Name	Scale Suitability	Site/Soil Suitability	Uniformity	Maintenance Requirements	Local Experience	Availability	Total Score	Rank
<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Spotted Gum	5	5	4	4	5	4	27	1
<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>	Iron Bark	5	4	3	3	4	3	22	2
<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Brush Box	4	3	4	4	3	3	21	3
<i>Pyrus</i> 'Chanticleer'	Upright Ornamental Pear	1	2	4	4	2	5	18	4
<i>Olea europaea</i> 'Tolleys Upright'	Upright Olive	1	4	4	3	2	3	17	5
<i>Gleditsia</i> 'Sunburst'	Golden Honey Locust	1	2	3	3	2	4	15	6
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Natchez'	Crepe Myrtle	1	1	3	3	1	4	13	7
<i>Callistemon</i> 'Hannah Ray'	Bottlebrush Hannah Ray	1	2	3	2	2	2	12	8
<i>Gleditsia</i> 'Elegantissima'	Elegantissima Honey Locust	1	2	3	2	1	3	12	8
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Pistachio	1	3	2	2	2	2	12	8
<i>Callistemon</i> 'Kings Park Special'	KPS Bottlebrush	1	2	2	2	1	3	11	9
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Bowhall'	Bowhall Red Maple	1	1	4	1	1	2	10	10
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> 'Endeavour'	Bottlebrush Endeavour	1	1	2	1	1	1	7	11

5 - Excellent

4 - Very good

3 - Good

2 - Average

1 - Poor or data not available

Note: Officers sought the views of Dr Greg Moore, a Melbourne University lecturer of international renown, to provide an independent expert opinion on the species contained within Table 1. Dr Moore's comments are included in Attachment A.

OPTIONS

That:

1. Council not support with the petition request for alternative species and authorise officers to plant the species most voted for by residents who responded to the survey (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon* – Ironbark) and inform the head petitioner and the residents of Powerscourt Street of Council's decision; or
2. Council support with the petition, request another species; or
3. Not undertake planting at this time.

PROPOSAL

That:

1. Council not support to the petition request for alternative tree planting species; or.
2. Council authorise planting of the species most voted for; or
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise the head petitioner of the decision of Council; or
4. Officers, before any further action is taken, communicate the decision of Council and the detail and timing of works to residents of Powerscourt Street.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Budget provision is allowed for in the forward program for tree planting.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

Several Council Strategies and Plans identify the need to create liveable towns and the economic, environmental, psychological and physiological value of high quality landscapes and more specifically street trees.

- Wellington 2030 identifies under its Liveability theme that Wellington will 'Beautify our streetscape and town entrances'.
- The 2014-2024 Public Open Space Plan identifies the importance of creating resilient landscapes that improve the liveability of townships and specifically identifies the need for town entrance beautification and to provide a sense of place and creation of local identity, to improve canopy cover and that large trees offer more benefits and reduced costs than small trees.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-2017 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategies:

Strategic Objective

"Assets and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs."

Strategy 4.1

"Undertake service delivery planning to provide community assets in response to identified needs."

Strategy 4.2

"Ensure assets are managed, maintained and renewed to meet service needs."

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The proposal can be undertaken within existing allocated resources.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The project will assist in improving liveability in the Shire by contributing to a range of objectives as stated in various Council Plans & Strategies. Specifically this project will improve the liveability of the areas for Powerscourt Street residents and significantly improve the aesthetic value of this town entry.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Planting of *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* (Ironbark) will enhance the environment by improving street amenity, providing shaded streets, increasing urban habitat and biodiversity and over time reduce stormwater flows.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Officers initially discussed the matter on the phone with the head petitioner. Subsequently 2 officers met on site with him and inspected the Maffra area discussing possible alternate species. The petitioner then submitted a list of species for evaluation against the desired outcomes. (Table 1)

Based on Council's direction officers will produce an information brochure to be delivered to residents reiterating the vision for the streetscape and informing them of Council's decision. The brochure will include photos of the selected species and proposed timing of works.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

Officers have prepared a colour brochure (Attachment B) to inform residents of the decision of Council, the reasons for that decision, a mock-up of what the street will look like in the future and the timing of proposed works. Should Council adopt the recommendations contained within this report then the brochure will be hand delivered to Powerscourt residents within a week of council's decision. In addition, copies will also be made available to the newly formed Maffra Tourism and Business Association and to other community members through local businesses in Maffra, with a digital version available for download from the Council website.

(Attachment A)

Hello Tim,

I would agree with whoever wrote the council report that most of the species listed are not large enough to fulfil the role expected of street trees. They are street shrubs for the most part and will not give a sense of scale nor the shade required in summer in a streetscape. Some would also struggle in the tough street environment while capable of doing well in a garden context.

Neither the *C maculata* nor the *E tricarpa (sideroxylon)* are inappropriate choices. The *E tricarpa (sideroxylon)* would do well in your location and if formatively pruned when young can be a really nice, low maintenance tree. They do not get to a great height, but are big enough to provide a proper sense of scale and shade and shelter as a street tree. They also have number of habitat/wildlife values. If I was in your location and considering *C maculata*, I would use the Mottle Range variety, sometimes called C henryi. It is a Victorian population of the species and tends to be lower growing with a spreading canopy and is less likely to develop co-dominant stems. Again I would recommend formative pruning from the time of planting to minimize future maintenance

I think those giving advice to your council have given impartial and professional advice.

I hope that this assist.

Best wishes

Greg Moore

By 2030 Powerscourt Street will have become one of Wellington's most attractive avenues.

The trees are expected to take around 40 years to reach maturity.

During the first few years, Council staff will inspect, prune and shape the new trees to help them develop strong structures to encourage long, healthy lives.

IRONBARK FAST FACTS (*Eucalyptus tricarpa*)

- Height around 20m, width 8 to 15m
- Local to Victoria and southern New South Wales
 - Low maintenance and low mess
 - Fire resistant furrowed bark
 - High drought and frost tolerance
 - Pink/white blossom in autumn
 - Live for over 100 years



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TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Powerscourt Street, Maffra



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In autumn 2016 Wellington Shire Council will plant around 200 Ironbark trees along Powerscourt Street, Maffra.

Tree decisions are ones that spark debate. Everyone has different ideas. We work hard to find balance between expert knowledge and community expectations.

When selecting trees, we take into account a wide range of factors; including the desired final result when the trees reach maturity; the diverse nature of the local environment including rainfall and soil types; and the local community's preference and needs.

Maffra's community has long identified a preference that Powerscourt Street has a uniform avenue of tall trees; all the same age, height and species to ensure an impressive visual impact. We have worked with the community over several years to establish a new formal tree planting and have considered all of the feedback received to ensure the best outcome.

Tree decisions are ones that spark debate. Everyone has different ideas. We work hard to find balance between expert knowledge and community expectations.

Only a small number of tree species are suitable all the way along Powerscourt Street because the soil types change as you travel from one end of the street to the other. In recent years we planted non-native Zelkova trees which were taking longer than anticipated to establish in some of those harsher local soils. As a result of accidental root damage, not all of the trees have survived. In order to still achieve the desired eventual result of a uniform tree lined avenue, Council has decided to replace all of the Zelkovas, next autumn, with the more robust Ironbark.

We thank you for your continued support and assistance in this matter.



TREE CHOICE CHALLENGE

Following a recent survey of Powerscourt Street residents and property owners, the majority determined that Ironbark is the preferred option.

Some residents raised concerns around the selection of gum trees. Reasons for this have included possibility of limited sightlines, proximity to powerlines and underground infrastructure, and tree litter. Ironbark has been determined as the most appropriate species to address these concerns and to suit the site.

Ironbark are low maintenance evergreens which will grow tall enough not to impede the sightlines of residents' driveways. They are a suitable species for use near the Powerscourt Street powerlines, which are set away from the planting area. Short trees which grow below powerlines would not provide the desired final result.

"Wellington is a visually attractive community that people enjoy living in."

Wellington Shire Council's Vision for 2030

Ironbarks will not need pruning in their first 20 years, may need minimal pruning thereafter.

Footpaths, fences, crossovers and kerbs are too far away from the location of the new trees for risk of root damage and the underground infrastructure in the same area as the new trees are not impacted by tree roots.

Thanks to their bark accumulating on the trees rather than being shed, significantly less tree litter is generated by Ironbarks than alternatives such as Silky Oaks and Spotted Gums. They will also provide excellent support for native wildlife.

Urban Forest Program Powerscourt Maffra



Replacement Program 2015

Dear Resident

There is no "right" tree for a site, and there are numerous elements to consider in selecting a tree that will not only survive but perform very well in difficult circumstances. The possible trees selected to replace the Zelkova are *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) or *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* (Ironbark). Both trees are long lived, natives, extremely robust and capable of growing well in the poor soils and low rainfall.

Could you please fill out the attached voting form, marked with your first and second preferences and return in the self addressed envelope by 12 June 2015.

Eucalyptus sideroxylon - Red Ironbark

This tree has extremely distinctive deep furrowed almost black bark. This is contrasted by grey-green leaves and new pink stems. Blossoming in spring, the tree becomes a beautiful mass of pink or white and really attracts an array of native birds. The Red Ironbark is very resistant to pests and diseases and can grow to a height of around 10-30m, depending on conditions. Native and evergreen.



Corymbia maculata - Spotted Gum

The tall mottled trunks and dark green leaves are very eye catching, providing a range of subtle colours all year round. This tree will often grow and thrive in spaces where others fail. Juvenile leaves are a copper-red and adult leaves are dark green. Flowers are fairly inconspicuous occurring from winter to spring attracting many honey eating birds. Bark is very distinctive, blotched with patches of old bark, various shades of browns and pinks, contrasting with cream bark beneath - stunning against a stormy back drop. Very resilient to pest and disease and can reach a mature height of around 20m and a width of 10-15m. Native and evergreen used to be called *Eucalyptus maculata*.



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We, the undersigned, object to the proposed Wellington Shire Council tree planting scheme for Powerscourt Street Maffra

Name	Address	
CARL REID		NO GUMS
JOANNE CLARK		NO GUMS
Gemma Clark		NO GUMS
Geoff Jensen		No gums
Jasmine Jensen		Woke up
BRIDGET ERICSON		+ NO GUMS
Jacqui Fox		No Gums
Kerry Anderson		NO GUMS
Danielle Lovell		
FED MAY		
DICK LOCKWOOD		
Edward Bushell		+ NO GUMS
Kaysha Rawson		
Liz Mott		No Gums
DAVID SM		
Wayne WTD		No Gums
Tahnee Cashman		
ERIC PURDOM		No Gums
COLIN Wsammm		

ITEM A8(4)**RESPONSE TO PETITION: KERBSIDE GARBAGE SERVICE
ANDERSON COURT MYRTLEBANK**

DIVISION: BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & PARKS
DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓				✓	✓				

OBJECTIVE

To consider and respond to the petition received by Council at its meeting of 21 July 2015 requesting that residents in Anderson Court, Myrtlebank be included in council's kerbside garbage collection area.

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

That:

- 1. Council does not support the petition request for inclusion of Anderson Court in Council's kerbside garbage collection at this time; and***
- 2. Council include Anderson Court in the review of the next Waste Management Services Contract collection boundaries due to commence in 2017/18; and***
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer write to all petitioner to advise them of Council's decision in relation to this matter.***

BACKGROUND

Council received a petition at its meeting of 21 July 2015 requesting that 10 properties in Anderson Court, Myrtlebank be included in Council's kerbside collection area. All properties in Anderson Court are represented on the petition.

Prior to awarding the 10 year Waste Management Services Contract in 2009, Council considered and revised waste collection boundaries across the shire and by Council resolution declared 36 areas to be covered by Council's Waste Collection Policy 4.1.1 and also retained a service to rural blocks that received a garbage collection prior to Council amalgamations. Rural properties that retained a garbage service outside of the declared collection areas were referred to as "Grandfathered" blocks. The property to the east of Grassdale Road although having a kerbside garbage charge is a "Grandfathered" block and is outside the existing waste collection area.

The collection boundaries generally followed the planning zones and included townships with some historical collection areas taken into account. Anderson Court, along with a number of other Rural Living Zone (RLZ) blocks in areas outside the townships were considered during the review of the waste collection boundaries and rejected to allow for a boundary which reflected the planning zones and allowed where possible a physical feature, such as a road, to be used to define the boundary.

Since the current boundaries were adopted by Council in 2008, this methodology has been adhered to in determining the alignment of the various kerbside collection areas.

Anderson Court is zoned Rural Living Zone (RLZ). Across Wellington Shire there are around 20 RLZ's which represent approximately 320 properties that are currently outside the current Waste Collection Boundaries.

Any significant change to the contract (such as including additional RLZ's) would require significant additional resources and would incur a substantial cost to the contractor and therefore Council.

OPTIONS

1. Council does not support the petition request for inclusion of Anderson Court properties in council's kerbside garbage collection area but include Anderson Court in the review of the next Waste Management contract collection areas due in 2017/18 in preparation for the new Waste Management Services Contract commencing 1 July 2019; or
2. Council does not support the petition request for inclusion of Anderson Court properties in council's kerbside garbage collection area; or
3. Council support the petition and include Anderson Court in council's kerbside garbage collection area.

PROPOSAL

That:

1. Council does not support the petition request for inclusion of Anderson Court properties in council's kerbside garbage collection area now but include Anderson Court in the review of the next Waste Management Services Contract collection boundaries due to commence in 2017/18.
2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise the head petitioner of the decision in relation to this matter.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Option 1: No financial impact at this time

Option 2: No financial impact

Option 3: Increased service cost to Council through the Waste Management Services Contract offset by an increase in Council income through additional garbage charge to the properties. Overall impact nil.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013 – 17 Theme 3 Natural Environment states the following strategic objective and related strategies:

Strategy 4.1

“Undertake service delivery planning to provide community assets in response to identified needs.”

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The proposal can be undertaken within existing allocated resources Management.

WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

26 JUN 2015

RECEIVED

Wellington Shire Council
Foster Street
Sale, 3850

Dear Sir/Madam,

We the residents of Anderson court Myrtlebank write this letter in regard to The Wellington Shire garbage collection boundary and its current exclusion of all properties in Anderson Court. There are 10 rate paying property owners in Anderson Court all of which are forced to utilise a private contractor to pick up weekly and dispose of our household rubbish. This service comes at considerable expense up to \$115 a quarter, depending on the contractor used.

We understand that the current boundary for garbage collection goes as far as Grassdale Road, the road in which Anderson Court actually runs off. We note that the new boundary for rubbish collection in the Wellington Shire has recently been extended to service the new estate on the Princes Highway and the service already runs down the Maffra Road (part Grassdale Rd) to the back Cemetery Road.

The properties in Anderson Court are currently zoned rural residential as are the properties in The Ridge Wurnak, who consequently also receive a garbage collection from the Shire. Anderson Court in comparison with many other areas is much closer the CBD, being approximately 3 kms from the post office and we note that there are many more outlying areas within the shire who are serviced by the a garbage collection service, for example, Longford, Seaspray and Loch Sport, just to name a few. We understand these areas are within their own township as is Anderson Court to Myrtlebank and also acknowledge that many areas within Sale township that are serviced are further from the CBD than Anderson Court is.

We feel that we pay quite substantial rates on our properties and are being discriminated against by the Wellington Shire by not receiving equivalent services for our share of rates collected. As other residents, equivalently zoned, geographically further out of town and newer subdivisions receive these services without question. We are not connected to town water or sewerage which we accept gladly, however the exclusion of a garbage pick from the shire seems quite unfair, given the fore mentioned reasons.

We the undersigned, request that this matter is discussed in a council meeting and considered without prejudice.

Kind Regards,

The Residents & Ratepayers of Anderson Court Myrtlebank

S&C (Tricol)

J&I Black

D&O McInyre

B. Lister & H. Brown

L. Robinson

R&H Chmolek

W&C Kullenga

Carmel Runzengo

W&S Stevens

R&V Singh

T. Gower, M. P. S. C.

L&T Brown



A - PROCEDURAL

A9 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



A - PROCEDURAL

A10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ITEM A10(1)

ACTION OFFICER

DATE:

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			



A - PROCEDURAL

A11 MAYOR'S REPORT

A Mayor's Report is due to be presented 15 September 2015.



A - PROCEDURAL

A12 YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council will present a report to Council 17 November 2015.



B –REPORT

DELEGATES



C1 - REPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



C2 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

ITEM C2.1**ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓		✓					

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015.

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

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillors records received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015.

BACKGROUND

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires a written record to be kept of all assemblies of Councillors, stating the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, the matters considered and any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor. These records must be reported, as soon as practicable, at an ordinary meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes.

Below is a summary of all assembly of Councillors records received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015.

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015		
Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
21 July 2015	Place Names Committee	Cr McCubbin, Mclvor, Davine Sandra Rech, Coordinator Asset Management
11 Aug 2015	SLUPP Agenda 11 August 2015	Cr McCubbin, Mclvor, Wenger John Websdale, General Manager Development Ben Proctor, Strategic Planner Sharyn Bolitho, Manager Economic Development Barry Hearsey, Coordinator Strategic Planning John Inglis, Coordinator Infrastructure Development

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015

Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
		Sabine Provily, Strategic Planner
18 Aug 2015	<p>Councillors Diary Meeting</p> <p>Pre Council Agenda Recreation Vehicle Parking – Port Albert Monthly Planning Update Port Albert C95 Wurruk Outline Development Plan Scholarship Programs North Sale / Cobains Road Roundabout Development Update Port of Sale Redevelopment project positioning and brand Municipal Building Surveyor presentation</p>	<p>Cr Crossley, Rossetti, Cleary, Mclvor, Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Gail Hogben, Executive Assistance, CEO Unit Sharon Willison, Mayor & Councillor Support Officer</p> <p>Cr Crossley, Rossetti, Cleary, Duncan (Item 3 to 8), McCubbin, Mclvor, Wenger, Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment John Websdale, General Manager Development Frances Ford, Acting Manager Community & Culture Trish Dean, Governance Officer (Item 0) Joshua Clydesdale, Manager Land Use Planning (Item 2, 3 & 6) John Traa, Coordinator Statutory Planning (Item 2) Barry Hearsey, Coordinator Strategic Planning (Item 3 & 4) Ben Proctor, Strategic Planner (3) Sabine Provily, Strategic Planner (Item 4) Meg Capurso, Community Planning Officer & Acting Youth Liaison Coordinator (Item 5) Dean Morahan, Manager Assets & Projects (Item 6) Katy Leighfield, Coordinator Media & Public Relations (Item 7) Sharon Houlihan, Executive Manager Major Projects (Item 7) Vanessa Ebsworth, Manager Municipal Services (Item 8) Barry Nichol, Municipal Building Surveyor & Environmental Health Coordinator (Item 8)</p>
25 Aug 2015	Place Names Committee	<p>Cr McCubbin, Mclvor & Davine Dean Morahan, Manager Assets & Projects Sandra Rech, Coordinator Assets & Projects James Blythe, GIS Officer</p>

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records; or
2. Not receive the attached assembly of Councillors records and seek further information for consideration of a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received 21 July 2015, 11 August 2015 and during the period 12 August 2015 to 25 August 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The reporting of written records of assemblies of Councillors to the Council in the prescribed format complies with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 2 Organisational states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

"An organisation that is responsive, flexible, honest, accountable and consistent."

Strategy 2.3

"Ensure sound governance processes that result in responsive, ethical, transparent and accountable decision making."

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

21 July 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr McCubbin	✓				
Cr McIvor	✓				
Cr Davine	✓				

Officers In Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Dean Morahan		✓			
Sandra Rech	✓				
James Blythe		✓			

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.		

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Place Names Committee

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

Nil

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

11 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES

Councillors

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley			Cr McCubbin	✓	
Cr Rossetti			Cr Mclvor	✓	
Cr Cleary			Cr Wenger	✓	
Cr Davine			Cr Hole		
Cr Duncan					

Officers In Attendance

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO			G Butler, GML		
L Collins, GMG			J Websdale, GMD	✓	
C Hastie, GMB&NE		✓			

Others in attendance (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.	Name	Item No.
Ben Proctor	✓	John Inglis	✓
Sharyn Bolitho	✓	Dean Morahan	
Barry Hearsey	✓	Sabine Provily	✓

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. SLUPP Agenda - 11 August 2015

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

18 August, 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr McCubbin		✓
Cr Rossetti	✓		Cr Mclvor	✓	
Cr Cleary	✓		Cr Wenger		✓
Cr Davine		✓	Cr Hole	✓	
Cr Duncan		✓			

Officers In Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		G Butler, GML		✓
C Hastie, GMB&NE		✓	J Websdale , GMD		✓
A Skipitaris, GMCS		✓			

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.	Name	Item No.
Sharon Willison	1		
Gail Hogben	1		

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Councillors' Diary Meeting

Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

18 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr McCubbin	✓	
Cr Rossetti	✓		Cr McIvor	✓	
Cr Cleary	✓		Cr Wenger	✓	
Cr Davine		✓	Cr Hole	✓	
Cr Duncan (item 3 to 8)	✓				

Officers in Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		Frances Ford for G Butler GMCC (on leave)	✓	
A Skipitaris, GMCS	✓		J Websdale, GMD	✓	
C Hastie, GMBNE	✓				

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.
Trish Dean	0
John Websdale	1
Joshua Clydesdale, John Traa	2
Joshua Clydesdale, Barry Hearsey, Ben Proctor	3
Barry Hearsey, Sabine Provily	4
Meg Capurso	5
Joshua Clydesdale, Dean Morahan	6
Katy Leighfield, Sharon Houlihan	7
Vanessa Ebsworth, Barry Nichol	8

3. Matters / Items considered at the meeting (list):

- | | |
|---|---|
| 0. Pre-Council Agenda | 6. North Sale / Cobains Road Roundabout Development Update |
| 1. Recreation Vehicle Parking – Port Albert | 7. Port of Sale Redevelopment project positioning and brand |
| 2. Monthly Planning Update | 8. Municipal Building Surveyor Presentation |
| 3. Port Albert C95 | |
| 4. Wurruk Outline Development Plan | |
| 5. Scholarship Programs | |

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

Nil

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

25 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr McCubbin	✓				
Cr McIvor	✓				
Cr Davine	✓				

Officers In Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Dean Morahan	✓				
Sandra Rech	✓				
James Blythe	✓				

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.		

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Place Names Committee

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

Nil

ITEM C2.2**APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF DRAFT 2014/2015 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER FINANCE

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓		✓					

OBJECTIVE

For Council to approve in principle the draft 2014/2015 Financial and Performance statements as attached and authorise two Councillors to certify these statements upon completion of the Auditor-General's review.

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

That Council approve, in principle, the Draft 2014/2015 Financial and Performance Statements as attached and authorise Councillors Cleary and Duncan to certify the statements in their final form.

BACKGROUND

Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to prepare an annual report for submission to the Minister for Local Government by 30 September of each year.

The annual report must contain the following:

- A report of operations of the Council;
- An audited Performance Statement;
- Audited Financial Statements

Council must pass a resolution giving its approval in principle to the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement so that Officers can submit these to the Auditor-General.

The Chief Executive Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and two Councillors appointed by Council must certify the statements, once amendments or changes requested by the Auditor-General have been made.

Council's Audit Committee has reviewed the draft Financial and Performance Statements and formally recommends that Council approve the statements in principle.

The in principle approval of the statements in early September 2015 will enable the draft statements to be reviewed and certified by the Auditor-General prior to 30 September 2015. This will enable Council to meet its legislative requirement of submitting the 2014/2015 Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government by 30 September 2015.

OPTIONS

That Council:

1. Approve in principle the Draft 2014/2015 Financial and Performance Statements as attached, and authorise two Councillors to certify the statements in their final form; or
2. Not approve in principle the Draft 2014/2015 Financial and Performance Statements, as attached, at this time.

PROPOSAL

That Council approve, in principle, the Draft 2014/2015 Financial and Performance Statements as attached, and authorise Councillors Cleary and Duncan to certify the statements in their final form.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Section 132(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to the Financial and Performance Statements prior to submitting the statements to the Auditor-General.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 2 Organisational states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

"An organisation that is responsive, flexible, honest, accountable and consistent."

Strategy 2.2

"Maintain processes and systems to ensure sound financial management."

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015



Wellington Shire Council
Financial Report
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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	NOTE	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Income			
Rates and charges	3	49,392	46,958
Statutory fees and fines	4	566	467
User fees	5	6,113	5,688
Grants - operating	6	21,156	9,707
Grants - capital	6	5,076	6,718
Contributions - monetary	7	339	499
Contributions - non monetary	7	1,589	920
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	8	(177)	183
Other income	9	3,002	2,466
Recognition of Assets	1(i)	-	-
Total income		87,056	73,606
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	10	22,906	21,934
Materials and services	11	27,175	28,218
Bad and doubtful debts	12	107	120
Depreciation and amortisation	13	22,491	21,430
Borrowing costs	14	863	730
Other expenses	15	1,476	1,030
Total expenses		75,018	73,462
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		12,038	144
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods			
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	25(a)	8,000	53,319
Total comprehensive result		20,038	53,463

The above comprehensive income statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

The 2014 figures have been reclassified in order to comply with the Local Government Model Financial Report disclosure requirements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16	44,358	36,189
Trade and other receivables	17	5,963	6,642
Other assets	18	2,327	1,669
Total Current Assets		52,648	44,500
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	17	1,486	1,246
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	19	887,242	877,063
Intangible assets	20	901	1,126
Total non-current assets		889,629	879,435
Total assets		942,277	923,935
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	21	6,103	5,603
Trust funds and deposits	22	769	718
Provisions	23	6,532	6,032
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	24	2,990	2,847
Total current liabilities		16,394	15,200
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	23	1,855	1,755
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	24	10,137	13,127
Total non-current liabilities		11,992	14,882
Total liabilities		28,386	30,082
Net assets		913,891	893,853
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		300,879	286,409
Reserves	25	613,012	607,444
Total Equity		913,891	893,853

The above balance sheet should be read with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	Total \$'000	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Other Reserves \$'000
2015					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		893,853	286,409	600,519	6,925
Surplus(deficit) for the year		12,038	12,038	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment(decrement)	25(a)	8,000	-	8,000	-
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve to accumulated surplus	33	-	2,555	(2,555)	-
Transfers to other reserves	25(b)	-	(1,553)	-	1,553
Transfers from other reserves	25(b)	-	1,430	-	(1,430)
Balance at end of the financial year		913,891	300,879	605,964	7,048
2014					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		840,128	284,754	548,339	7,035
Effects of correction of errors		262	472	(210)	-
Surplus for the year		144	144	-	-
Net asset revaluation increment(decrement)	25(a)	53,319	-	53,319	-
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve to accumulated surplus	33	-	929	(929)	-
Transfers to other reserves	25(b)	-	(2,413)	-	2,413
Transfers from other reserves	25(b)	-	2,523	-	(2,523)
Balance at end of the financial year		893,853	286,409	600,519	6,925

The above statement of changes in equity should be read with the accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

		2015 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000	2014 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000
	Note		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates and Charges		48,619	46,446
Statutory fees and fines		566	419
User fees		5,937	5,555
Grants - operating		21,510	10,361
Grants - capital		5,327	6,557
Contributions -monetary		463	608
Interest received		1,251	1,175
Other receipts		1,752	1,291
Goods and Services Tax Collected (Refer 1(i))		774	755
Goods and Services Tax Refunds from the Australian Taxation Office (Refer 1(i))		4,092	4,014
Employees costs		(22,390)	(26,359)
Payments to Suppliers		(26,749)	(28,366)
Other payments		(730)	(727)
Goods and Services Tax Paid to Suppliers (Refer 1(i))		(4,865)	(4,789)
Net cash provided by operating activities	26	35,557	16,960
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	19	(24,381)	(23,625)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	8	613	988
Net cash used in investing activities		(23,768)	(22,637)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Finance costs		(773)	(716)
Proceeds from borrowings		-	9,000
Repayment of borrowings		(2,847)	(2,815)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(3,620)	5,469
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		8,169	(208)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		36,189	36,397
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	27	44,358	36,189
Financing arrangements	28		
Restrictions on cash assets	16		

The above cash flow statement should be read with the accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL WORKS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Property			
Land		-	1,170
Land improvements		12	-
Total land		<u>12</u>	<u>1,170</u>
Buildings		8,070	7,771
Total buildings		<u>8,070</u>	<u>7,771</u>
Total property		<u>8,082</u>	<u>8,941</u>
Plant and equipment			
Plant, machinery and equipment		1,555	2,091
Furniture and Fittings		1,007	251
Computers and telecommunications		601	-
Library Books		240	251
Art Works		72	18
Total plant and equipment		<u>3,475</u>	<u>2,611</u>
Infrastructure			
Roads		7,550	7,281
Bridges		708	1,045
Footpaths and cycleways		1,587	1,279
Drainage		132	351
Recreational, leisure and community facilities		646	1,371
Waste management		68	16
Parks, open space and streetscapes		952	471
Aerodromes		86	45
Off street car parks		49	-
Other infrastructure		1,018	58
Total infrastructure		<u>12,794</u>	<u>11,895</u>
Total capital works expenditure		<u>24,351</u>	<u>23,447</u>
Represented by:			
Asset renewal expenditure		15,381	13,631
Asset expansion expenditure		1,546	7,920
Asset upgrade expenditure		7,424	1,896
Total capital works expenditure		<u>24,351</u>	<u>23,447</u>

The above Statement of Capital Works should be read with the accompanying notes.
The Statement of Capital Works includes Work In Progress

Notes to the Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

INTRODUCTION

Wellington Shire Council was established by an Order of the Governor in Council on 2 December 1994. The Council's main office is located at 18-20 Denally Street, Sale 3850.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Capital Works and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards (AAS's), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1989, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accrual basis of accounting has been used in the preparation of these financial statements, whereby assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses are recognised in the reporting period to which they relate, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions are required to be made about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated judgements are based on professional judgement derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and also in future periods that are affected by the revision. Judgements and assumptions made by management in the application of AAS's that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates relate to:

- the fair value of land, buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to note 1(e))
- the determination of depreciation for buildings, infrastructure, plant and equipment (refer to note 1(k))
- the determination of employee provisions (refer to note 1(p))

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

(b) Change in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies from the previous period.

(c) Committees of management

All entities controlled by Council that have material revenues, expenses, assets or liabilities, such as committees of management, have been included in this financial report. Any transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full.

(d) Revenue recognition

Income is recognised when the Council obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution, it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the Council and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

Rates and Charges

Annual rates and charges are recognised as revenues when Council issues annual rates notices. Supplementary rates are recognised when a valuation and reassessment is completed and a supplementary rates notice issued.

Statutory fees and fines

Statutory fees and fines (including parking fees and fines) are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

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NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(d) Revenue recognition (cont'd)

User fees

User fees are recognised as revenue when the service has been provided or the payment is received, whichever first occurs.

Grants

Grant incomes are recognised when Council obtains control of the contribution. This is normally obtained upon their receipt (or acquittal) or upon earlier notification that a grant has been secured. Grant incomes are valued at their fair value at the date of transfer.

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date, the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in notes 6 and 7. The note also discloses the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended on Council's operations during the current year.

Contributions

Monetary and non monetary contributions are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control over the contributed asset.

Sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Interest

Interest is recognised as it is earned. Interest may also include amounts recognised as a result of changes to the Net Present Value of the Landfill Rehabilitation Provision due to interest rate movements.

Other income

Other income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is recognised when Council gains control over the right to receive the income.

(e) Fair value measurement

Council measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value where required or permitted by Australian Accounting Standards, AASB 13 Fair value measurement, aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 13 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value under AASB 13 is an exit price regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within a fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly

Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, Council has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

In addition, Council determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(g) Trade and other receivables

Receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when there is objective evidence that an impairment has occurred.

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NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(h) Other financial assets

Other financial assets are valued at fair value, being market value, at balance date. Term deposits are measured at amortised cost. Any unrealised gains and losses on holdings at balance date are recognised as either a revenue or expense.

(i) Non-current assets classified as held for sale

A non-current asset classified as held for sale (including disposal groups) is measured at the lower of its carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell, and is not subject to depreciation. Non-current assets, disposal groups and related liabilities and assets are treated as current and classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset's sale (or disposal group sale) is expected to be completed within 12 months from the date of classification.

(j) Recognition and measurement of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure, intangibles

Acquisition

The purchase method of accounting is used for all acquisitions of assets, being the fair value of assets provided as consideration at the date of acquisition plus any incidental costs attributable to the acquisition. Fair value is the amount for which the asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Where assets are constructed by Council, cost includes all materials used in construction, direct labour, borrowing costs incurred during construction, and an appropriate share of directly attributable variable and fixed overheads.

In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits detailed in Note 1(k) have been applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year.

Revaluation

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value, being the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets, other than plant and equipment, are measured at their fair value, being the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. At balance date, the Council reviewed the carrying value of the individual classes of assets measured at fair value to ensure that each asset materially approximated its fair value. Where the carrying value materially differed from the fair value at balance date, the class of asset was revalued.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use on an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. Further details regarding the fair value hierarchy are disclosed at Note 19, Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment.

In addition, Council undertakes a formal revaluation of land, buildings, and infrastructure assets on a regular basis ranging from two to five years. The valuation is performed either by experienced council officers or independent experts.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

Drainage

As at 1 July 2014 Drainage assets were revalued. This process resulted in a credit to the Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$6.91 million. The value of these assets increased by \$9.3 million, and as a result, future depreciation will increase by \$99,270.

Buildings and Structures

As at 30 June 2015, management conducted a review of the carrying value of this class of assets and estimated that this was in excess of its value. Accordingly, a management adjustment was made, resulting in a credit to the Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$1.1 million. The value of these assets reduced by \$52.5 million, and as a result, future depreciation will reduce by \$1.37 million.

A full revaluation of this class of assets is scheduled for 1 July 2015.

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NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(j) Recognition and measurement of property, plant and equipment, infrastructure, intangibles (cont'd)

Prior Year Newly Recognised/Derecognised Adjustments

During the year, as part of a continuous improvement focus, Council is able to use technology that allows better identification of assets 'as built'. In addition, information flow from officers in the field conveys more accurate data to Asset Managers as variances are discovered. These variances resulted in assets being recognised and derecognised in the Council's asset register and are deemed to be prior year errors which have been retrospectively adjusted to equity against prior year opening balances.

A third balance sheet has not been presented to disclose these prior year errors as they were considered not material to the comparative amounts included within the Balance Sheet.

	Actual	Prior year adjustments		Reclassified	Restated Actual
	2014	Newly recognised	Derecognised		2014
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Roads	495,066	5	(14)		495,057
Bridges	58,134		(31)		58,103
Footpaths	23,551	6			23,557
Drainage	62,864	5	(11)		62,858
Land	78,852				78,852
Landfill Improvements*	1,519			(541)	878
Land under Roads	17,067				17,067
Buildings	71,828	595	(324)		72,099
Recreational, Leisure and Community	15,194				15,194
Waste Management	2,986				2,986
Parks Open Space and Streetscapes	16,963				16,963
Aerodromes	9,567				9,567
Off Street Car Parks	2,384				2,384
Other Infrastructure	4,992				4,992
Art Gallery	1,927				1,927
Plant, Machinery and Equipment	6,098				6,098
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture	663				663
Computers and Telecomms	424				424
Library Books	1,549				1,549
Work in Progress	4,845				4,845
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	877,473	611	(389)	(541)	877,063

*Landfill Improvements in prior years included Landfill Air Space which was reclassified during the 2014/15 financial year to Intangibles. For further details on Intangibles refer to Note 20.

The total effect of the correction of prior year errors for 'newly recognised' and 'derecognised' assets above was \$231,000 - refer Note 1(x). The associated effect on the Accumulated Surplus (\$441,000) and Asset Revaluation Reserve (-\$210,000) are disclosed in the Statement of Changes of Equity.

Land under roads

Council recognises land under roads it controls at fair value.

(k) Depreciation and amortisation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment and intangibles

Buildings, land improvements, plant and equipment, infrastructure, and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to the Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

(k) Depreciation and amortisation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment and intangibles (cont'd)

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and residual values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Road earthworks are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

Depreciation periods used are listed below and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated.

ASSET TYPE	Depreciation Period	Threshold Limit \$
Property		
Land	-	All
Land Improvements	5	All
Buildings		
Heritage Buildings	20-100 years	>\$10,000
Buildings	20-100 years	>\$10,000
Plant and Equipment		
Plant, Machinery and Equipment	3-15 years	>\$3,000
Fidures, Fittings and Furniture	10 years	>\$1,000
Computers and Telecommunications	3 years	>\$1,000
Library Books	10 years	All
Infrastructure		
Road Pavements and Seals		
- Pavements Sealed	100 years	All
- Pavements Gravel (Local Access A and above)	15	All
- Pavements Gravel (Local Access B and C)	20	All
- Seals - Urban and Rural	15	All
- Asphalt Urban and Rural	30	All
Road Substructure	Indefinite	All
Road Kerb, Channel and Minor Culverts		
- Road Kerb and Channel	70	All
- Road Minor Culverts and Drainage	100	All
Bridges		
- Concrete		
- Deck	100	All
- Substructure	100	All
- Roadways and Major Culverts	100	All
- Timber		
- Deck	60	All
- Substructure	60	All
- Roadways and Major Culverts	100	All
Footpaths and Cycleways		
- Asphalt / Bitumen	15	All
- Concrete / Paved	60	All
- Gravel / Sand	10	All
- Unconstructed	100	All
Drainage		
- Pump Wells	20	All
- Other Drainage	20 - 100	All
- Open Drain - Earth/Retention Basin	Indefinite	All
Recreational, Leisure and Community Facilities	10 - 100 years	>\$5,000
Waste Management	20 - 100 years	>\$5,000
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes	10 - 120 years	>\$5,000
Off Street Car Parks	30 - 100 years	>\$5,000
Acrodrames	20 - 120 years	>\$5,000
Intangible Assets		
Landfill Allowance		All
Software	5 - 38 years	>\$1,000

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Repairs and Maintenance

Routine maintenance, repair costs, and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred. Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

(m) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the comprehensive income statement, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

(n) Trust funds and deposits

Amounts received as deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as trust funds until they are returned, transferred in accordance with the purpose of the receipt, or forfeited (refer to Note 22).

(o) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially measured at fair value, being the cost of the interest bearing liabilities, net of transaction costs. The measurement basis subsequent to initial recognition depends on whether the Council has categorised its interest-bearing liabilities as either financial liabilities designated at fair value through the profit and loss, or financial liabilities at amortised cost. Any difference between the initial recognised amount and the redemption value is recognised in net result over the period of the borrowing using the effective interest method. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the interest bearing liabilities. The Council determines the classification of its interest bearing liabilities at initial recognition.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, except where they are capitalised as part of a qualifying asset constructed by Council. Except where specific borrowings are obtained for the purpose of specific asset acquisition, the weighted average interest rate applicable to borrowings at balance date, excluding borrowings associated with superannuation, is used to determine the borrowing costs to be capitalised.

Borrowing costs include interest on bank overdrafts, interest on borrowings, finance lease charges, and amounts recognised as a result of changes to the Net Present Value of the Landfill Rehabilitation Provision due to interest rate movements.

(p) Employee costs and benefits

Employee costs and benefits include all relevant on-costs and are calculated as follows at reporting date:

Wages and salaries and annual leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulated sick leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits in respect of employee services up to the reporting date, classified as current liabilities and measured at their nominal values.

Liabilities that are not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the provision for employee benefits as current liabilities, measured at present value of the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTD)

(p) Employee costs and benefits (cont'd)

Long service leave

Liability for long service leave (LSL) is recognised in the provision for employee benefits.

Current Liability - unconditional LSL is disclosed as a current liability even when the council does not expect to settle the liability within 12 months because it will not have the unconditional right to defer settlement of the entitlement should an employee take leave within 12 months.

The components of this current liability are measured at:

- present value - component that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months.
- nominal value - component that is expected to be wholly settled within 12 months.

Classification of employee costs

Non-current liability - conditional LSL that has been accrued, where an employee is yet to reach a qualifying term of employment, is disclosed as a non-current liability. There is an unconditional right to defer settlement of the entitlement until the employee has completed the requisite years of service.

This non-current LSL liability is measured at present value.

Sick Leave Gratuity

A former entity of Wellington Shire Council had established a sick leave gratuity scheme which ceased at the end of September 1991.

(q) Provision for Doubtful Debts

Council has extensive legal powers for the recovery of rates and property related debts such as general rates and special rates and charges, therefore any provision is on the basis of the outstanding amount exceeding the realisable recovery amount.

Included in the Provision for Doubtful Debts is an amount relating to land in the 90 Mile Beach inappropriate subdivision. Council has a significant number of rateable properties in this area for which provision has been made for a total amount outstanding of \$2,465,939 (2014 \$2,482,784). A provision has been established as these properties are unable to be sold in order for Council to recover the debt.

(r) Landfill rehabilitation provision

Under Environment Protection Authority (EPA) legislation Council is obligated to restore licensed landfill sites to a particular standard. Current projections have been taken into account in determining when the 3 licensed landfills at Kilmany, Longford and Maffra will cease operation and the timing of restoration work. The forecast lives of these sites are based on current estimates of remaining capacity and the forecast rate of infill. The provision for landfill restoration has been calculated based on the present value of the expected cost of works to be undertaken. The expected cost of works has been estimated based on current understanding of work required to reinstate the site to a suitable standard, however has not yet been approved by the EPA. Accordingly, the estimation of the provision required is dependent on the accuracy of the forecast timing of the work, work required and related costs.

(s) Leases

Finance leases

Leases of assets where substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset are transferred to the Council are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the fair value of the asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the interest expense. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the Council where it is likely that the Council will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease, whichever is the shorter. At balance date Council did not have any finance leases.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases are required by the accounting standard to be recognised on a straight line basis, rather than expensed in the years in which they are incurred.

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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTD)

(s) Leases (cont'd)

Leasehold improvements

Leasehold improvements are recognised at cost and are amortised over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvement, whichever is the shorter. At balance date, council had no lease hold improvements.

(t) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

We are unable to accurately split the Goods and Services Tax between the different line items of the Statement of Cash Flows, as this would be impracticable due to the functionality of the financial system. Therefore the cash flows resulting from the Goods and Services Tax have been shown as separate line items in the Statement of Cash Flows.

(u) Financial guarantees

Financial guarantee contracts are not recognised as a liability in the balance sheet unless the lender has exercised their right to call on the guarantee or Council has other reasons to believe that it is probable that that right will be exercised. Details of guarantees that Council has provided, that are not recognised in the balance sheet are disclosed at Note 31 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

(v) Contingent assets and contingent liabilities and commitments

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively.

Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value by way of note and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

(w) Pending accounting standards

Certain new AAS's have been issued that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2015 reporting period. Council has assessed these pending standards and has identified that no material impact will flow from the application of these standards in future reporting periods.

(x) Effects of corrections of errors on prior year

A number of adjustments have been deemed to be prior year errors which have been retrospectively adjusted to equity against prior year opening balances (refer 1(i)).

These include:

	\$'000
Newly recognised Assets (Note 1(i))	611
Derecognised Assets (Note 1(i))	(380)
Prior Year purchase order Receipts Cancelled	31
Total effects of correction of errors	262

(y) Rounding

Unless otherwise stated, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars. Figures in the financial statement may not equate due to rounding.

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NOTE 2 BUDGET COMPARISON

The budget comparison notes compare Council's financial plan, expressed through its annual budget, with actual performance. The Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 requires explanation of any material variances. Council has adopted a materiality threshold of the lower of 10 percent or \$600,000 where further explanation is warranted. Explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality threshold unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The budget figures detailed below are those adopted by Council on 24 June 2014. The Budget was based on assumptions that were relevant at the time of adoption of the Budget. Council sets guidelines and parameters for revenue and expense targets in this budget in order to meet Council's planning and financial performance targets for both the short and long-term. The budget did not reflect any changes to equity resulting from asset revaluations, as their impacts were not considered predictable.

These notes are prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

a) Income and Expenditure

	Budget 2015 \$'000	Actual 2015 \$'000	Variance 2015 \$'000	Ref
Income				
Rates and charges	48,923	49,392	469	
Statutory fees and fines	427	566	139	1
User fees	5,604	6,113	509	
Grants - operating	14,210	21,156	6,946	2
Grants - capital	5,003	5,076	73	
Contributions - monetary	1,001	339	(662)	3
Contributions - non monetary	-	1,589	1,589	4
Net gain(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	93	(177)	(270)	5
Other income	1,872	3,002	1,130	6
Total income	77,133	87,056	9,923	
Expenses				
Employee costs	23,453	22,906	547	
Materials and services	30,285	27,175	3,110	7
Bad and doubtful debts	112	107	5	
Depreciation and amortisation	22,854	22,491	363	
Borrowing costs	816	863	(47)	
Other expenses	721	1,476	(755)	8
Total expenses	78,241	75,018	3,223	
Surplus(deficit) for the year	(1,108)	12,038	13,146	

The Budget 2015 figures have been reclassified in order to comply with the Local Government Model Financial Report disclosure requirements.

NOTE 2 BUDGET COMPARISON (CONTD)

(i) Explanation of material variations

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Statutory fees and fines	Income from infringements has exceeded budget (\$67k); this income is unpredictable and based on community behaviour. Planning and land information certificate fees have exceeded budget(\$43k) with increased demand for these services in the final quarter of 2014/15. Income from registration fees and permits has also exceeded budget (\$29k); this income is unpredictable and based on the number of customer requests.
2	Grants - operating	On 30 June 2015 the Commonwealth Government remitted an advance payment of 50% of Council's 2015/16 Financial Assistance Grant allocation, resulting in an unexpected receipt of \$6.07 million. This money will be expended in 2015/16. A further \$677k funding was received/accrued in relation to a number of natural disaster events in 2013, 2014 and 2015.
3	Contributions - monetary	Contributions were not received for the Princes Highway/Cobains Road Intersection Upgrade project (\$672k) as it is now going to be undertaken directly by the developer in 2015/16 with a monetary contribution provided by Council. Unbudgeted additional grants received for the Gippsland Regional Plan (\$72k) and other smaller miscellaneous projects (net \$89k), are offset by non-receipt of Agri-Industry Transformation project funds (\$100k) due to a reduction in the scope of the project, and the Gordon St Recreation Reserve Clubrooms Redevelopment (\$50k) as the project was deferred to 2015/16.
4	Contributions - non monetary	Non monetary contributions for 2014/15 consisted mainly of infrastructure assets contributed by developers for new subdivisions (\$1.30 million). Council also recognised gifted and donated assets relating to land acquired under the Wellington Coast Subdivision Strategy Voluntary Assistance Scheme (\$110k), and capital improvement works undertaken by Committees of Management.
5	Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	Net loss on disposal of assets was primarily due to the losses realised from the sale of land (\$201k), plant (\$122k) and buildings (\$32k) during the year. This was partially offset by profits generated on the sale of motor vehicles for more than their written down value (\$97k).
6	Other income	Council received an unbudgeted donation of \$0.5 million towards the Port of Sale Cultural Hub. Further unbudgeted income of \$126k was received from the sale of discontinued assets at the Sale Livestock Exchange and the Thompson River Caravan Park. Delays in the completion of capital projects led to higher than expected cash levels resulting in additional interest on investments, coupled with higher rates debtors balances incurring interest over expected levels (\$315k).
7	Materials and services	During 2014/15, an extension of time was granted for landowners to submit their titles for the Wellington Coast Subdivision Strategy voluntary assistance scheme. Originally these funds (\$3.17 million) were required to be fully allocated by 30 June 2015 but will now continue to be allocated into 2015/16 and future years. The Longford Landfill rehabilitation works (\$981k) and the Rosedale Recreation Reserve Water Bore (\$195k) were delayed to 2015/16. Savings were seen in utility costs across council facilities (\$230k) and insurances (\$165k). This was offset by landscaping expenditure originally budgeted as capital works, but expensed due to the nature of the works and a contribution made to the Seaspray Surf Lifesaving Club (\$270k). Energy Efficient Street Lighting \$270k was overspent in comparison to budget, funded by a carry forward from 2013/14.
8	Other expenses	During the year, Council transferred roads to the Department of Environment and Primary Industry (\$571k). In addition a number of assets which were no longer maintained by Council were derecognised (\$208k).

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NOTE 2 BUDGET COMPARISON (CONT'D)

b) Capital Works

	Budget 2015 \$'000	Actual 2015 \$'000	Variance 2015 \$'000	Ref
Property				
Land improvements	30	12	18	
Total Land	<u>30</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	
Buildings	10,501	8,070	2,431	1
Total Buildings	<u>10,501</u>	<u>8,070</u>	<u>2,431</u>	
Total Property	<u>10,531</u>	<u>8,082</u>	<u>2,449</u>	
Plant and Equipment				
Plant, machinery and equipment	1,786	1,555	231	
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	257	1,007	(750)	
Computers and telecommunications	707	601	106	
Library books	251	240	11	
Art Works	60	72	(12)	
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>3,061</u>	<u>3,475</u>	<u>(414)</u>	
Infrastructure				
Roads	10,353	7,550	2,803	2
Bridges	1,823	708	1,115	3
Footpaths and cycleways	932	1,587	(655)	4
Drainage	150	132	18	
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	504	648	(142)	
Waste management	753	68	685	5
Parks, open space and streetscapes	3,773	952	2,821	6
Aerodromes	155	86	69	
Off street car parks	50	49	1	
Other infrastructure	1,105	1,018	89	7
Total Infrastructure	<u>19,598</u>	<u>12,794</u>	<u>6,804</u>	
Total Capital Works Expenditure	<u>33,190</u>	<u>24,351</u>	<u>8,839</u>	
Represented by:				
New asset expenditure	-	-	-	
Asset renewal expenditure	19,419	15,381	4,038	
Asset expansion expenditure	3,626	1,546	2,080	
Asset upgrade expenditure	10,145	7,424	2,721	
Total Capital Works Expenditure	<u>33,190</u>	<u>24,351</u>	<u>8,839</u>	

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NOTE 2 BUDGET COMPARISON (CONT'D)

(i) Explanation of material variations

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Buildings	Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Outrooms Redevelopment (\$1.3 million) has been deferred until 2015/16. Yarram District Hub - some minor external landscaping and road works are continuing in 2015/16. Server room, infrastructure and meeting room information technology upgrades for Council's remote sites were delayed until all Desailly Street infrastructure was completed. Some Port of Sale Cultural Hub Design works could not be completed until after the federal grant funding announcement on the 12 May 2015. New grant funding was received for the Sale Oval Royal Flying Doctors Service project.
2	Roads	The Princes Highway/Cobains Road Intersection Upgrade project (\$2.6 million) is to be undertaken directly by the developer in 2015/16 with a monetary contribution provided by Council. The Taylors Lane project was not progressed as no Timber Impacted Roads Funding was received.
3	Bridges	Since funding was received in October 2014 work on the McLoughlin's Beach Footbridge has commenced including design and permits; construction is now set to be completed in 2015/16 in line with the funding agreement. Maxfields footbridge is currently on hold dependent on a funding application to be submitted in 2015/16.
4	Footpaths and cycleways	New grant funding was received in order to complete work on the Sale to Longford path. Pearson Street Maffra was delayed to 2015/16 and is now expected to be completed by December 2015. The Sale CBD Infrastructure Renewal Program was originally budgeted under Parks, open space and streetscapes but a portion of the work (\$408k) was capitalised as a footpath asset.
5	Waste management	Kilmany Landfill - Leachate Treatment Infrastructure and Kilmany Resource Recovery Area Extension projects are now to be completed in 2015/16 due to delays in receiving EPA approval. The Sale Transfer Station works were delayed due to Council exploring alternative uses for the land with another authority.
6	Parks, open space and streetscapes	Commercial Road Streetscape works (\$1 million) were delayed in order to coordinate work on pavements and water mains undertaken by third parties. Sale CBD Infrastructure Renewal Program is a multi year project which continues in 2015/16. Landscaping expenditure originally budgeted as capital works was expensed due to the nature of the works (\$568k). Stephenson's Park Power Supply Upgrade has been delayed to 2015/16.
7	Other infrastructure	Construction of the McLoughlins floating pontoons will commence along with McLoughlins Beach Footbridge in 2015/16. Work on the Sale Livestock Exchange Upgrade was brought forward into 2014/15.

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NOTE 3 RATES AND CHARGES		
Council uses Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipal district. The CIV of a property is its total land and improvements value.		
The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2014/2015 was \$8,965 million (2013/2014 \$8,522 million). The 2014/2015 general rate in the CIV dollar was 0.005182 (2013/2014, 0.005199) and farm rate 0.004545 (2013/2014, 0.004159).		
General Rates	44,383	42,267
Waste management charge	3,137	3,060
Service rates and charges	1,245	1,238
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	569	324
Cultural and recreational	58	40
TOTAL RATES AND CHARGES	49,392	46,928
The date of the latest general revaluation of land for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1 January 2014, and the valuation was first applied in the rating year commencing 1 July 2014.		
NOTE 4 STATUTORY FEES AND FINES		
Planning fees	220	215
Infingements and costs	159	88
Land and Building information certificates	98	96
Permits	89	68
TOTAL STATUTORY FEES AND FINES	566	467
NOTE 5 USER FEES		
Waste management services	2,404	2,133
Leisure centres	2,118	2,058
Registration and other permits	602	592
Entertainment Centre	378	301
Other fees and charges	343	347
Emergency Management Works	100	119
Caravan Parks	98	87
Animal Services	72	53
TOTAL USER FEES	6,113	5,688

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 4 GRANTS		
Grants were received in respect of the following:		
Summary of grants		
Commonwealth funded grants	20,150	9,241
State funded grants	6,082	7,185
TOTAL GRANTS	26,232	16,426
Operating Grants		
<i>Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</i>		
Victoria Grants Commission	18,270	6,115
<i>Recurrent - State Government</i>		
School crossing supervision	77	71
Libraries	202	298
Art Gallery and Entertainment Centre	221	209
Rural access and Transport connection	223	211
Property Valuation	30	174
Environmental health	74	102
Parks and Environmental services	84	75
State emergency services	75	74
Municipal emergency	120	73
Senior citizens	53	54
Community support programs	25	25
Planning	0	23
Economic Development	10	10
Fire services property levy	53	-
Other	12	44
Total recurrent operating grants	19,629	7,558
<i>Non Recurrent - Commonwealth Government</i>	148	148
<i>Non Recurrent - State Government</i>		
Community and Recreation facilities upgrade	306	369
Natural disaster funding	490	473
Parks and Environmental services	11	79
Wellington coastal subdivision strategy	500	500
Infrastructure	-	390
Municipal emergency	164	111
Economic development and Tourism	15	85
Fire services property levy	-	84
Community support programs	18	58
Environmental health	23	-
Total non-recurrent operating grants	1,527	2,149
Total operating grants	21,156	9,707

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NOTE 6 GRANTS (CONTD)		
Capital Grants		
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government		
Roads to recovery	1,627	2,967
Total recurrent capital grants	1,627	2,967
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government	18	18
Non-recurrent - State Government		
Buildings	2,573	1,517
Parks, open space and streetscapes	655	673
Footpaths	188	-
Waste Management	21	-
Roads	-	853
Bridges	-	699
Library Books	10	10
Computers and telecommunications	7	-
Total non-recurrent capital grants	3,448	3,781
Total capital grants	5,075	6,748
Conditions on Grants		
Grants recognised as revenue during the year that were obtained on condition that they be expended in a specified manner that had not occurred at balance date were:	9,941	3,545
Grants which were recognised as revenue in prior years and were expended during the current year in the manner specified by the grantor were:	2,854	11,728
Net increase(decrease) in restricted assets resulting from grant revenues for the year:	6,087	(7,683)
NOTE 7 CONTRIBUTIONS		
Monetary	336	499
Non-monetary	1,589	920
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	1,925	1,419
<i>Contributions of non monetary assets were received in relation to the following asset classes:</i>		
Land	447	403
Land under roads	12	45
Buildings	189	-
Infrastructure	937	330
Art Works	4	142
Conditions on Contributions		
Monetary contributions recognised as revenue during the year that were obtained on condition that they be expended in a specified manner that had not occurred at balance date were:	46	180
Monetary contributions which were recognised as revenue in prior years and were expended during the current year in the manner specified by the grantor were:	105	119
Net increase(decrease) in restricted assets resulting from monetary contribution revenue for the year:	(59)	61
NOTE 8 NET GAIN(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Disposal of Plant and Equipment		
Proceeds of Sale	813	988
Written down value of assets disposed	(790)	(805)
TOTAL NET GAIN(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	(177)	183

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 9 OTHER INCOME		
Interest	1,586	1,464
Other rent	602	664
Other	814	388
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	3,002	2,468
NOTE 10(x) EMPLOYEE COSTS		
Wages and salaries	18,843	18,102
WorkCover	418	322
Casual staff	1,166	1,082
Superannuation	1,872	1,734
Fringe benefits tax	219	230
Other	388	464
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS	22,906	21,934

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NOTE 10(b) SUPERANNUATION

The Wellington Shire Council makes the majority of its employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund). This Fund has two categories of membership, accumulation and defined benefit, each of which is funded differently. Obligations for contributions to the Fund are recognised as an expense in the Comprehensive Income Statement when they are made or due.

Accumulation

The Fund's accumulation categories, Vision MySuper/vision Super Saver, receives both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are normally based on a fixed percentage of employee earnings (for the year ended 30 June 2015, this was 9.5% required under Superannuation Guarantee legislation (for 2013/14, this was 9.25%)).

Defined Benefit

Wellington Shire Council does not use defined benefit accounting for its defined benefit obligations under the Fund's Defined Benefit category. This is because the Fund's Defined Benefit category is a pooled multi-employer sponsored plan.

There is no proportional split of the defined benefit liabilities, assets or costs between the participating employers as the defined benefit obligation is a floating obligation between the participating employers and the only time that the aggregate obligation is allocated to specific employers is when a call is made. As a result, the level of participations of Wellington Shire Council in the Fund cannot be measured as a percentage compared with other participating employers. Therefore, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers for the purposes of AASB 119.

Superannuation contributions

Contributions by Wellington Shire Council (excluding any unfunded liability payments) to the above superannuation plans for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 are detailed below:

Scheme	Type of scheme	Rate	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Vision Super	Defined benefits	9.50%	255	223
Vision Super	Accumulation	9.50%	1,092	1,021
Employer contributions to other funds	Accumulation	9.50%	520	489

In addition to the above contributions, Wellington Shire Council has paid no unfunded liability payments to Vision Super during the 2014/15 year (2013/14 Nil).

There were no contributions outstanding and no loans issued from or to the above schemes as at 30 June 2015.

The expected contributions to be paid to the defined benefit category of Vision Super for the year ending 30 June 2016 is \$ 257,564.

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 11 MATERIALS AND SERVICES		
Contractors	12,438	12,936
Materials	7,075	7,767
Contributions	3,173	3,133
Utility Payments	2,176	2,187
Insurances	961	988
Consultants	362	369
Authority Fees	894	702
Legal Expenses	76	106
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES	27,175	28,218
NOTE 12 BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS		
Rates Debtors	87	79
Other Debtors	2	19
Infringements	18	22
TOTAL BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS	107	120
NOTE 13 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION		
Infrastructure	12,579	12,291
Property	7,243	6,322
Plant and Equipment	2,117	2,154
Landfill Improvements	224	219
Intangible assets	328	444
TOTAL DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION	22,491	21,430
<i>Refer to note 19 and 20 for a more detailed breakdown of depreciation and amortisation charges</i>		
NOTE 14 BORROWING COSTS		
Interest - Borrowings	769	716
Changes to Net Present Value due to interest rate movements	94	14
TOTAL BORROWING COSTS	863	730
NOTE 15 OTHER EXPENSES		
Auditors' remuneration - VAGO - audit of the financial statements, performance statement and grant acquittals	47	46
Auditors' remuneration - Internal	36	20
Councillors' allowances	283	273
Operating lease rentals	295	323
Assets Written Off (impaired)	-	112
Work in Progress Written Off	36	1
Compensation	-	200
Derecognition of assets	779	55
TOTAL OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE	1,476	1,030

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 16 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	5	6
Cash at bank	6,306	305
Term deposits	38,017	35,878
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	44,268	36,189
Councils cash and cash equivalents are subject to external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary use. These include:		
Trust funds and deposits (Note 22)	769	718
Unexpended grants and contributions (note 6 & 7)	8,987	3,725
Prior years unexpended grants and contributions	3,733	2,973
Other non discretionary reserves (Note 25(b))	845	1,100
Total unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	14,334	8,516
Intended allocations		
Although not externally restricted the following amounts have been allocated for specific future purposes by Council:		
Cash held to fund carried forward capital works/operating projects	4,310	7,735
Discretionary reserves (Note 25(b))	6,203	5,825
Total funds subject to intended allocations	10,522	13,560
NOTE 17 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Rates debtors	2,167	2,140
Government grants	1,790	2,520
Other debtors	919	625
Provision for doubtful debts - other debtors	(1)	(7)
Waste management	238	579
Special charge schemes	54	169
Net GST receivable	796	616
Total current trade and other receivables	5,963	6,642
Non-current		
Rates debtors - refer Note 1(q)	3,633	3,400
Provision for doubtful debts - rate debtors - refer Note 1(q)	(2,496)	(2,482)
Special charge schemes	295	304
Provision for doubtful debts - special charge scheme	(7)	(7)
Other debtors	52	43
Provision for doubtful debts - other debtors	(25)	(17)
Total non-current trade and other receivables	1,485	1,246
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	7,448	7,888
a) Ageing of Receivables		
At balance date other debtors representing financial assets were past due but not impaired. These amounts relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing of the Council's trade & other receivables (excluding statutory receivables) was:		
Current (not yet due)	3,080	2,301
Past due by up to 30 days	216	1,334
Past due between 31 and 180 days	4	18
Past due between 181 and 365 days	-	13
Past due by more than 1 year	10	11
Total trade & other receivables	3,310	3,677

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 17 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONT'D)		
b) Movement in provisions for doubtful debts		
Balance at the beginning of the year	7	-
New Provisions recognised during the year	1	7
Amounts already provided for and written off as uncollectible	(7)	-
Amounts provided for but recovered during the year	-	-
Balance at end of year	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
c) Ageing of individually impaired Receivables		
At balance date, other debtors representing financial assets with a nominal value of Nil (2014 Nil) were impaired.		
NOTE 18 OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments	341	261
Accrued Income	<u>1,906</u>	<u>1,400</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>2,327</u>	<u>1,669</u>

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NOTE 19 (a) PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and Buildings

	Land - specialised \$'000	Land - non specialised \$'000	Land improvements \$'000	Land Under Roads \$'000	Total Land \$'000	Buildings - specialised \$'000	Buildings - non specialised \$'000	Total Buildings \$'000	Work in Progress \$'000	Total Property \$'000
Fair Value 1 July 2014	2,576	76,276	1,179	17,067	97,098	160,466	10,656	171,122	3,836	272,056
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 July 2014			(201)		(301)	(93,048)	(5,978)	(99,024)	-	(99,325)
	2,576	76,276	878	17,067	96,797	67,418	4,678	72,096	3,836	172,731
Movements in Fair Value										
Acquisition of assets	113	-	12	12	137	4,376	-	4,376	3,883	8,396
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-	-	-	-	(50,317)	-	(50,317)	-	(50,317)
Fair value of assets Disposed	(297)	-	(16)	-	(313)	(1,905)	-	(1,905)	(5)	(2,223)
Transfers	76,276	(76,276)	-	-	-	14,044	(10,656)	3,388	(3,442)	(54)
	76,092	(76,276)	(4)	12	(176)	(33,803)	(10,656)	(44,459)	436	(44,198)
Movement in Accumulated Depreciation										
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	(224)	-	(224)	(4,845)	-	(4,845)	-	(5,069)
Accum Depn Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-	-	-	-	50,689	-	50,689	-	50,689
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	-	-	16	-	16	2,291	-	2,291	-	2,297
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	(5,978)	5,978	-	-	-
	-	-	(208)	-	(208)	42,147	5,978	48,125	-	47,917
At fair value 30 June 2015	76,092	-	1,175	17,079	96,322	126,664	-	126,664	4,272	227,858
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2015	-	-	(508)	-	(508)	(50,899)	-	(50,899)	-	(51,408)
	76,092	-	666	17,079	96,413	75,765	-	75,765	4,272	176,450

Plant and Equipment

	Plant Machinery and Equipment \$'000	Fixtures fittings and furniture \$'000	Computers and telecomms \$'000	Library Books \$'000	Art Works \$'000	Work in Progress \$'000	Total Plant and Equipment \$'000
Fair Value 1 July 2014	10,817	1,708	3,582	3,282	1,927	51	21,367
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 July 2014	(4,719)	(1,045)	(3,158)	(1,733)	-	-	(10,655)
	<u>6,098</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>1,927</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>10,712</u>
Movements in Fair Value							
Acquisition of assets	1,555	895	601	240	76	112	3,479
Fair value of assets Disposed	(1,627)	(4)	-	(215)	-	-	(1,846)
Transfers	-	9	-	-	-	(51)	(42)
	<u>(72)</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>1,591</u>
Movement in Accumulated Depreciation							
Depreciation and amortisation	(1,441)	(167)	(247)	(261)	-	-	(2,116)
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	1,073	-	-	215	-	-	1,289
Transfers	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
	<u>(368)</u>	<u>(163)</u>	<u>(247)</u>	<u>(46)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(824)</u>
At fair value 30 June 2015	10,745	2,608	4,183	3,307	2,003	112	22,958
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2015	(5,087)	(1,208)	(3,405)	(1,779)	-	-	(11,479)
	<u>5,658</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>1,528</u>	<u>2,003</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>11,479</u>

Infrastructure

	Roads \$'000	Bridges \$'000	Footpaths and cycleways \$'000	Drainage \$'000	Recreational, leisure and Community \$'000	Waste Management \$'000	Parks open space and streetscapes \$'000	Aerodromes \$'000	Off street car parks \$'000	Other Infrastructure \$'000	Work In Progress \$'000	Total Infrastructure \$'000
Fair Value 1 July 2014	693,751	92,679	37,103	94,126	37,257	4,727	25,772	16,354	4,617	14,874	960	1,022,220
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 July 2014	(107,606)	(34,578)	(13,548)	(31,268)	(22,063)	(1,741)	(8,808)	(6,787)	(2,233)	(9,882)	-	(228,600)
	486,056	58,100	23,555	62,858	15,194	2,986	16,963	9,567	2,384	4,992	960	793,620
Movements in Fair Value												
Acquisition of assets	6,773	707	1,469	477	646	66	952	86	49	1,016	1,835	14,078
Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-	-	9,325	-	-	-	(1,757)	(450)	-	-	7,118
Fair value of assets Disposed	(1,050)	(1,257)	(168)	(3)	(173)	-	(228)	(90)	-	(643)	-	(3,913)
Transfers	733	219	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(678)	96
	6,456	(331)	1,323	9,799	473	66	723	(1,761)	(401)	373	1,157	17,379
Movement in Accumulated Depreciation												
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,702)	(1,017)	(654)	(900)	(469)	(158)	(810)	(355)	(114)	(435)	-	(14,977)
Accum Depn Revaluation increments/decrements	-	-	-	(2,413)	-	-	-	1,034	968	-	-	510
Accumulated depreciation of additions	(12)	-	(10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(33)
Accumulated depreciation of disposals	447	1,257	168	3	12	-	112	-	-	795	-	2,794
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(9,267)	(240)	(506)	(3,310)	(457)	(158)	(698)	1,579	(14)	(640)	-	(11,886)
At fair value 30 June 2015	700,207	92,348	38,408	103,925	37,730	4,795	26,405	14,500	4,216	14,947	1,917	1,039,599
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2015	(206,961)	(34,336)	(14,333)	(34,563)	(22,517)	(1,829)	(9,507)	(5,208)	(1,359)	(9,582)	-	(340,296)
	493,246	58,012	24,075	69,362	15,213	2,966	16,898	9,292	2,857	5,365	1,917	699,303

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NOTE 19(b) PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)

Valuation of land and buildings

Valuation of buildings were undertaken by a qualified independent valuer APV Valuers & Asset Management - Lachlan Black Registered Valuer No 2913 and Damon Griggs Registered Valuer No 3204. Valuation of land was undertaken by a qualified independent valuer Jonathan Barnett Registered Valuer No 63207.

The valuation of land and buildings is at fair value, being market value based on highest and best use permitted by relevant land planning provisions. Where land use is restricted through existing planning provisions the valuation is reduced to reflect this limitation. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Specialised land is valued at fair value using site values adjusted for englobe (undeveloped and/or unserved) characteristics, access rights and private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation. The adjustment has no impact on the comprehensive income statement.

Any significant movements in the unobservable inputs for land and land under roads will have a significant impact on the fair value of these

Details of the Council's land and buildings and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2015 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Specialised Land	-	-	78,668
Land Under Roads	-	-	17,079
Land Improvements	-	-	665
Buildings	-	731	75,034
Total	-	731	171,446

Valuation of infrastructure

Valuation of infrastructure assets (roads, bridges, footpaths and cycleways and drainage) has been determined in accordance with a valuation undertaken by Council Officer Mr Chris Hastie B. Eng (Civil), Geot Mgt and Council Officer Mr John Inglis Dip Eng.

Valuation of infrastructure assets (recreational, leisure and community facilities, waste management, parks, open space and streetscapes, aerodromes and other infrastructure) has been determined in accordance with an independent valuation undertaken by APV Valuers & Asset Management - Lachlan Black Registered Valuer No 2913 and Damon Griggs Registered Valuer No 3204.

The valuation is at fair value based on replacement cost less accumulated depreciation as at the date of valuation.

Details of the Council's infrastructure and information about the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2015 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Roads	-	-	493,246
Bridges	-	-	58,012
Footpaths and Cycleways	-	-	24,093
Drainage	-	-	69,342
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	-	1,244	13,969
Waste Management	-	-	2,896
Parks, open space and streetscapes	-	680	16,308
Aerodromes	-	-	9,385
Off street car parking	-	-	2,857
Other Infrastructure	-	40	5,316
Total	-	1,973	695,424

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NOTE 19 PROPERTY, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTD)

Description of significant unobservable inputs into level 3 valuations

Specialised land and land under roads is valued using a market based direct comparison technique. Significant unobservable inputs include the extent and impact of restriction of use and the market cost of land per square metre. The extent and impact of restrictions on use varies and results in a reduction to surrounding land values between 5% and 95%. The market value of land varies significantly depending on the location of the land and the current market conditions. Currently land values range between \$0.15 and \$1.03 per square metre.

Specialised buildings are valued using a depreciated replacement cost technique. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of buildings. The remaining useful lives of buildings are determined on the basis of the current condition of buildings and vary from 10 years to 120 years. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of buildings are sensitive to changes in expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of buildings.

Infrastructure assets are valued based on the depreciated replacement cost. Significant unobservable inputs include the current replacement cost and remaining useful lives of infrastructure. The remaining useful lives of infrastructure assets are determined on the basis of the current condition of the asset and vary from 10 years to indefinite. Replacement cost is sensitive to changes in market conditions, with any increase or decrease in cost flowing through to the valuation. Useful lives of infrastructure are sensitive to changes in use, expectations or requirements that could either shorten or extend the useful lives of infrastructure assets.

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Reconciliation of specialised land		
Off Street Car Parks	4,638	4,638
Aerodromes	3,051	3,051
Parks/Open Space/Streetscapes/Outdoor Furniture/Signage & Public Lighting	39,561	39,803
Recreation, Leisure & Community Facilities	28,023	28,165
Drainage	753	753
Waste Management	1,484	1,484
Other Infrastructure - Piers/Jetties/Caravan Parks/Markets/Saleyard	1,158	1,158
Total specialised land	78,668	78,852

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 20 INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Water rights	14	-
Software	317	485
Landfill air space	570	641
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS	901	1,126

	Water Right \$'000	Software \$'000	Landfill \$'000	Total \$'000
Gross Carrying amount				
Balance at 1 July 2013	-	971	1,942	2,913
Additions	-	284	-	284
Balance at 1 July 2014	-	1,255	1,942	3,197
Additions	17	53	40	110
Assets written off	-	-	(503)	(503)
Balance at 30 June 2015	17	1,308	1,479	2,804
Accumulated amortisation and impairment				
Balance at 1 July 2013	-	571	1,056	1,627
Amortisation expense	-	198	246	444
Balance at 1 July 2014	-	769	1,302	2,071
Amortisation expense	3	222	103	328
Assets written off	-	-	(496)	(496)
Balance at 30 June 2015	3	991	909	1,903
Net book value at 30 June 2014	-	486	640	1,126
Net book value at 30 June 2015	14	317	570	901

NOTE 21 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade Payables	5,930	5,477
Accrued Employee Expenses	173	126
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	6,103	5,603

NOTE 22 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS

Trust monies are held for the following purposes:		
Refundable deposits	184	122
Fire Services Property Levy	280	239
Retention amounts	135	133
Other trust funds and deposits	170	224
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS	769	718

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NOTE 22 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS (CONT'D)

Purpose and nature of items

Refundable deposits - Deposits are taken by council as a form of surety in a number of circumstances, including in relation to building works, tender deposits, contract deposits, subdivision deposits and the use of civic facilities.

Fire Services Property Levy - Council is the collection agent for fire services property levy on behalf of the State Government. Council remits amounts received on a quarterly basis. Amounts disclosed here will be remitted to the state government in line with that process.

Retention Amounts - Council has a contractual right to retain certain amounts until a contractor has met certain requirements or a related warrant or defect period has elapsed. Subject to the satisfactory completion of the contractual obligations, or the elapsing of time, these amounts will be paid to the relevant contractor in line with Council's contractual obligations.

Other Trust funds and deposits - Council holds in trust tickets sales for shows performed by third parties held at the entertainment centre which are forwarded to performer on completion of the show.

NOTE 23 PROVISIONS

	Landfill restoration \$'000	Total \$'000
2015		
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,027	2,027
Additional Provisions	40	40
Increase / (decrease) in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discount rate	94	94
Balance at the end of the financial year	<u>2,161</u>	<u>2,161</u>
2014		
Balance at beginning of the financial year	2,013	2,013
Increase in the discounted amount arising because of time and the effect of any change in the discount rate	14	14
Balance at the end of the financial year	<u>2,027</u>	<u>2,027</u>
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Employee Provisions		
Current provisions expected to be wholly settled within 12 months		
Annual Leave	1,389	1,256
Long Service Leave	341	268
	<u>1,730</u>	<u>1,524</u>
Current provisions expected to be settled after 12 months		
Annual Leave	340	298
Long Service Leave	3,924	3,870
	<u>4,264</u>	<u>3,968</u>
Total current provisions	<u>5,974</u>	<u>5,492</u>

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NOTE 23 PROVISIONS (CONTD)

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
(a) Employee Provisions (cont'd)		
Non Current		
Long Service Leave	251	267
Sick Leave Gratuity	1	1
Total non-current provisions	252	268
Aggregate Carrying amount of Employee Benefits		
Current	5,974	5,492
Non-Current	252	268
Total aggregate carrying amounts of employee provisions	6,226	5,760

The following assumptions were adopted in measuring the present value of employee benefits:

Weighted average increase in employee costs	4.438%	4.438%
Weighted average discount rates	2.39%	2.83%
Weighted average settlement period	12 mths	12 mths

(b) Landfill Restoration

Current	558	540
Non-current	1,603	1,487
	2,161	2,027

The following assumptions were adopted in measuring the present value of landfill restoration:

Weighted average increase in costs	3.0%	3.0%
Weighted average discount rates	2.89%	3.45%
Weighted average settlement period	12 mths	12 mths

Refer to Note 1(v) for further information on Landfill restoration provision.

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NOTE 24 INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Current		
Borrowings - secured	2,990	2,847
Non-current		
Borrowings - secured	10,137	13,127
TOTAL INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS	13,127	15,974
a) The maturity profile for Council's borrowings is:		
Not later than one year	2,990	2,847
Later than one year and not later than five years	5,822	8,524
Later than five years	4,315	4,603
	13,127	15,974
b) Aggregate carrying amount of interest-bearing loans and borrowings:		
Current	2,990	2,847
Non-current	10,137	13,127
	13,127	15,974

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NOTE 25 RESERVES

	Balance at beginning of reporting period \$'000	Increment (decrement) \$'000	Balance at end of reporting period \$'000
(a) Asset revaluation reserves			
2015			
Property			
Land	73,414	(295)	73,119
Buildings and Structures	71,544	268	71,832
	<u>144,958</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>144,951</u>
Infrastructure			
Road, Streets, Drainage, Bridges and Culverts	454,438	5,452	459,890
Other			
Art Gallery Stock	1,123	-	1,123
TOTAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVES	600,519	5,445	605,964
2014			
Property			
Land	67,215	6,199	73,414
Buildings and Structures	72,077	(533)	71,544
Infrastructure			
Road, Streets, Drainage, Bridges and Culverts	407,714	46,724	454,438
Other			
Art Gallery Stock	1,123	-	1,123
TOTAL ASSET REVALUATION RESERVES	548,129	52,390	600,519

The asset revaluation reserve is used to record the increase(net) value of Council's assets over time.

	Balance at beginning of reporting period \$'000	Transfer from accumulated surplus \$'000	Transfer to accumulated surplus \$'000	Balance at end of reporting period \$'000
(b) Other reserves				
2015				
Discretionary Reserves				
Asset Improvement	688	-	435	253
Plant Replacement	1,448	500	474	1,474
Waste Management	3,889	902	115	4,476
Total Discretionary Reserves	5,825	1,402	1,024	6,203
Non Discretionary Reserves				
Recreational Land	335	89	148	276
Art Gallery Acquisition	-	14	14	-
Art Gallery Contribution	33	-	32	1
Leased Property Improvements	732	48	212	568
Total Non Discretionary Reserves	1,100	151	406	845
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	6,925	1,553	1,430	7,948

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NOTE 25 RESERVES (CONTD)

	Balance at beginning of reporting period \$'000	Transfer from accumulated surplus \$'000	Transfer to accumulated surplus \$'000	Balance at end of reporting period \$'000
2014				
Discretionary Reserves				
Asset Improvement	1,892	177	1,381	688
Plant Replacement	1,308	998	858	1,448
Waste Management	2,949	913	173	3,689
Total Discretionary Reserves	6,149	2,888	2,412	5,825
Non Discretionary Reserves				
Recreational Land	226	109	-	335
Art Gallery Contribution	-	33	-	33
Leased Property Improvements	660	183	111	732
Total Non Discretionary Reserves	886	325	111	1,100
TOTAL OTHER RESERVES	7,035	2,413	2,523	6,925

Purpose of Reserves

Discretionary Reserves

Asset Improvement

Reserve to fund capital improvements.

Plant Replacement

Reserve is to fund future purchases of major plant and equipment.

Waste Management

Reserve is to fund the establishment of recycling and transfer stations, rehabilitation of landfills and monitoring of existing and closed landfills, and an increase in landfill capacity in the future.

Non-Discretionary Reserves

Recreational Land

Reserve to fund future open space facilities as per Section 18 of Subdivision Act.

Art Gallery Acquisition

Reserve is to fund future approved art gallery acquisitions.

Art Gallery Contributions

Reserve is to fund future specific major art gallery exhibitions.

Leased Property Improvements

Reserve to fund future works on leased properties in accordance with Crown Land Act.

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 26 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO SURPLUS(DEFICIT)		
Surplus for the period	12,038	144
Depreciation and Amortisation	22,491	21,430
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	177	(183)
Contributions- Non- monetary	(1,589)	(920)
Borrowing costs	772	716
Other	735	169
Change in assets and liabilities		
Decrease in trade and other receivables	439	55
Increase in Other Assets	(658)	4
Decrease in trade and other payables	500	(4,792)
Increase in other liabilities	51	(36)
Increase in Provisions	601	373
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	35,557	16,960
NOTE 27 RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents (see note 15)	44,358	36,189
Less bank overdraft	-	-
	44,358	36,189
NOTE 28 FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS		
Bank overdraft	200	200
Used facilities	-	-
Unused facilities	200	200

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NOTE 29 COMMITMENTS

The Council has entered into the following commitments.

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
2015	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating					
Waste management	4,433	4,433	8,865	-	17,731
Tourist Information centre	175	175	-	-	350
Animal pound & shelter service	237	237	710	-	1,184
Valuation Contract	388	-	-	-	388
North Sale outline development plan	57	-	-	-	57
Linemarking	60	-	-	-	60
Maternal and Child Health	949	853	-	-	1,812
L to P Project	125	125	251	-	501
Software Maintenance	274	274	21	-	569
TOTAL	6,698	8,107	9,847	-	22,652

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
2015	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital					
Buildings	1,450	-	-	-	1,450
Footpaths & Cycleways	38	-	-	-	38
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	550	-	-	-	550
Roads	551	-	-	-	551
TOTAL	2,679	-	-	-	2,679

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
2014	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating					
Waste Management	4,591	4,421	13,265	-	22,277
Tourist Information Centre	171	171	-	-	342
Software Maintenance	61	61	81	-	203
Animal Pound and Shelter Service	161	-	-	-	161
Major Facilities Maintenance	145	-	-	-	145
Municipal Building Services	106	-	-	-	106
Major Facilities Cleaning	70	-	-	-	70
TOTAL	5,305	4,653	13,346	-	23,304

	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years	Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
2014	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital					
Buildings	1,961	-	-	-	1,961
Footpaths & Cycleways	187	-	-	-	187
Plant, Machinery & Equipment	130	-	-	-	130
Bridges	79	-	-	-	79
Roads	68	-	-	-	68
TOTAL	2,425	-	-	-	2,425

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 30 OPERATING LEASES		
(a) Operating lease commitments		
At the reporting date, the Council had the following obligations under non-cancellable operating leases for the lease of equipment and land and buildings for use within Council's activities (these obligations are not recognised as liabilities):		
Not later than one year	253	367
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,356	1,215
Later than five years	31	49
	<u>1,640</u>	<u>1,631</u>
(b) Operating lease receivables		
The Council has entered into a commercial property sublease for a portion of it unused office space in the Port of Sale Business Centre. This property was sublet as an operating lease and has a remaining non-cancellable lease terms of under 1 year remaining.		
Future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:		
Not later than one year	6	26
Later than one year and not later than five years	-	-
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>26</u>
NOTE 31 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
CONTINGENT ASSETS		
Non cash contributions expected to be received in respect of subdivision and gifted assets are as follows:		
Developer Contributions	2,455	1,581
TOTAL CONTINGENT ASSETS	<u>2,455</u>	<u>1,581</u>

Wellington Shire Council is presently involved in several confidential legal matters, which are being conducted through Council's solicitors.

As these matters are yet to be finalised, and the financial outcomes are unable to be reliably measured, no allowance for these contingencies has been made in the financial statements.

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NOTE 31 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

Defined Benefit Superannuation Fund

Wellington Shire Council has obligations under a defined benefit superannuation scheme that may result in the need to make additional contributions to the scheme to ensure that the liabilities of the fund are covered by the assets of the fund. As a result of the volatility in financial markets the likelihood of making such contributions in future periods exists. At this point in time it is not known if additional contributions will be required, their timing or potential amount.

Funding arrangements

Wellington Shire Council makes employer contributions to the defined benefit category of the Fund at rates determined by the Trustee on the advice of the Fund's Actuary.

The Fund's latest actuarial investigation was held as at 30 June 2014 and it was determined that the vested benefit index (VBI) of the defined benefit category of which Wellington Shire Council is a contributing employer was 103.4%. To determine the VBI, the fund Actuary used the following long-term assumptions:

Net investment returns 7.5% pa
Salary inflation 4.25% pa
Price inflation (CPI) 2.75% pa.

Vision Super has advised that the estimated VBI at 31 March 2015 was 108.5%.

The VBI is to be used as the primary funding indicator. Because the VBI was above 100%, the actuarial investigation determined the defined benefit category was in a satisfactory financial position and that no change was necessary to the defined benefit category's funding arrangements from prior years.

Employer contributions

Regular contributions

On the basis of the results of the most recent full actuarial investigation conducted by the Fund's Actuary as at 30 June 2014, Wellington Shire Council makes employer contributions to the Fund's Defined Benefit category at rates determined by the Fund's Trustee. For the year ended 30 June 2015, this rate was 9.5% of members' salaries. This rate will increase in line with any increase to the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) contribution rate.

In addition, Wellington Shire Council reimburses the Fund to cover the excess of the benefits paid as a consequence of retrenchment above the funded resignation or retirement benefit.

Funding calls

If the defined benefit category is in an unsatisfactory financial position at actuarial investigation or the defined benefit category's VBI is below its shortfall limit at any time other than the date of the actuarial investigation, the defined benefit category has a shortfall for the purposes of SPS 160 and the Fund is required to put a plan in place so that the shortfall is fully funded within three years of the shortfall occurring. The Fund monitors its VBI on a quarterly basis and the Fund has set its shortfall limit at 97%.

In the event that the Fund Actuary determines that there is a shortfall based on the above requirement, the Fund's participating employers (including Wellington Shire Council) are required to make an employer contribution to cover the shortfall.

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NOTE 31 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

Using the agreed methodology, the shortfall amount is apportioned between the participating employers based on the pre-1 July 1993 and post-30 June 1993 service liabilities of the Fund's defined benefit category, together with the employer's payroll at 30 June 1993 and at the date the shortfall has been calculated.

Due to the nature of the contractual obligations between the participating employers and the Fund, and that the Fund includes lifetime pensioners and their reversionary beneficiaries, it is unlikely that the Fund will be wound up.

If there is a surplus in the Fund, the surplus cannot be returned to the participating employers.

In the event that a participating employer is wound-up, the defined benefit obligations of that employer will be transferred to that employer's successor.

Latest actuarial investigation surplus amounts

The Fund's latest actuarial investigation as at 30 June 2014 identified the following in the defined benefit category of which Wellington Shire Council is a contributing employer:

- A VBI surplus of \$77.1 million; and
- A total service liability surplus of \$236 million.

The VBI surplus means that the market value of the fund's assets supporting the defined benefit obligations exceed the vested benefits that the defined benefit members would have been entitled to if they had all exited on 30 June 2014.

The total service liability surplus means that the current value of the assets in the Fund's defined benefit category plus expected future contributions exceeds the value of expected future benefits and expenses.

Wellington Shire Council was notified of the results of the actuarial investigation during January 2015.

Landfill Restoration

Council operates 3 licensed landfills at Kilmany, Longford and Maffra and will be required to carry out site rehabilitation works in the future. Council currently has a provision for landfill restoration (refer Note 23 (b)) which is a best estimate at this time. Depending on the exact requirements of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Council may have a further liability but at this point the exact amount is unknown, as the risk levels for each site are yet to be agreed with the EPA and potential costs depend on this assessment.

Guarantees for loans to other entities

Council has also guaranteed a loan taken out by a community group, to undertake significant capital works to the Club's facilities that are located on Council land.

Council's estimated liability with respect to contingent items is as follows:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Bank Guarantees	934	934
Loan Guarantees	36	101
TOTAL BANK GUARANTEES	970	1,035

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NOTE 32 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Objectives and policies

The Council's principal financial instruments comprise cash assets, term deposits, receivables (excluding statutory receivables), payables (excluding statutory payables) and bank borrowings. Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument is disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements. Risk management is carried out by senior management under policies approved by the Council. These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure to Council and appropriate procedures, controls and risk minimisation.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Council's exposures to market risk is primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Our interest rate liability risk arises primarily from long term loans and borrowings at fixed rates which exposes us to fair value interest rate risk / Council does not hold any interest bearing financial instruments that are measured at fair value, and therefore has no exposure to fair value interest rate risk. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Council has minimal exposure to cash flow interest rate risk through its cash and deposits that are at floating rate.

Investment of surplus funds is made with approved financial institutions under the Local Government Act 1989. We manage interest rate risk by adopting an investment policy that ensures:

- diversification of investment product,
- monitoring of return on investment,
- benchmarking of returns and comparison with budget.

There has been no significant change in the Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing interest rate risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

Interest rate movements have not been sufficiently significant during the year to have an impact on the Council's year end result.

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause us to make a financial loss. We have exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in our balance sheet. To help manage this risk:

- we have a policy for establishing credit limits for the entities we deal with;
- we may require collateral where appropriate; and
- we only invest surplus funds with financial institutions which have a recognised credit rating specified in our investment policy.

Receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across the ratepayer, business and government sectors. Credit risk associated with the Council's financial assets is minimal because the main debtor is secured by a charge over the rateable property.

There are no material financial assets which are individually determined to be impaired.

We may also be subject to credit risk for transactions which are not included in the balance sheet, such as when we provide a guarantee for another party. Details of our contingent liabilities are disclosed in note 31.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. Council does not hold any collateral.

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NOTE 32 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk includes the risk that, as a result of our operational liquidity requirements or we will not have sufficient funds to settle a transaction when required, we will be forced to sell a financial asset at below value or may be unable to settle or recover a financial asset. To help reduce these risks Council:

- have a liquidity policy which targets a minimum and average level of cash and cash equivalents to be maintained;
- have readily accessible standby facilities and other funding arrangements in place;
- have a liquidity portfolio structure that requires surplus funds to be invested within various bands of liquid instruments;
- monitor budget to actual performance on a regular basis; and
- set limits on borrowings relating to the percentage of loans to rate revenue and percentage of loan principal repayments to rate revenue.

The Council's maximum exposure to liquidity risk is the carrying amounts of financial liabilities as disclosed in the face of the balance sheet and the amounts related to financial guarantees disclosed in Note 31, and is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

There has been no significant change in Council's exposure, or its objectives, policies and processes for managing liquidity risk or the methods used to measure this risk from the previous reporting period.

With the exception of borrowings, all financial liabilities are expected to be settled within normal terms of trade. Details of the maturity profile for borrowings are disclosed at Note 24.

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

(e) Fair value

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amount of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

Fair value hierarchy

Council's financial assets and liabilities are not valued in accordance with the fair value hierarchy. Council's financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

(f) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months:

- A parallel shift of 0% and -0.5% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end cash rate of 2%

These movements will not have a material impact on the valuation of Council's financial assets and liabilities, nor will they have a material impact on the results of Council's operations.

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	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
NOTE 33 ADJUSTMENTS DIRECTLY TO EQUITY		
Reversal of revalued components of assets disposed or written off (transfer from asset revaluation reserve to accumulated surplus)		
Land	71	102
Landfill Air space	224	-
Buildings & Structures	1,627	533
Roads, Streets, Drainage, Bridges & Culverts	633	294
	2,555	929

NOTE 34 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(i) **Responsible Persons**

Names of persons holding the position of a Responsible Person at the Council at any time during the year are:

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Carolyn Crossley - Mayor (5/11/14-30/6/15)
Councillor John Duncan
Councillor Patrick McIvor
Councillor Bob Wonger
Councillor Peter Cleary
Councillor Emilie Davine
Councillor Malcolm Hole
Councillor Darren McCubbin
Councillor Scott Rossetti Mayor (1/07/14-4/11/14)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER David Morcom

(ii) **Remuneration of Responsible Persons**

The numbers of Responsible Officers whose total remuneration from Council and any related entities fall within the following bands:

	2015 No.	2014 No.
Income Range:		
\$ 1 - \$ 9,999	-	-
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	-	-
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	7	8
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	-	-
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	1	-
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,999	-	-
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	1	-
\$ 70,000 - \$ 79,999	-	1
\$ 80,000 - \$ 89,999	-	1
\$ 90,000 - \$ 99,999	1	-
	10	10
	\$'000	\$'000
Total Remuneration for the reporting year for Responsible Persons included above amounted to:	566	535

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NOTE 34 RELATED PARTIES (CONTD)

(iii) Senior Officers Remuneration

A Senior Officer other than a Responsible Person, is an officer of Council who:

- (a) has management responsibilities and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer; or
- (b) whose total annual remuneration exceeds \$135,000

The number of Senior Officers other than the Responsible Persons, are shown below in their relevant income bands.

Income Range:	2015 No.	2014 No.
<\$135,000	1	2
\$135,000 - \$139,999	-	1
\$140,000 - \$149,999	1	1
\$150,000 - \$159,999	1	-
\$170,000 - \$179,999	-	-
\$180,000 - \$189,999	1	2
\$190,000 - \$199,999	2	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Total Remuneration for the reporting year for Senior Officers included above, amounted to:	945	998

(iv) Responsible persons retirement benefits

The aggregate amount paid during the reporting period by Council in connection with the retirement of responsible persons was \$Nil (2014 - \$Nil)

(v) Loans to responsible persons

The aggregate amount of loans in existence at balance date that have been made, guaranteed or secured by the council to a responsible person of the council, or a related party of a responsible person are as follows:

No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Council to a Responsible Person during the reporting year. (2013/14, Nil)

(vi) Transactions with responsible persons

During the period Council entered into transactions with responsible persons or related parties of responsible persons, which occurred within a normal employee, customer or supplier relationship and at arm's length, including provision of transport services, production of shows at the Easo BHP Bilton Wellington Entertainment Centre, and contribution towards a community bus.

NOTE 35 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER BALANCE DATE

No matters have occurred after balance date that require disclosure in the financial report.

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*, *Australian Accounting Standards* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Lesley Fairhall FCPA

Dated :

Safe

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial transactions of Wellington Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2015 and the financial position of the Council as at that date.

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the Council and by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* to certify the financial statements in their final form.

COUNCILLOR PETER CLEARY

Dated :

Safe

COUNCILLOR JOHN DUNCAN

Dated :

Safe

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

David Morcom

Dated :

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WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

Performance Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2015

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Description of municipality

Wellington Shire is the third largest municipality in Victoria, covering an area of 10,924 square kilometres to the east of the state. Wellington is easily accessible from Melbourne by either road or rail with a convenient travel time of less than two hours.

Wellington Shire is ideally placed for enjoying all that Gippsland has to offer, whether as a resident, visitor or tourist. It extends from the Great Dividing Range and Victoria's High Country, through rich irrigated flats and some of the most productive grazing land in Australia to the internationally significant Gippsland Lakes and Wetlands and the Ninety Mile Beach and Bass Strait.

Located at the heart of Gippsland, Wellington Shire is ideally located to provide the finest and best aspects of regional Victorian living. Boasting mile upon mile of pristine coastline, dramatic vistas of the Victorian High Country, rich irrigated grazing and cropping land, internationally significant wetlands and rainforest National Parkland, with a variety of communities and residential options as diverse as the landscape.

Wellington Shire residents can choose from a wide range of affordable housing options in any of our towns or in the heart of the country with views of the ocean, open plains or mountain ranges.

The most recent Census data showed that the Wellington population grew from 40,079 in 2006 to 41,440 in 2011. Council is very active in planning to ensure there is plentiful supply of new residential and industrial land to encourage this growth. Attractive features of the Wellington region include the many regional shopping centres; excellent public facilities for sports, health and cultural entertainment including the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex, Aqua Energy heated indoor pool and gym and the Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre (EBBWEC); and plentiful education options including outstanding public and private schools, TAFE campuses with a wide range of programs, from University degrees to postgraduate courses in business, nursing and food industry management.

Thirteen percent of the Wellington population work within the agricultural sector, with a wide variety of other local opportunities ranging from manufacturing and construction to retail, mining, public sector and education, arts and recreation.

There is a wide variety of industry and business contributing to the local economy including; mining, offshore oil and gas extraction, primary production and agriculture, tourism and service industries, retail, healthcare, education and community services.

RAAF Base East Sale is a major air and ground training base and home to the famous Roulettes, Central Flying School, the Officers' Training School and the schools of Air Warfare and Air Traffic Control. A \$180M redevelopment of the RAAF Base commenced in 2013 and will help secure the Base as part of our community for many years to come.

Council-owned West Sale Airport provides a base for helicopters servicing the Bass Strait oil rigs and for the servicing of aircraft and training of civilian pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers. With Yarram Aerodrome and aerodromes at Bairnsdale and other locations in East Gippsland, there are extensive facilities for defence, general and recreational aviation and considerable capacity for expansion.

The ESSO gas plant, south of Sale, supplies Victoria and New South Wales with natural gas. A number of local companies provide services to the Bass Strait oil and gas industry, operated by Exxon Mobil (Esso). Esso are currently undertaking the construction of a \$1b gas reconditioning plant confirming our place as one of Victoria's major energy regions.

Agricultural land in Wellington Shire offers some of the best conditions in the state, with Gippsland fast developing a name as Victoria's Food Bowl. The Macalister Irrigation District, with its centre at Maffra, supports Wellington's strong dairy, beef and vegetable growing industries comprising award winning businesses providing goods Australia wide.

Timber is another natural resource which contributes to the local economy through direct employment, contract and transportation services. Australian Sustainable Hardwoods (ASH), at Heyfield, mill timber products such as flooring and architraves from sustainably grown forests and manufactures products for the manufacturing and merchant markets such as windows, doors, staircases, flooring and architraves.

Ours is a diverse, vibrant and connected community where delivering liveability, economic prosperity and sustainability outcomes underpin all that we do.

Sustainable Capacity Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2015

<i>Indicator/measure</i>	Results 2015	Material Variations
Own-source revenue		
<i>Own-source revenue per head of municipal population</i> [Own-source revenue / Municipal population]	\$1,395	No material variations
Recurrent grants		
<i>Recurrent grants per head of municipal population</i> [Recurrent grants / Municipal population]	\$503	On 30 June 2015, the Commonwealth Government remitted an advance payment of \$6.07 million for the 2015/16 Financial Assistance Grants, which has had a significant impact on this indicator
Population		
<i>Expenses per head of municipal population</i> [Total expenses / Municipal population]	\$1,777	No material variations
<i>Infrastructure per head of municipal population</i> [Value of infrastructure / Municipal population]	\$18,727	No material variations
<i>Population density per length of road</i> [Municipal population / Kilometres of local roads]	13.6	No material variations
Disadvantage		
<i>Relative socio-economic disadvantage</i> [Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage by decile]	4	No material variations

Definitions

"adjusted underlying revenue" means total income other than—

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)

"infrastructure" means non-current property, plant and equipment excluding land

"local road" means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the *Road Management Act 2004*

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

"own-source revenue" means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants)

"relative socio-economic disadvantage", in relation to a municipality, means the relative socio-economic disadvantage, expressed as a decile for the relevant financial year, of the area in which the municipality is located according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Catalogue Number 2033.0.55.001) of SEIFA

"SEIFA" means the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on its Internet website

"unrestricted cash" means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Service Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2015

<i>Indicator/measure</i>	Results 2015	Material Variations
Governance		
Satisfaction		
<i>Satisfaction with council decisions</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed in making decisions in the interest of the community]	58	5 points higher than Large Rural Council average
Statutory Planning		
Decision making		
<i>Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT</i> [Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications] x100	100%	No material variations
Roads		
Satisfaction		
<i>Satisfaction with sealed local roads</i> [Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads]	52	7 points higher than Large Rural Council average
Libraries		
Participation		
<i>Active library members</i> [Number of active library members / Municipal population] x100	15.4%	In February 2015 Sale College withdrew from shared library management system and it will take some time to recover student memberships lost as part of this transition. This has had an impact on our active membership and collection usage data
Waste Collection		
Waste diversion		
<i>Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill</i> [Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x100	34.6%	No material variations
Aquatic facilities		
Utilisation		
<i>Utilisation of aquatic facilities</i> [Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Municipal population]	4.6	No material variations
Animal management		
Health and safety		
<i>Animal management prosecutions</i> [Number of successful animal management prosecutions]	11	No material variations

<i>Indicator/measure</i>	Results 2015	Material Variations
Food safety		
Health and safety		
<i>Critical and major non-compliance notifications</i> [Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance notifications and major non-compliance notifications about food premises] x100	100%	No material variations

Definitions

"active library member" means a member of a library who has borrowed a book from the library

"annual report" means an annual report prepared by a council under sections 131, 132 and 133 of the Act

"class 1 food premises" means food premises, within the meaning of the *Food Act 1984*, that have been declared as class 1 food premises under section 19C of that Act

"class 2 food premises" means food premises, within the meaning of the *Food Act 1984*, that have been declared as class 2 food premises under section 19C of that Act

"critical non-compliance outcome notification" means a notification received by council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that poses an immediate serious threat to public health

"food premises" has the same meaning as in the *Food Act 1984*

"local road" means a sealed or unsealed road for which the council is the responsible road authority under the *Road Management Act 2004*

"major non-compliance outcome notification" means a notification received by a council under section 19N(3) or (4) of the *Food Act 1984*, or advice given to council by an authorized officer under that Act, of a deficiency that does not pose an immediate serious threat to public health but may do so if no remedial action is taken

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

"target population" has the same meaning as in the Agreement entered into for the purposes of the Home and Community Care Act 1985 of the Commonwealth

"WorkSafe reportable aquatic facility safety incident" means an incident relating to a council aquatic facility that is required to be notified to the Victorian WorkCover Authority under Part 5 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*

Financial Performance Indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2015

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Forecasts				Material Variations
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Operating position						
Adjusted underlying result						
Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) [Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	8.5%	-1.5%	6.3%	2.8%	1.2%	No material variations
Liquidity						
Working capital						
Current assets compared to current liabilities [Current assets / Current liabilities] x100	321.1%	256.2%	268.5%	297.4%	229.4%	On 30 June 2015, the Commonwealth Government remitted an advance payment of \$6.07 million for the 2015/16 Financial Assistance Grants, which has had a significant impact on cash assets.
Unrestricted cash						
Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities [Unrestricted cash / Current liabilities] x100	156.8%	191.6%	204.5%	230.1%	176.2%	No material variations
Obligations						
Loans and borrowings						
Loans and borrowings compared to rates [Interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	26.6%	25.7%	23.5%	22.9%	23.1%	The result for this measure is expected to remain steady over the 4 year period, as Council constructs a number of key residential street and drainage schemes, funded by borrowings which will be repaid over time by the ratepayers benefitting from the works.
Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates [Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / Rate revenue] x100	7.3%	7.5%	4.8%	3.4%	2.7%	No material variations

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Forecasts				Material Variations
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Indebtedness						
Non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue [Non-current liabilities / Own source revenue] x100	20.4%	20.9%	19.7%	19.9%	15.3%	No material variations
Asset renewal						
Asset renewal compared to depreciation [Asset renewal expenses / Asset depreciation] x100	69.4%	95.2%	105.7%	77.1%	85.9%	No material variations
Stability						
Rates concentration						
Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue [Rate revenue / Adjusted underlying revenue] x100	60.3%	66.5%	66.5%	68.8%	69.0%	No material variations
Rates effort						
Rates compared to property values [Rate revenue / Capital improved value of rateable properties in the municipality] x100	0.54%	0.56%	0.58%	0.59%	0.60%	No material variations
Efficiency						
Expenditure level						
Expenses per property assessment [Total expenses / Number of property assessments]	\$2,181	\$2,355	\$2,259	\$2,350	\$2,473	No material variations
Revenue level						
Average residential rate per residential property assessment [Residential rate revenue / Number of residential property assessments]	\$1,115	\$1,188	\$1,240	\$1,294	\$1,351	No material variations
Workforce turnover						
Resignations and terminations compared to average staff	9.4%	12%	11%	10%	10%	No material variations

Dimension/indicator/measure	Results	Forecasts			Material Variations
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
(Number of permanent staff resignations and terminations / Average number of permanent staff for the financial year) x100					

Definitions

"adjusted underlying revenue" means total income other than—

- (a) non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure; and
- (b) non-monetary asset contributions; and
- (c) contributions to fund capital expenditure from sources other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)

"adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit)" means adjusted underlying revenue less total expenditure

"asset renewal expenditure" means expenditure on an existing asset or on replacing an existing asset that returns the service capability of the asset to its original capability

"current assets" has the same meaning as in the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS)

"current liabilities" has the same meaning as in the AAS

"non-current assets" means all assets other than current assets

"non-current liabilities" means all liabilities other than current liabilities

"non-recurrent grant" means a grant obtained on the condition that it be expended in a specified manner and is not expected to be received again during the period covered by a council's Strategic Resource Plan

"own-source revenue" means adjusted underlying revenue other than revenue that is not under the control of council (including government grants

"population" means the resident population estimated by council

"rate revenue" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges

"recurrent grant" means a grant other than a non-recurrent grant

"residential rates" means revenue from general rates, municipal charges, service rates and service charges levied on residential properties

"restricted cash" means cash and cash equivalents, within the meaning of the AAS, that are not available for use other than for a purpose for which it is restricted, and includes cash to be used to fund capital works expenditure from the previous financial year

"unrestricted cash" means all cash and cash equivalents other than restricted cash.

Other Information

For the year ended 30 June 2015

1. Basis of preparation

Council is required to prepare and include a performance statement within its annual report. The performance statement includes the results of the prescribed sustainable capacity, service performance and financial performance indicators and measures together with a description of the municipal district and an explanation of material variations in the results. This statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

Where applicable the results in the performance statement have been prepared on accounting bases consistent with those reported in the Financial Statements. The other results are based on information drawn from council information systems or from third parties (e.g. Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The performance statement presents the actual results for the current year and for the prescribed financial performance indicators and measures, the results forecast by the council's strategic resource plan. The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* requires explanation of any material variations in the results contained in the performance statement. Council has adopted materiality thresholds relevant to each indicator and measure and explanations have not been provided for variations below the materiality thresholds unless the variance is considered to be material because of its nature.

The forecast figures included in the performance statement are those adopted by council in its strategic resource plan on 16 June 2015 and which forms part of the council plan. The strategic resource plan includes estimates based on key assumptions about the future that were relevant at the time of adoption and aimed at achieving sustainability over the long term. Detailed information on the actual financial results is contained in the General Purpose Financial Statements. The strategic resource plan can be obtained by contacting council.

Certification of the performance statement

In my opinion, the accompanying performance statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Lesley Fairhall FCPA
Principal Accounting Officer
Dated: (Date)

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the (council name) for the year ended 30 June 2015 presents fairly the results of council's performance in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.

The performance statement contains the relevant performance indicators, measures and results in relation to service performance, financial performance and sustainable capacity.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances that would render any particulars in the performance statement to be misleading or inaccurate.

We have been authorised by the council and by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 to certify this performance statement in its final form.

(Councillor 1 Name)
Councillor
Dated: (Date)

(Councillor 2 Name)
Councillor
Dated: (Date)

David Morcom
Chief Executive Officer
Dated: (Date)

ITEM C2.3**RATE CAPPING SUBMISSION**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
				✓					

OBJECTIVE

For Council to note the Wellington Shire Council's submission, responding to the recommendations contained in the Essential Services Commission Report Titled "A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015".

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

That Council note the submission responding to the recommendations contained in the Essential Services Commission draft report Titled "A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015". (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

In January 2015, the Essential Services Committee (ESC) received terms of reference from the Minister for Finance to conduct a review and report on a local government Rates Capping and Variation Framework.

The ESC's draft report titled "A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015", outlines the details of a Rate Capping and Variation Framework.

A submission addressing eleven recommendations detailed in the ESC draft report, was prepared on behalf of Council and submitted to the ESC by the deadline of 28 August 2015 (Attachment 1).

The ESC has commenced an extensive round of consultation across the state to test their proposed Rates Capping and Variation Framework. Those consultations include:

- Discussions with Councillors, council staff and ratepayers and their representative bodies (MAV, VLGA, LGPro, FinPro, unions)
- Public information sessions in Melbourne and Regional Victoria
- Convening deliberative discussions with groups of randomly selected ratepayers and community members.

A working group has also been established from the sector, to refine some of the detailed design and implementation requirements of the framework.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

3. Note the submission made to the ESC in response to their draft report titled “A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015” or
4. Not note the submission made to the ESC in response to their draft report titled “A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015”.

PROPOSAL

That Council note the Wellington Shire Council's submission, responding to the recommendations contained in the Essential Services Commission Report Titled “A Blueprint for Change, Local Government Rates Capping & Variation Framework Review — Draft Report Volume I, July 2015”.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013–17 Theme Leadership and Engagement states the following strategic objectives and related strategies:

Strategic Objective

Our community is informed about Council business and is involved with Council decision making. Council advocates on behalf of the community.

Strategy 1.5

Advocate on the community's behalf to State and Federal agencies, the private sector and industry on a range of issues relevant to Wellington Shire Council.

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.



28 August 2015

Local Government Rates Capping and Variation Framework Review
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION 2015, A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATES CAPPING AND VARIATION FRAMEWORK REVIEW — DRAFT REPORT VOLUME I, JULY 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Essential Services Commission (ESC) Draft Report Volume I, July 2015.

The Wellington Shire Council (WSC) have referred to the subject report and also the original "Terms of Reference" and on that basis, we have provided comment on the recommendations contained in the subject paper.

THE CAP

Draft Recommendation 1




The Commission recommends that there should be one rate cap that applies equally to all councils in Victoria.

WSC has concerns with the introduction of a Blanket Rate Cap for 3 reasons:

1. A Blanket Rate Cap does not recognise the relative 'starting point' for each Council based on an assessment of financial sustainability and efficiency indicators and the substantial differences between Metropolitan and Regional Councils, for example:
 - *Ease of raising additional revenue* – some Councils have a greater ability than others to raise revenue from sources other than rates, which means the starting base for all Councils is not equal and does not exemplify efficiency, as a Metropolitan Council can easily raise parking fees to cover the majority of expenditure requirements.
 - *Infrastructure maintenance and costs* – unlike Metropolitan Councils, many Regional Councils have significant costs relating to infrastructure maintenance and renewal and they have relatively few revenue sources available to them to meet constantly increasing expectations from their communities. Infrastructure maintenance and renewal requirements for Regional Councils are especially challenging, given factors such as an extensive network of roads, bridges, drainage, walking/cycling paths, sports grounds, pavilions, children's playgrounds etc. that must be managed.

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- *Geographical challenges* - many Regional Councils face challenges resulting from its geography, a history of regular natural disaster events and also the need to provide appropriate infrastructure and services for a number of townships that experience significant population increases during holiday periods.
 - *Disparate communities* - Regional Councils also have many disparate communities and in many cases delivery of services must be duplicated across these communities. This in itself creates challenges when dealing with community expectations regarding both the level and nature of services provided. Regional Councils are also mindful of the need to service the whole municipality regardless of the spread of population and this challenge will become even greater within the confines of rate capping.
 - *Superannuation Shortfalls* - Since 1998 Victorian Local Government have paid approximately \$1.162b into defined benefit superannuation scheme call ups. The structure of the Local Government fund is such that it has to be kept fully funded for future liabilities at all times. This is a financial challenge which for Metropolitan Councils can be easily met given the greater number of rate payers within one district.
2. ESC contends that the application of a Differential Rate Cap across Metropolitan and Regional Councils would be too arduous to administer and would involve a "large degree of judgement".
- Yet the ESC then goes on to recommend the introduction of a Variation Request Process to provide a more "efficient, transparent and participative mechanism to deal with individual council's circumstances". A high level summary of what appears to be onerous guidelines for a Variation application are also provided, which would ultimately require the ESC make a "judgement" on whether a Variation Request should be approved – the ESC's logic as to why they have chosen one process over the other is unclear.
3. WSC is also concerned that the introduction of a Blanket Rate Cap could produce longer term unintended consequences, for example:
- *Increased Borrowings* – Councils that find it difficult to achieve financial sustainability and for political reasons do not want to submit a variation, may instead increase borrowings to fund projects, community services or resource requirements. If not managed properly, especially in a climate of rising interest rates, borrowings could increase substantially which would then see Councils make a Variation Request in order to reduce debt.
 - *Shift to short term Contract Staff* – The motivation for Regional Councils to reduce labour costs could see a shift to a greater reliance on contract / temporary staff. Regional Councils already find it challenging to attract experienced staff for key roles and a revolving door of temporary staff may directly impact on skill retention, compliance and governance requirements. This may also impact on employment opportunities in Regional towns.

Draft Recommendation 2

The Commission recommends that:

- revenue from general rates and municipal charges should be subject to the rate cap
- revenue from special rates and charges, 'revenue in lieu of rates' and the fire services levy should not be included in the rate cap and
- service rates and charges should not be included in the rate cap, but be monitored and benchmarked.

Should a Rate Cap be introduced, WSC agrees that it should apply only to general rates and municipal charge (for those Councils that still have a municipal charge).

It also remains something of a sore point that any Council levy collected on behalf of the state government, is not subject to the same efficiency requirements as the state government sees fit to impose on Councils for their rates.

Draft Recommendation 3

The Commission recommends that the cap should be applied to the rates and charges paid by the average ratepayer. This is calculated by dividing a council's total revenue required from rates in a given year by the number of rateable properties in that council area at the start of the rate year.

In the detail for this recommendation the ESC details that the base indicator in each year is determined by a recalculation of total revenue divided by the number of assessments in each consecutive year compared with the previous year. This is neither rates per assessment, or rates paid on the average valued property.

ESC's wording is confusing as it indicates that "rates per assessment" are the same as "rates paid on the average valuation" however, rates per assessment are gross rates revenue divided by the number of assessments and this does not reflect rates paid on the average valuation.

Rates per assessment reflects rates across the board which arise from the mixing of residential, commercial, industrial, farm and vacant land valuations, their numbers, rate effort and liability for municipal charges – it is therefore highly artificial.

It is arguable therefore that there are few ratepayers, if anybody, paying the "average rate" and that the use of rates per assessment is likely to be more controversial with ratepayers trying to relate things to their own rate bills. The impact of revaluations and the incidence of rates (determined by rating strategies) are also important factors muddying the waters.

Draft Recommendation 4

The Commission recommends that the annual rate cap should be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Annual Rate Cap} &= (0.6 \times \text{increase in CPI}) \\ &+ (0.4 \times \text{increase in WPI}) \\ &- (\text{efficiency factor})\end{aligned}$$

With: CPI = DTF's forecast published in December each year

WPI = DTF's forecast published in December each year

The efficiency factor will initially be set at zero in 2016-17 but increasing by 0.05 percentage points each year from 2017-18. The Commission will undertake a detailed productivity analysis of the sector to assess the appropriate long-term rate for the efficiency factor.

In previous submissions it has been strenuously argued that the CPI reflects movement in prices paid by household consumers for a weighted basket of goods and services and therefore is not an accurate indicator of production costs that are relevant to Councils. The use of the CPI represents a bias in favour of perceived community expectations about prices rather than the true cost of inputs and it is evident that the ESC has not adequately considered this base factor. Rural and regional councils in particular spend a significant amount of their fixed and variable expenditure on raw materials for road making, which includes oil, bitumen, gravel and cement, hardly items reflected in a consumer price index.

Also the utilisation of WPI only considers "pure" price changes in labour costs and does not consider changes in the age, grade or level of qualifications of the employee and relevant pay. The local government sector is characterised by salary progression via levels within bands. The costs of annual progression for a large number of employees will therefore not be accounted for in the cap which alone may add more than 1% to wage payments especially in councils with low staff turnover.

An Efficiency Factor is also recommended by the ESC to further discount WPI and CPI in order to "address the cost of living pressures faced by ratepayers". It does not however attempt to include any allowance for salary progression and structural changes in labour requirements. Materials and contracts, by far the bulk of other costs, are sourced from the wider market and have already been subjected to market forces. It also does not take into account the Regional differences where they have to compete in labour markets where demand is strong in disciplines like planning and environmental health and may need to provide higher rates in order to attract staff to specific locations.

Furthermore, the rate cap is in itself the efficiency measure, to add a further efficiency factor is not based on any evidence, data, or logic and by the ESC Commissioner's own vague comments at a recent MAV presentation on 13 August 2015, where it was stated that the efficiency factor seeks to 'redress the balance of the rates burden back towards the ratepayer.' It was also suggested that most councils adopt an efficiency factor anyway, so this was a more consistent approach across the sector. This view is simply not accurate. Like most Councils, WSC assesses its individual services based on best practice service measurement guidelines issued by the Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government. WSC have made significant expenditure reductions in services (i.e. crèche operations) while for other services, expenditure has increased (i.e. emergency response and management). The point is, Councils are now far more sophisticated in measuring individual service areas and applying appropriate efficiency savings when they are appropriate.

To suggest a further blanket percentage needs to be applied after many councils have continued to drive the efficient use of rates and resources, is a regressive and unnecessary policy that is not underpinned by any logic, data or evidence. WSC firmly opposes the efficiency factor as it is based on an outdated philosophy of 'driving efficiency' and it fails to recognise far more recent and forensic practices adopted by Councils in service delivery efficiency.

Finally, the ESC's response at the MAV presentation was along the lines of 'the efficiency factor is not really that high, so don't be too concerned' then our obvious question is 'so why have it at all?'

Draft Recommendation 5

The Commission recommends that the 2015-16 rates (general rates and municipal charges) levied on an average property should be adopted as the starting base for 2016-17.

The ESC's base indicator calculation for each year is determined by a recalculation of total revenue divided by the number of assessments in each consecutive year compared with the previous year. It is neither rates per assessment, or rates paid on the average valued property, successively indexed each year from the base year.

Refer to our comments under "Draft recommendation 3".

VARIATION

Draft Recommendation 6

The Commission recommends that the framework should not specify individual events that would qualify for a variation. The discretion to apply for a variation should remain with councils.

The introduction of a Blanket Rate Cap will translate into a large number of councils seeking variations in order to maintain service levels, while dealing with infrastructure renewal and not allowing assets to degrade over time, as has been evident in some NSW jurisdictions.

Despite noting the different capabilities of councils, the ESC maintains that the specific variation material submitted is up to councils to determine. The extensive requirements in arguing the case for a variation are considered likely to dissuade smaller, less-resourced councils, from seeking a variation. A successful request for a variation will be determined entirely by the ESC but despite all the narrative, it is unknown at this stage of the level and depth of the case required to be demonstrated by councils.

The Variation framework appears to be strong on the need for community consultation and involvement however councils are generally on a "hiding to nothing" when this relates to rates. Experience shows that with rating strategies, vocal minorities often attempt to hijack the process and State assessments of whether consultation processes are adequate are often seen through the prism of these minorities rather than the community as a whole. State government is generally never prescriptive in this area which leaves it plenty of room to be critical about consultation. The ESC states that "following on from discussions with councils" that it is "confident that councils with well-established processes for strategic planning and community

consultation will not find these requirements unduly onerous". Community consultation requirements are likely to be influenced heavily by the complexity of business cases, cost-benefit analyses and various options involved in a variation.

Likewise, what constitutes good 'community consultation' varies significantly from larger metro councils where social media and surveys might be appropriate evidence, to small rural councils where 9 councillors living in small towns may have their finger on the pulse of community sentiment a little easier, simply given weight of numbers. How will the ESC assess the appropriateness of consultation in each case?

A consideration of councils using other revenue sources to avoid rate increases as proposed by the ESC is good in theory but many of the councils worst-placed with respect to renewal gap are heavily dependent on government grants with little potential for increasing other own-source revenues. The use of debt to spread costs and hence reduce more immediate rating impacts was also raised by the ESC however for some, would only have the effect of pushing yet higher required rate increases into the future.

Draft Recommendation 7

The Commission recommends that the following five matters be addressed in each application for a variation:

- The reason a variation from the cap is required
- The application takes account of ratepayers' and communities' views
- The variation represents good value-for-money and is an efficient response to the budgeting need
- Service priorities and funding options have been considered
- The proposal is integrated into the council's long-term strategy.

ESC have only provided a high level overview of what appear to be onerous guidelines for a Variation application, on which they would have to "review and make a judgement" on whether to approve a variation request.

On any objective reading of the document, the requirements being suggested for success point to a huge task and include councils:

- taking account of ratepayers views including the presentation of other realistic options;
- proving that the variation will provide good value for money, including business cases and cost benefit analyses;
- showing service priorities and funding options have been considered including possible reprioritisation of expenditures and financing options;
- considering all other revenue-raising opportunities; and
- demonstrating consistency with councils' long term financial strategies.

It is easy for the ESC to suggest the development of business cases and cost-benefit analyses (incorporating various re-prioritisation and financing options) without fully appreciating the expertise, time and resources required to do this work.

WSC is concerned about:

- the extra resources and cost that would be required by many councils to complete a variation request and
- the ESC resources required to administer the Rate Capping Framework, review the Variation Submissions and maintain the Know your Council Website. This is a State Government initiative that provides no additional benefits to councils but adds a further burden to Councils and the Taxpayer.

Draft Recommendation 8

The Commission recommends that in 2016-17, variations for only one year be permitted. Thereafter, councils should be permitted to submit and the Commission approve, variations of the length set out below.

- 2016-17 One year (i.e. 2016-17 only)
- 2017-18 Up to two years (i.e. 2017-18 only or 2017-18 and
- 2018-19)
- 2018-19 Up to three years (i.e. up to 30 June 2021)
- 2019-20 and beyond Up to four years (i.e. up to 30 June 2023)

Should a Rate Cap and Variation process be introduced, WSC agrees with this premise.

Draft Recommendation 9

The Commission recommends that it should be the decision-maker under the framework, but only be empowered to accept or reject (and not to vary) an application for variation.

The ESC is experienced at reviewing industries that are providers of few products and WSC is concerned as to whether the ESC has the resources and/or expertise to implement and administer the Framework. Councils are far more complicated in what they deliver and in measuring (impacts on) service delivery. In addition to establishing the cap the ESC has responsibility for considering variations, monitoring associated outcomes and benchmarking council performance and efficiency in order to inform the first two. The ESC has indicated it does not expect large numbers of requests for variations but this seems unlikely, unless councils are discouraged by the task involved.

The ESC also foresees the possibility of extension of its role into garbage charges and statutorily imposed fees. There appears no rationale for the ESC to extend its brief unless it also includes State output purchases from, and specific purpose funding to, the sector.

Some aspects of the Framework and narrative indicate issues concerning impartiality. The ESC reserves a right to unfavourably review requests for variation where it deems uncontrollable budget blow-outs have occurred and there is no avenue for appeal if a council's request for variation is rejected. The question of objectivity is also raised with the ESC stating that it "does not want to err heavily in favour or against councils seeking a variation".

The role of the ESC should be no more than to monitor whether councils have complied with the rate cap variation. There is something inherently wrong with the ESC reviewing the impacts of rate capping decisions and, in particular, reviewing adverse outcomes for councils that have arisen from decisions that it may have made in declining a variation. This broader monitoring should be done by an agency other than the ESC.

Annual information required from councils that do not intend pursuing a variation appear very limited and can largely be satisfied from existing sources. It is unlikely that a request for variation to the cap could be undertaken without councils committing significant resources.

MONITORING

Draft Recommendation 10

The Commission recommends that it monitor and publish an annual rates report on councils' adherence to the cap and any approved variation conditions.

A high level Rates Comparison report may signal incorrect parallels between Councils and the ESC needs to be able to identify these differences so as not to unduly promote one Council against another.

ESC will require additional resources to undertake this task and also input from Councils to review the report and provide comment regarding differences. This provides yet another level of cost and time for Councils and the ESC. WSC reiterates that this is a State initiative that provides no additional benefits to Council but adds a further burden to the Taxpayer and that the costs for the ESC to administer this process should not be recovered from local Councils.

Draft Recommendation 11

The Commission recommends that it monitor and publish an annual monitoring report on the overall outcomes for ratepayers and communities.

ESC will require additional resources to undertake this task and also input from Councils to review the report and provide comment regarding differences. This provides another level of cost and time for Councils and the ESC. WSC reiterates that this is a State initiative that provides no additional benefits to Council but adds a further burden to the Taxpayer and that the costs for the ESC to administer this process should not be recovered from local Councils.

Yours sincerely



ARTHUR SKIPITARIS
General Manager Corporate Services



C3 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

ITEM C3.1**PLANNING DECISIONS**

DIVISION:

DEVELOPMENT

ACTION OFFICER:

MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

DATE:

1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		

OBJECTIVE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of July 2015 for information.

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

That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and Planning Application Determinations between 1 July and 31 July 2015.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Planners have delegated authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to make planning decisions in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme including the issue of: planning permits, amended permits, extensions of time, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

A copy of planning permit decisions made between 1 July and 31 July 2015 is included in Attachment 1.

Attachment 2 provides an overview of recent planning permit trends including decisions made, efficiency of decision making and the estimated value of approved development (derived from monthly Planning Permit Activity Reporting data).

OPTIONS

Council may choose to note this report, alternatively, Council may choose to seek further information and refer this report to another meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and planning application determinations between 1 July and 31 July 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The monthly report communicates information about planning trends and determinations including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

All planning decisions have been processed and issued in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

All planning decisions have been issued after due consideration of relevant Council policy, including Council's Heritage Policy and the requirements of the State and Local Planning Policy Framework in the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2013–2017 Theme 5 Land Use Planning states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

"Appropriate and forward looking land use planning that incorporates sustainable growth and development."

Strategy 5.2

"Provide user friendly, accessible planning information and efficient planning processes."

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Planning decisions are made in accordance with the relevant environmental standards to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised.

**PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS
BETWEEN 1/07/2015 AND 31/07/2015**

Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
201-2/2011	25/05/2015	Assessment No. 112466 LOT: 5 TP: 746853U 2,000 SALE-TOONGABBIE TOONGABBIE	Use and development of a dog breeding facility.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 16/07/2015
422-2/2011	27/05/2015	Assessment No. 317628 LOT: 1 TP: 561202T 1/14 GEORGE ST HEYFIELD	Amendment to permit for extension to liquor licence.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 16/07/2015
239-2/2012	17/04/2015	Assessment No. 207456 LOT: 1 PS: 308185 5,899 SOUTH GIPPSLAND LONGFORD	Buildings and works associated with the development of a dwelling <40.	Lapsed 13/07/2015
265-3/2012	22/07/2015	Assessment No. 373738 LOT: 1 BLK: 6 PS: 3222 39-41 QUEEN ST PORT ALBERT	Buildings and works associated with the development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 29/07/2015
330-2/2012	27/05/2015	Assessment No. 40964 LOT: 2 PS: 120957 26 INGLIS ST SALE	Amendment to permit for development of a front fence.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 7/07/2015
98-2/2013	19/06/2015	Assessment No. 241638 LOT: 1618 PS: 58872 20 SEAGULL DVE LOCH SPORT	Amendment to permit for use and development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 8/07/2015
270-2/2013	9/09/2014	Assessment No. 312504 LOT: 52 PS: 637835 1C/SALE RD MAFFRA	Amendment to permit for IN1Z subdivision of the land into 4 lots.	Withdrawn 15/07/2015
1-2/2014	15/07/2015	Assessment No. 208454 LOT: 1 PS: 145391 WILLUNG RD ROSEDALE	Amendment to permit for use and development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/07/2015
228-2/2014	30/06/2015	Assessment No. 205146 CA: 8 SEC: 2 PRINCES HWY ROSEDALE	Amendment to permit for use and development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 28/07/2015
279-2/2014	5/06/2015	Assessment No. 112060 CA: 81 RIVER RD TOONGABBIE	Amendment to permit for use and development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 1/07/2015
369-1/2014	3/11/2014	Assessment No. 197244 CA: 1 SEC: 4 1 SHORELINE DVE SEASPRAY	TZ subdivision of the land into 2 lots.	Withdrawn 9/07/2015

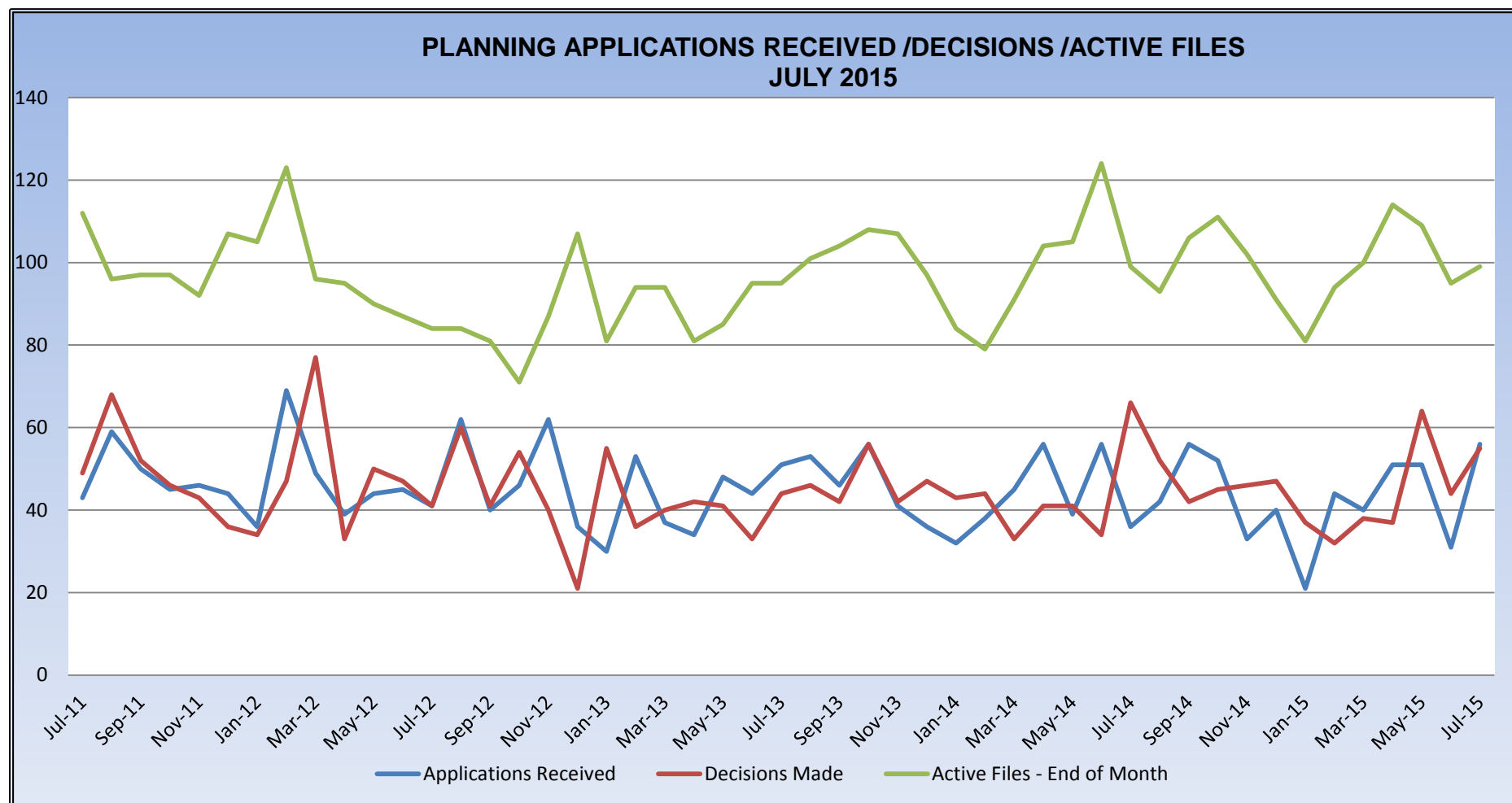
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423-2/2014	22/07/2015	Assessment No. 298026 LOT: 5 PS: 142739 54 RODGERS ST YARRAM	Amendment to permit for extension to an existing building.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 29/07/2015
10-1/2015	19/01/2015	Assessment No. 105841 CA: 4 SEC: F 833 SALE-COWWARR NAMBROK	FZ subdivision of the land into 2 lots (house excision).	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 3/07/2015
17-1/2015	2/02/2015	Assessment No. 426841 LOT: 2 PS: 700154D 17A RIEVE ST SALE	Development of 3 new dwellings on the land and subdivision.	NOD issued by Delegate of Respon/Auth 30/07/2015
25-1/2015	6/02/2015	Assessment No. 13029 LOT: 1 TP: 230356M 138 REEVE ST SALE	Buildings and works associated with development of 3 dwellings.	NOD issued by Delegate of Respon/Auth 29/07/2015
26-1/2015	9/02/2015	Assessment No. 112508 LOT: 1 TP: 128123H SALE-TOONGABBIE RD TOONGABBIE	Use and development of the land/free range broiler farm.	NOD issued by Delegate of Respon/Auth 31/07/2015
27-1/2015	9/02/2015	Assessment No. 368746 CA: 3 GRUYATTS RD TOONGABBIE	Use and development of the land/free range broiler farm.	NOD issued by Delegate of Respon/Auth 31/07/2015
45-2/2015	1/06/2015	Assessment No. 239541 LOT: 383 PS: 50201 3 REEVES ST LOCHSPORT	Use and development of land for plant nursery and shed.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 8/07/2015
90-1/2015	26/03/2015	Assessment No. 389551 LOT: 6 PS: 220275 21 CALLADALE CRT GORMANDALE	Buildings and works associated with development of a dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 13/07/2015
98-1/2015	1/04/2015	Assessment No. 240135 LOT: 1 TP: 198015Q 70 SANCTUARY RD LOCHSPORT	Buildings/works associated with development of an outbuilding.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 23/07/2015
106-1/2015	7/04/2015	Assessment No. 220210 LOT: 977 PS: 52648 49 SEA BREEZE AVE GOLDEN BEACH	Buildings and works associated with construction of a dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 15/07/2015
122-1/2015	15/04/2015	Assessment No. 108142 LOT: 1 PS: 342541P 3/632 DENISON	2 lot subdivision. Use and development/utility installation.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 7/07/2015
126-2/2015	23/07/2015	Assessment No. 116103 PC: 353079 1-3 TI-TREE DVE GOLDEN BEACH	Buildings and works associated with development of a dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015

Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
138-1/2015	29/04/2015	Assessment No. 347047 LOT: 3 PS: 85003 446 MAITRA	Two lot subdivision/use & development of a second dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 13/07/2015
139-1/2015	30/04/2015	Assessment No. 366971 LOT: 6 PS: 54217 1 MCKINNON RD TINAMBA	Use and development of land for a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 8/07/2015
141-1/2015	30/04/2015	Assessment No. 389577 LOT: 11 PS: 204069 6 CALLADALE CRT GORMANDALE	Use and development of a single dwelling.	Refusal Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 1/07/2015
145-1/2015	1/05/2015	Assessment No. 403964 LOT: 9 PS: 602218R 67 PRINCES HWY SALE	Use and development of the land for vehicle repairs.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/07/2015
150-1/2015	7/05/2015	Assessment No. 91082 LOT: 3 PS: 302142 435 BRIAGOLONG RD STRATFORD	Buildings & works/construction of outbuilding/extension to dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015
154-1/2015	8/05/2015	Assessment No. 246165 LOT: 2788 PS: 78944 9 WALLABY ST LOCHSPOUT	Buildings and works associated with construction of a single dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 7/07/2015
155-1/2015	8/05/2015	Assessment No. 197203 LOT: 2 PS: 123675 114 PRINCE ST ROSEDALE	Buildings and works associated with development of a new second access.	Refusal Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 1/07/2015
158-1/2015	11/05/2015	Assessment No. 364380 LOT: 1 TP: 183686X 24B REEDYS RD RIVERSLEA	Subdivision of the land into 2 lots to excise an existing dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 10/07/2015
159-1/2015	11/05/2015	Assessment No. 319889 LOT: 1 PS: 736766 21 MARY ST HEYFIELD	2 lot subdivision of the land.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 3/07/2015
173-1/2015	21/05/2015	Assessment No. 430645 LOT: 2 PS: 723238 2A ALLEN CRT ROSEDALE	Two lot residential subdivision.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 8/07/2015
177-1/2015	26/05/2015	Assessment No. 219535 LOT: 904 PS: 52668 25 DOLPHIN AVE GOLDEN BEACH	Buildings and works associated with development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 9/07/2015
178-1/2015	26/05/2015	Assessment No. 98871 CA: 12A SEC: 1 UPPER DARGO RD DARGO	Buildings and works associated with development of a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/07/2015

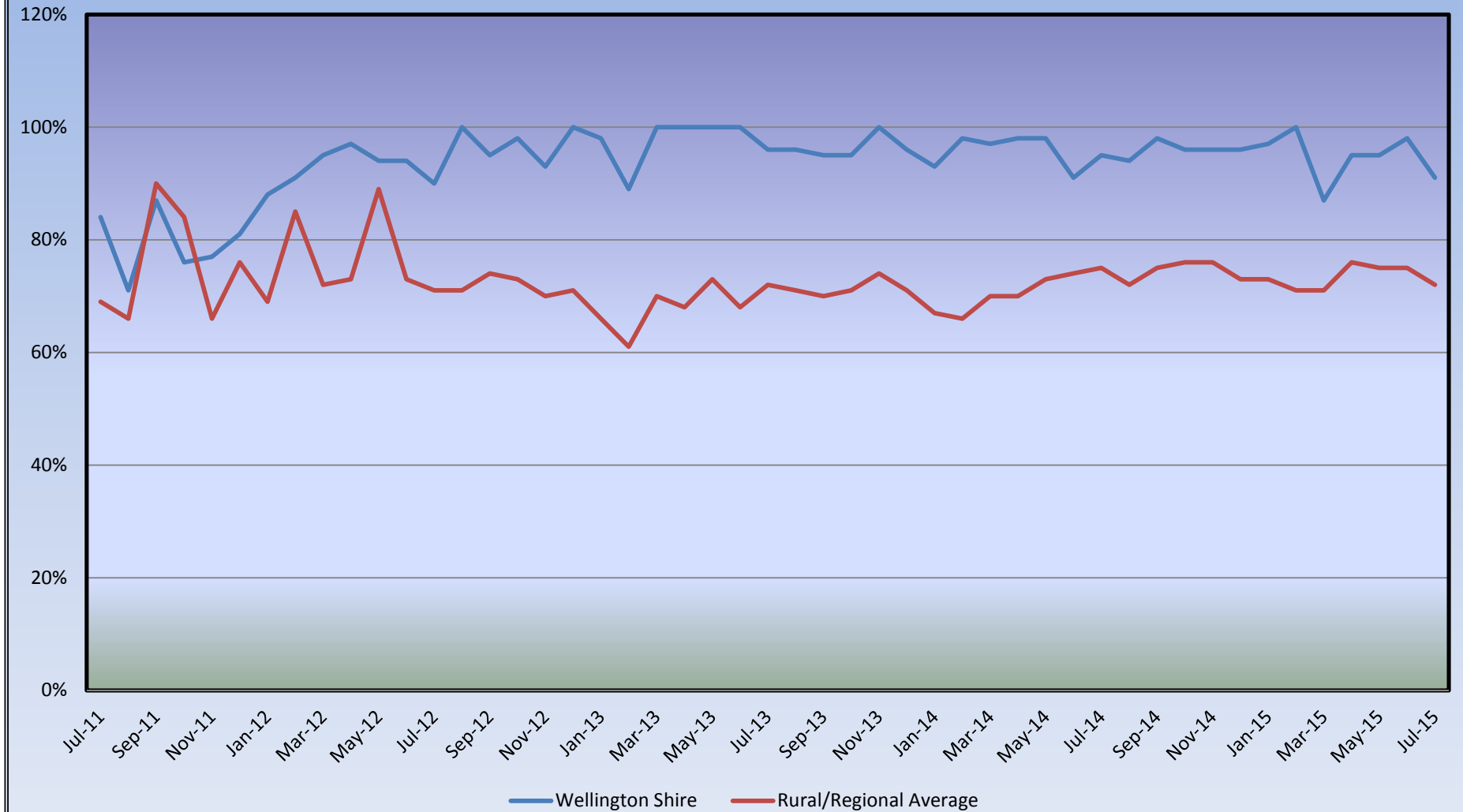
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180-1/2015	28/05/2015	Assessment No. 229856 LOT: 1385 PS: 58872 7 EMU CRT LOCHSPORT	Building & works associated with development of outbuilding (carport).	Withdrawn 24/07/2015
181-1/2015	29/05/2015	Assessment No. 110122 LOT: 1 PS: 635553Q 1,230 CAIRNBROOK RD OLENGARRY	Subdivision of the land into 2 lots to excise an existing dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 21/07/2015
183-1/2015	1/06/2015	Assessment No. 309476 LOT: 4 PS: 201641 21-23 MCMAHON DVE MAFFRA	Building & works associated with extension to engineering workshop.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 13/07/2015
184-1/2015	1/06/2015	Assessment No. 209858 PC: 357348X 27 ARMSTRONG AVE PARADISE BEACH	Building & works associated with development of single dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 9/07/2015
186-1/2015	3/06/2015	Assessment No. 239012 LOT: 2328 PS: 70941 31 PELICAN ST LOCHSPORT	Building & works associated with extension of existing dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015
187-1/2015	3/06/2015	Assessment No. 421578 LOT: 24 PS: 637841Y 47 WOONDELLA BVD SALE	Building & works associated with development of a single dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 7/07/2015
189-1/2015	5/06/2015	Assessment No. 325894 LOT: B PS: 736776 GOLF COURSE RD HEYFIELD	8 lot staged subdivision of the land.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015
190-1/2015	5/06/2015	Assessment No. 236000 LOT: 1417 PS: 58872 140 NATIONAL PARK LOCHSPORT	Buildings and works associated with development of a single dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/07/2015
192-1/2015	10/06/2015	Assessment No. 380923 CA: 35D 331 LANES RD ALBERTON WEST	Buildings and works associated with construction of two sheds.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015
194-1/2015	11/06/2015	Assessment No. 192310 PCA: 2 SEC. 3A 2,194 PRINCES HWY ROSEDALE	Building and works associated with extension to existing workshop.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 7/07/2015
195-1/2015	17/06/2015	Assessment No. 267781 LOT: 5 PS: 307402U 52 BOLGERS RD DEVON NORTH	Building and works associated with construction of an outbuilding.	No Permit Required 17/07/2015
197-1/2015	18/06/2015	Assessment No. 206177 CA: 76A 263 ROSEDALE	Building and works associated with extension to existing dwelling.	Permit issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/07/2015

Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
202-1/2015	24/06/2015	Assessment No. 185470 CA: 14C 31 BOYLE RD LONGFORD	Building and works associated with construction of a shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 10/07/2015
208-1/2015	3/07/2015	Assessment No. 283705 CA: 13C 7,618 SOUTH GIPPSLAND GELLIONDALE	Building and works associated with construction of an outbuilding.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 23/07/2015
212-1/2015	7/07/2015	Assessment No. 384750 LOT: 24 PS: 316758B SCOTT'S LANE MAITRA	Building and works associated with development of a single dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 20/07/2015
220-1/2015	13/07/2015	Assessment No. 85571 CA: 4 SEC: 35 1,394 PRINCES HWY STRATFORD	Building and works associated with development of a farm shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 28/07/2015
231-1/2015	21/07/2015	Assessment No. 193227 CA: 4 SEC: 10 63 QUEEN ST ROSEDALE	Subdivision of the land into four residential lots.	Withdrawn 24/07/2015
233-1/2015	23/07/2015	Assessment No. 330381 LOT: 3 PS: 33950 164 WEIR RD HEYFIELD	Building and works associated with construction of a farm shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 31/07/2015

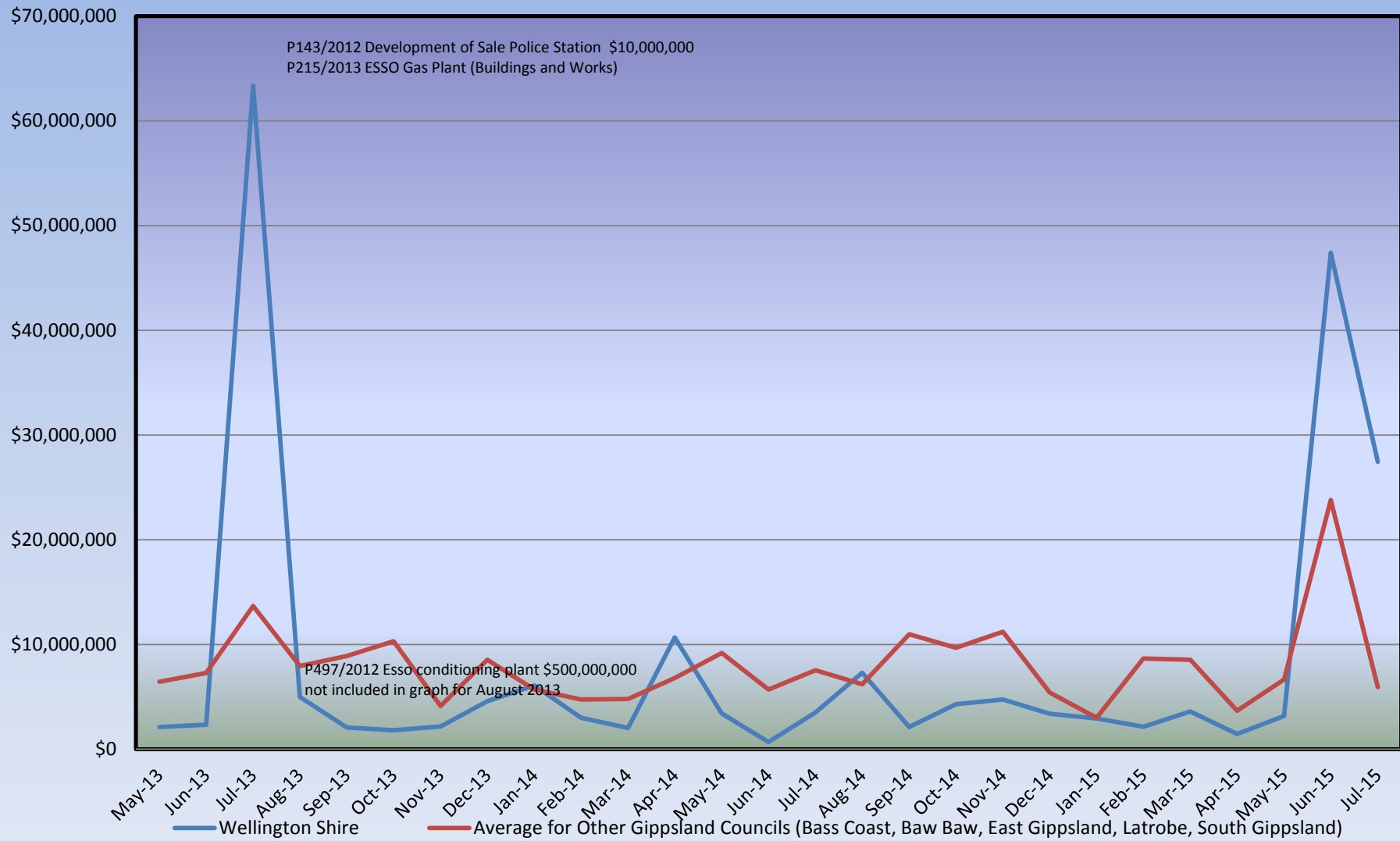
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C4 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



C5 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ITEM C5.1**BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES**

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓	✓	✓				✓	

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meeting held on 10 August 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meeting held on 10 August 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management is a Special Committee of Council under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and operates within the provisions of a Council approved Instrument of Delegation.

The objectives of the Special Committee are:

- To manage, operate and maintain the Briagolong Recreation Reserve for the community in an efficient, effective and practical manner.
- To undertake activities designed to protect, promote, utilise and develop the Briagolong Recreation Reserve for the use and enjoyment of the local community.

As provided under the Committee's Instrument of Delegation the minutes of all meetings are to be presented to Council and highlight the day to day activities being undertaken by the Committee.

Conflict of Interest: It was noted that conflicts of interest were called for at the commencement of the meeting, with no conflicts being declared.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meetings held on 10 August 2015; or

2. Seek further information to be considered at a future Council Meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council receive the minutes from the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's Ordinary Meeting held on 10 August 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Section 91(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council Policy 5.3.2 which establishes a framework for the guidance of Council in relation to the roles and responsibilities of Committees.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objectives

Asset and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs.

Strategy 4.2

Ensure assets are managed, maintained and renewed to meet service needs.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Meetings held by the Briagolong Recreation Reserve Committee of Management are open to the public.

BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE

Special Committee of Council

MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 10th AUGUST 2015

MEETING TIME: 7.30PM

MEETING VENUE: BRIAGOLONG RECREATION RESERVE

1. Present/apologies

Name	Title	Representing	Present/Apology
Peter Cleary	Councillor	Wellington Shire Council	Apology
Chris Pleydell		Briagolong Junior Football	Absent
Jacob Annear		Boisdale/Briagolong Cricket	Absent
Bradley Mynott		Boisdale/Briagolong Cricket	Present
Kylie Wright	Secretary	Briagolong & District Pony	Present
Jenny Elliot	President	Briagolong & District Pony	Present
Stephen Noble		Community	Present
Vanessa Randle	Treasurer	Briagolong Tennis Club	Present
Mick Pleydell		Briagolong Tennis Club	Present

Quorum achieved: YES

2. Declaration of conflicts of interest: NIL

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting:

Moved: Mick

Seconded: Brad

4. Business arising from previous meeting:

- Still need to purchase paint for veranda poles.
- Vanessa spoke with Tracie Binger regarding coin donation for lighting at tennis courts – minimal money acquired through this system.
- Top dressing both ovals – Jenny and Stephen to obtain quotes for light dressing on both.
- Brad showed all present kitchen plans, roster for works to commence Saturday 5th September.
- Kylie spoke with Lisa Lyndon – shire – Lisa will put advertisement for all committee positions in paper in November.

5. Correspondence in:

- Interruption to power 19th August 2015 8.30 – 3.30pm

- Shire Valuation
- 2 X electricity rebates \$125.00 each
- CFA account for yearly service/supply - \$55.00
- Brown Wigg account for keys cut - \$34.65
- Kim Appleton – cleaning account \$1020

6. Correspondence out -

- Letter from Kylie to Mark Benfield at shire – Recreation Reserve committee support for new Cricket net area.

7. Reports –

7.1 Presidents report –

- NIL

7.2 Treasurers report -

- Presented by Vanessa and accepted by all present.

7.3 User group reports –

Cricket club –

- Holes have been dug for new net area.
- Have commenced training, Tues/Thur nights are training nights.

Football club –

- No representatives present

Pony Club –

- All kids enjoyed a rally yesterday.
- No rally's booked now until November.

Community – Primary school has a new principle.

Tennis Club –

- Monday ladies team continuing.
- AGM recently:
- Vanessa is president, Kaz McLaughlin - Secretary, Mark Kennedy - treasurer

Shire – Peter not present.

8. Volunteers: NIL this month

9. OHS/Risk/Facility Fault report:

- Recent function – a lady found men to be using women's toilets as they have urinals in them – not appropriate.
- **Disability access concerns still being raised by community members.**
- Female change rooms – supporting women to participate in sport is of upmost importance, Briagolong Recreation Reserve has no facilities for female players or umpires to change in.

10. New Rules of the Committee:

- None to report on.

General Business –

- Discussions held in regards to kitchen refurbishment – Recreation rooms to not be utilised the last week of August or ALL of month of September.
- Kylie to speak with Kim Appleton regarding an ABN – cannot pay her cleaning invoice until an ABN is provided.
- Kylie to make a sponsorship letter/request and distribute to local business re: building materials for kitchen.
- Kylie to approach Bunning's about an account for Briagolong Recreation Reserve.
- Kylie to inform football club of kitchen renovation plans as no representative present tonight - will request their belongings/equipment be relocated during kitchen works.

Mtg closed: 9.05 pm

8. Next meeting: 14th September 2015 @ 7.30pm

Treasurers Report for meeting held August 2015

Reconciled Statement for July 31 2015

Cash at Bank as at 30/06/2015	15418.41
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Income:

July

Bank Interest	0.47	
		\$0.47

Payments:

July

Gippsland Water March - June	-1243.91	
		-1243.91

<u>Reconciled Bank Balance to date</u>	<u>14174.97</u>
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unpresented chq's & deposits

Reimb. Brad Mynott - safety goggles	-83.00	
DEPI - hire of facility for retirements	50.00	
		-33.00

<u>closing balance of accounts to date</u>	<u>14,141.97</u>
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Cheques to be authorised

K Appleton - cleaning	-1020.00
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	- 1,020.00
Balance Remaining to date...	<u>13121.97</u>

incoming correspondence:

outgoing correspondence:

Note:

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

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓	✓	✓				✓	

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management's Annual General Meeting held 29 June 2015 including audited financial statements and Ordinary Meeting held also on 29 June 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management's Annual General Meeting held 29 June 2015 including audited financial statements and Ordinary Meeting held also on 29 June 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management is a Special Committee of Council under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and operates within the provisions of a Council approved Instrument of Delegation.

The objectives of the Special Committee are:

- To manage, operate and maintain the Gordon Street Reserve for the community in an efficient, effective and practical manner.
- To undertake activities designed to protect, promote, utilise and develop the Gordon Street Reserve for the use and enjoyment of the local community.

As provided under the Committee's Instrument of Delegation the minutes of all meetings are to be presented to Council and highlight the day to day activities being undertaken by the Committee.

Conflict of Interest: It was noted that conflicts of interest were called for at the commencement of the meeting, with no conflicts being declared.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management's Annual General Meeting held 29 June 2015 including audited financial statements and Ordinary Meeting held also on 29 June 2015; or
2. Seek further information to be considered at a future Council Meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management's Annual General Meeting held 29 June 2015 including audited financial statements and Ordinary Meeting held also on 29 June 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Section 91(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council Policy 5.3.2 which establishes a framework for the guidance of Council in relation to the roles and responsibilities of Committees.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objectives

Asset and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs.

Strategy 4.2

Ensure assets are managed, maintained and renewed to meet service needs.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Meetings held by the Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management are open to the public.

GORDON STREET RESERVE Special Committee of Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE, MEETING TIME, MEETING VENUE

Meeting Opened Time: 7.03 pm

1. Present / Apologies

Name	Title	Representing	Present / Apology
Malcolm Hole	Councillor		Present
Barbara Cook		Heyfield Vintage Machinery Group	Present
Patrick Rodaughan	Secretary	Heyfield Junior Football Club	Present
Gael McGee		Heyfield Cricket Club	Present
Lee Clarke		Heyfield Traders & Tourism Assn	Apology
Caroline Escreet		Heyfield Basketball	Apology
Kelvin Sundermann	Vice President	Heyfield Tennis	Apology
Brian Brown	President	Community	Present
Charlie Wojcinski		Community	Present
Trevor Donohue	Treasurer	Community	Present
Richard Fawaz		Community	Present
Bruno Furjan		Pigeon Club	Present
Geoffrey Healy		Heyfield Football Netball	Apology

Quorum Achieved Yes

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: Read by Chairperson Brian

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

**Moved: B Brown
CARRIED**

Seconded: R Fawaz

4. Business Arising from Previous AGM: Nil

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chairperson's Report: Attached Moved: B Brown Seconded: B Cook
5.2 Treasurer's Report: Attached Moved: T Donohue Seconded: P Rodaughan
5.3 User Group Reports: Nil

6. Election of Office Bearers

All positions declared vacant. Councillor Malcolm Hole conducted the election of office bearers.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 6.1 Chairperson | Name: Brian Brown | |
| Moved: P Rodaughan | | CARRIED |
| 6.1.a Vice Chairperson | Name: Kelvin Sundermann | |
| Moved: P Rodaughan | | CARRIED |
| 6.2 Secretary | Name: Pat Rodaughan | |
| Moved: B Brown | | CARRIED |
| 6.3 Treasurer | Name: Charlie Wojcinski | |
| Moved: B Brown | | CARRIED |

6.4 Special Committee Fact Sheet read: B Brown

7. Schedule of Fees: Committee agreed fees be increased for the 2015/16 year as per current CPI.
8. Committee's Rules for the Reserve
9. Forward Planning Strategies: Committee would like to implement a traffic management plan on the west side of the Basketball stadium and included this work in the 2015/16 budget.
10. Next Calendar Year Meeting Dates: 24/08/2015, 26/10/2015, 22/02/2016, 25/04/2016, 27/06/2016
11. Next Annual General Meeting: 27/06/2016

Meeting Closed Time: 7.42pm



<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Electricity	3,282.92	Club Rent	3960
Gipps Water	4,094.67	Interest	661.78
Toilets	1,693.20	Mowing	3144.59
Mowing	5,451.15	Donations	6000
Grounds	8,331.64	WSC (gst)	5142.96
Buildings	7,985.56	WSC (grants)	70263.2
Audit	330.00	other	282.50
Petty Cash	200.00	Casual Hire	770
Equipment	2,552.80		
Seating	1,147.56		
PO Box	115.00		
WSC (contributions)	51,716.00		
Shed	4,831.61		
Bank Fees	11.55		
Other	690.79		
Dam	24,728.00		
Water Purchase)	17,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$134,162.45	TOTAL INCOME	\$90,225.03
<u>PREVIOUS ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>		<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>	
CHEQUE	5,264.19	CHEQUE	3,061.16
MOWER	2,990.19	MOWER	4,664.75
MASTERPLAN	58,299.46	MASTERPLAN	1,255.24
TERM DEPOSIT		TERM DEPOSIT	14,000.00
UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	199.73	BALANCE	22,981.15
		UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	165.00
TOTAL PREVIOUS BALANCES	66,753.57	TOTAL CURRENT BALANCE	22,816.15

Brian F. Brown

29/06/15

PRESENTS REPORT 2014/15

I would like to thank our office bearers for their full support & help over the past year.

I would particularly like to thank Herb & Craig Bennet for all their help with the general every day running of the reserve whether mowing, general maintenance or just cleaning up around the reserve.

This year we again had the privilege to have the help from the Mission Australia people thanks to Tania Burton for organizing this. They have carried out many hours of work painting at the Netball rooms and also many hours at the Tennis club paving and general repairs. To thank them for their continued help we put on a BBQ for them at Christmas.

We have replaced 14 sheets of laser light sheets, installed 6 new whirly vents and replaced and lowered the capping on the basketball stadium as there was issues with rain getting in onto the floor.

We have managed to get soil donated by Ash Timber which was spread around the main two ovals and the tennis club. Thank you to Richard Fawaz and Kelvin Sundermann for organizing the spreading of this soil.

We have had the privilege of topsoil being donated from various jobs around which has been used to fill the low area near the cricket nets.

We have also been donated mulch which is still to be spread around.

We had the loan of a small excavator from Steve Mahoney which we were able to use to some dirt around and fill some of the holes that had developed around the ovals.

We have had two major water pipe leaks one outside the southern end of the basketball stadium which we discovered was not going through the meters and serviced the football rooms and the football oval. This has now been passed over to the Wellington Shire to deal with. The other leak was outside the public toilet block and is still in the process of being fixed.

We also have recently had the loan of a backhoe from Rodney Millar which we were able to use when we had major leaks in water pipes and other maintenance jobs around the grounds.

The dam was fixed by the shire only to have more heavy rain and the dam wall gave away again so we are now still waiting on the shire to fix again.

The shire purchased another 10 Meg of water for us which now gives a total of 11meg now.

We made four new double seats which have been placed at the netball courts and football rooms.

We have one again had Gibson's donate and spread super on the main oval and the Vern Scott oval.

We have received numerous equipment from the old shire offices which will be put to good use. We got filing cabinets, benches, chairs and other office supplies.

On June 6th there was a working bee on the Netball rooms where quite a few people painted, removed staples from the floor and did a general clean up.

Craig Bennet & I have done many hours helping builders, plasterers and electrician do work on the Netball rooms.

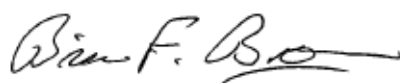
We also had a working bee at Malcom Holes place when he became ill.

We held our annual Christmas dinner where all members and helpers were invited where we enjoyed a lovely meal supplied by Maffra Spit Roast.

Thank you to Malcom Hole for attending or meetings and keeping us up to date with the going on for the Wellington Shire.

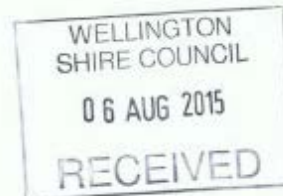
And finally a big thank you to all the committee members for their support during the past 12 months & I hope we can continue towards bigger & better things for the Gordon Street Reserve.

Thanks Brian Brown





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GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

We have prepared the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments, period ending June 30, 2015 from information supplied by our client for and at the request of and exclusively for the use of our client.

We express no opinion on whether the Statement of Receipts and Payments presents a true and fair view of the financial results, nor do we give any warranty of accuracy or reliability thereof. Neither the firm or any members or employees of the firm undertakes responsibility arising in any other way whatsoever to any person other than our client, for errors or omissions however caused.

**TYRRELL PARTNERS
ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISERS**


31-7-2015

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GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS****FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1ST, 2014 - JUNE 30TH, 2015**WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

06 AUG 2015

RECEIVED

RECEIPTS

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
3,215.00	CLUB RENTALS	3,960.00
49,796.00	DONATIONS	6,000.00
946.00	HIRE - CASUAL	770.00
1,074.03	INTEREST - TERM DEPOSIT	661.78
1,957.70	MISCELLANEOUS	282.50
2,424.51	MOWING	3,144.59
9,913.14	W.S.C. - Assist Grants	70,263.20
4,399.07	W.S.C. - GST	5,142.96
28,907.00	W.S.C. - Subsidy	
<u>\$102,632.45</u>		<u>90,225.03</u>

EXPENDITURE

330.00	AUDIT	330.00
25.45	BANK FEES	11.55
20,132.17	BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	7,985.56
4,717.87	ELECTRICITY	3,103.19
0.00	DAM	24,728.00
3,776.25	GIPPSLAND WATER	4,094.67
2,347.64	GROUNDWORK	8,311.64
3,519.95	IRRIGATION	0.00
20,221.05	MOWER (PART PURCHASE)	2,552.80
0.00	MOWING	5,451.15
107.00	P O BOX	115.00
100.00	PETTY CASH	200.00
0.00	SEATING	1,147.56
0.00	SHED	4,831.61
1,416.85	SUNDRY	690.79
1,297.00	TOILETS	1,693.20
0.00	WATER PURCHASE	17,000.00
70.54	W.S.C. - GST	0.00
0.00	W.S.C. - CONTRIBUTIONS	51,716.00
<u>\$58,061.77</u>		<u>133,962.72</u>
	<u>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	<u>-43,737.69</u>

Refer Attached Accountants Report

GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE, 2015

<u>2014</u>	<u>Bendigo Bank</u>	
	<u>Term Deposits</u>	
\$ -	Master Plan Account 153720909	\$ 14,000.00
	<u>Statement Accounts</u>	
\$ 58,299.46	Masterplan Account 149535650	\$ 1,255.24
\$ 2,990.19	Mowing Account 147129084	\$ 4,664.75
\$ 5,264.19	Committee Account 121567655	\$ 2,896.16
<u>\$ 66,553.84</u>	TOTAL funds as at 30th June, 2015	<u>\$ 22,816.15</u>

GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE Special Committee of Council

MINUTES

MEETING DATE, MEETING TIME MEETING VENUE

Meeting Opened Time: 7.45 pm

Date: 29/06/2015

1. Present / Apologies

Name	Title	Representing	Present / Apology
Malcolm Hole	Councillor		Present
Barbara Cook		Heyfield Vintage Machinery Group	Present
Patrick Rodaughan	Secretary	Heyfield Junior Football Club	Present
Gael McGee		Heyfield Cricket Club	Present
Lee Clarke		Heyfield Traders & Tourism Assn	Apology
Caroline Escreet		Heyfield Basketball	Apology
Kelvin Sundermann	Vice President	Heyfield Tennis	Apology
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Charlie Wojcinski		Community	Present
Trevor Donohue	Treasurer	Community	Present
Richard Fawaz		Community	Present
Bruno Furjan		Pigeon Club	Present
Geoffrey Healy		Heyfield Football Netball	Apology

Quorum Achieved? Yes

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest : Read by Chairperson Brian Brown

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting (note any corrections)

Moved: P Rodaughan

Seconded: B Cook

CARRIED

Chairperson to sign and date previous minutes to be filed by Secretary

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes : Nil

5. Correspondence In : Attached
 6. Correspondence Out – date previous minutes sent to Council : Attached
 7. Reports
 - 7.1 Chairperson's Report : Attached
 - 7.2 Treasurer's Report : Attached
 - 7.3 User Group Reports : Attached
 8. Volunteers :
 9. OHS / Risk / Facility Fault Report: Attached
 10. New Rules of the Committee to be endorsed by Council
 11. General Business: Attached
 12. Next Meeting : 24/08/2015
- Meeting Closed Time: 8.00 pm

These minutes are:

Confirmed as true and correct on 29/06/2015

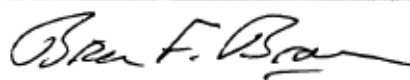
Or

Corrections have been made and noted at the meeting on
Date

Chairperson Signature 

GORDON STREET RESERVE - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - COMMITTEE MEETING 29/06/2015

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Garden Supplies	65.00	WSC (gst)	218.58
W Butcher	101.20	WSC (gst)	206.23
Bank Fees	3.15	WSC (gst)	329.26
Petty Cash (secretary)	100.00		
Petty Cash (president)	100.00		
Timberline	158.06	Interest	10.68
Aldersea Higgins	91.30		
Gary Lee Sprinklers	352.00	Newry Rec Res	232.37
Vern Graham	257.90	Newry Rec Res	107.25
Gippsland Pest Control	66.00		
Heyfield Signs	594.00	Donations	200
CFA	88.00		
Hardweld	330.00		
Heyfield Signs	88.00		
Elgas	77.00		
Newry Contractors	220.00		
Vern Graham	927.17		
Timberline	229.62		
Café 3858	60.00		
IGA	45.73		
O'Brien Plumbing	535.00		
Gippsland Water	1,425.58		
Hardweld	165.00		
Energy Aust	1,377.57		
IGA	184.00		
Elders	460.00		
Cash (Locks and Wheels)	61.50		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$8,162.78	TOTAL INCOME	\$1,304.37
PREVIOUS ACCOUNT BALANCES		CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE	
CHEQUE	10,204.87	CHEQUE	3,061.16
MOWER	4,318.54	MOWER	4,664.75
MASTERPLAN	1,151.15	MASTERPLAN	1,255.24
TERM DEPOSIT	14,000.00	TERM DEPOSIT	14,000.00
		BALANCE	22,981.15
		UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	165.00
TOTAL PREVIOUS BALANCES	29,674.56	TOTAL CURRENT BALANCE	22,816.15



Gordon Street Reserve General Meeting

Venue: Heyfield Football Netball Club social rooms.

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In: WSC David Butler building agreement; Energy Australia re changes to electricity account; SRW newsletter; WSC invitation to volunteers breakfast; WSC David Butler expression of interest for office furniture; WSC Mark Benfield schedule of works timeframe.

Correspondence Out: Email WSC Geoff Hay 21/05/15 general meeting minutes; WSC email David Butler signed building agreement; ASH Timber letter request for donation of topsoil for Tennis Club

Reports:

- Chairperson's Report: Brian reported the football score board is going to be relocated and replaced with an electronic one.
- Brian has received quotes for floor covering for the DSE Multi Purpose building.

Heyfield & District Vintage Machinery Group: The 2015 vintage rally was again very successful and is growing bigger every year.

General Business:

Brian spoke of the work done at the reserve by one of our volunteers and to recognise his efforts and suggested a certificate of appreciation and an IGA voucher. Brian asked members about signing up to Grants Online as we may be able to apply for grants from other sources.

Motion: The committee sign up to Grants Online

Moved Brian

Seconded: Gael

Carried

Next Meeting: 24/08/2015

Meeting Closed: 8.00 PM



D. URGENT BUSINESS



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS



F. CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT/S

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G. IN CLOSED SESSION

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That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider:

- a) personnel matters*
- b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer*
- c) industrial matters*
- d) contractual matters*
- e) proposed developments*
- f) legal advice*
- g) matters affecting the security of Council property*
- h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person*

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That:

That:

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



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

On this 20 day of August 2015, in accordance with Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989*; I, Arthur Skipitaris declare that the information contained in the attached document **ITEM G1 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND KEY RESULT AREAS** is confidential because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

a) personnel matters

.....
General Manager Corporate Services