



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Resolutions In Brief

Virtual Council Meeting via Skype

To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 16 June 2020

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Alan Hall (Mayor)

Gayle Maher (Deputy Mayor)

Ian Bye

Carolyn Crossley

Malcolm Hole

Darren McCubbin

Carmel Ripper

Scott Rossetti

Garry Stephens

APOLOGIES

NIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 16 JUNE 2020
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ITEM A4**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S****OBJECTIVE**

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 June 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 June 2020.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER

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CARRIED

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

NIL

ITEM A6**ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

NIL

ITEM A7(1)**NOTICE OF MOTION - MCMILLAN CAIRNS****PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

1. Grattan Mullett, General Manager-Culture (GLaWAC) – spoke in support of the motion
2. Helen Arnup – spoke against the motion but also supported the option of keeping the cairns but updating the plaques
3. Rob Hudson, Bairnsdale – spoke in support of the motion
4. Dr Shannon Woodcock, State Library of Victoria – spoke in support of the motion
5. Claire Henry – spoke in support of the motion
6. Lisa Roberts, Bairnsdale – spoke in support of the motion
7. Pauline Hitchins, Sale – spoke against the motion but also supported the option of keeping the cairns but updating the plaques
8. Jenny O'Neill – spoke in support of the motion
9. Bess Wattchow – spoke in support of the motion and recommended replacing the cairns with something more meaningful
10. Kate Wattchow – spoke in support of the motion
11. Ruth Walker – spoke in support of the motion

NOTE: due to the volume of comments received, a summary breakdown of all comments received were provided by the CEO during the Council meeting. A table of comments (verbatim), submitted by the community via Council's online process by the 1.00 pm cut off, can be found at Attachment 1.

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As a first step to forming a deeper partnership with, and understanding of, the Gunaikurnai people, that Council:

- 1. begin the process for removal of the two McMillan cairns on land managed directly by Wellington Shire Council, being at corner Foster and York Streets, Sale and corner Blackburn and McMillan Streets, Stratford;***
- 2. seek approval with the Victorian Government or other land managers, for the removal of other McMillan cairns within Wellington shire on land not managed by Wellington Shire Council, being at:***
 - Corner of MacFarlane and Davis Streets (Traralgon-Maffra Road C105), Heyfield***
 - Yarram Memorial Gardens, Commercial Road (South Gippsland Highway), Yarram***
 - Tarraville and Yarram-Port Albert Roads roundabout, Port Albert***
 - Maffra - Sale Road, opposite school, Bundalaguah***
 - Maffra-Briagolong Road, Bushy Park***
 - Lyons Street Gardens, Rosedale***
 - Toms Cap Road, Willung South***
- 3. engage with community, in partnership with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Gunaikurnai community, to devise an appropriate way of recognising our shared history;***
- 4. review and reconsider the appropriateness of Council public reserves currently named for McMillan, particularly in the context of point 3 above, where the community is appropriately engaged in partnership with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.***

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN

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OPPOSED

COUNCILLORS FOR: COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY, COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN, COUNCILLOR MAHER, COUNCILLOR HALL

COUNCILLORS AGAINST: COUNCILLOR HOLE, COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI, COUNCILLOR BYE, COUNCILLOR RIPPER, COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

MOTION LOST

MAYOR CALLED FOR DIVISION

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE ANGUS MCMILLAN CAIRNS AS AT 16 JUNE 2020

	NAME	COMMENT
1.	Amber McLeod 12/6/20	I like the idea of keeping the cairns but adding to them to give more information. I imagine some indigenous art surrounding the cairns to tell the whole story. A chance for the Gunaikurnai people to make the cairns their own?
2.	Ben Richardson 12/6/20	To me the McMillan cairns are historic in their own right and there is an opportunity to re purpose them. I would like to see the cairns retained, with the plaques being replaced with something that acknowledges the traditional owners of the land and what they suffered during white settlement.
3.	Beverley Jago 13/6/20	I request that all ratepayers have the right to have their say re the situation regarding the cairns within the Wellington Shire.
4.	Joanne M Fitton 13/6/20	I am a Gippsland resident supporting the motion to remove all McMillan cairns within the Wellington Shire municipality. The Gunaikurnai Traditional Owners should be given the right to choose how these colonial monuments are destroyed, moved or used for healing / educational purposes. Whilst some parts of the community may disagree with the decision to remove the cairns, it is the right thing for the Council to do. One cairns commemorating McMillan would be highly disrespectful and offensive - let alone 18 cairns across Gippsland, which is breathtaking in its disregard of Gunaikurnai, and indeed all Traditional Owners across Australia. I also support Wellington Council's ongoing commitment to reconciliation - through meaningful change.
5.	Therese Smyth 13/6/20	Lots of discussion around this sensitive topic and the atrocious slaughtering of human life.... on a basic human level the atrocities by one group of human beings to other groups of human beings is unconscionable.... AND it was carried out by more than one person..... no one man can complete such atrocious massacres alone, but being the leader he holds the overall responsibility The question here is should the cairns be removed, and in my opinion the cairns should not be removed..... it is the INSCRIPTIONS on the cairns that should be upgraded to reflect the atrocities that occurred in this area and WHAT and WHO those atrocities happened to and WHO they were done by. Removing the cairns also removes the truth that is being sought to be heard..... if the cairns remain and the inscriptions reflect the truth then the conversation continues..... remove the cairns and the memory of McMillan & Co. is also removed and with it the opportunity for aboriginal history to again be dismissed We need to keep the cairn, write the correct information on them and seek to NEVER have this happen again As a community we need to be sorry and we need to remember.
6.	Merryn Stevenson 13/6/20	I have lived in Wellington Shire all my life. I wrote the history of Kilmany "Kilmany's Stories 1911-2011". I have had an interest in researching McMillan for the past decade. I am a member of the Wellington Shire Heritage Network and Heyfield and District Historical Society. I hold a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Majoring in Indigenous Studies. I believe this motion has the potential to cause division not reconciliation within our communities. This point in time is an opportunity to respectfully discuss our shared history and learn from one another. Although a revised view of McMillan is widely accepted in the community these days, there is little to link

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		him with participating in or leading massacres in the written historical record (primary sources - yes really). There are primary sources that state that Lachlan Macalister led the massacre at Butchers Creek and his is the only name mentioned for the Warrigal Creek massacre. However, the story of colonisation/dispossession in Wellington Shire needs to be examined and come to terms with in all its aspects. Let us look honestly at the issues not seek to dispel them. A hastily made decision to destroy historical markers would not be in anyone's best interests. Most posts on fb ascribe to adding to the markers rather than destroying them and I agree with this approach.
7.	Nick Cartledge 14/6/20	How can council, and it's elected representatives, deem it acceptable to raise a Notice of Motion without prior community consultation which significantly sets out to erase local community history and for which the rushed and personnel Motion has caused significant angst and distress among both sides of the debate regarding the "McMillan" name and use of the name throughout Wellington shire. Council representatives should not be pushing personnel agendas without sufficient and diligent community involvement and interaction. DO review the appropriateness of the "McMillan" name for certain situations. DO add significant detail of the history of events, traditional owners, interactions and performed deeds to any and all monuments, sites, plaques, place names. DO consult and engage with communities, traditional owners and appropriate reconciliation specialists for the appropriate actions. DO NOT erase history. DO NOT incite public outrage with personnel agendas.
8.	Peter Jennings 15/6/20	Should the Council decide not to remove the monuments, I would support the concept of attaching suitably worded plaques that outlines the misdeeds of Angus McMillan and his ilk in regards to the massacre of indigenous people. Regretably, the monuments are probably the best place to educate the passing public.
9.	Dr Wayne Caldow 15/6/20	In the interests of historical accuracy, I must point out that there is NO evidence to link Angus Macmillan to any massacre. The work of Peter Gardner is often cited to the opposite, but Gardner's condemnation of Macmillan is opinion, error and assertion - he provides no evidence. This issue needs to be researched and considered objectively - and I mean proper research of academic merit, not opinions on Fakebook or Gardner's unproven assertions.
10.	David Anderson 15/6/20	I am against the removal of the historical markers that note the exploration achievements of Angus McMillan in Wellington shire. I would prefer that additional information be provided either on or in proximity to the cairns giving details of any wrongdoing that has been established beyond reasonable doubt to have occurred as opposed to the matters that are speculative and through little more than repeated story telling have now become fact.
11.	Anne Munro 15/6/20	I believe that this time is a great opportunity for our community to learn from mistakes of the past and to acknowledge the hurt. Therefore I would suggest that rather than remove the Angus McMillan statues every one of them should have a new plaque added to them. The words should tell the truth of what happened and should be written by indigenous people. At the same time, I believe we should be changing the names of streets and other sites named after McMillan and giving them indigenous names.

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12.	Tylah Briggs 15/6/20	I believe this is a good step in the right direction.
13.	Trudy Ryan 15/6/20	This would be a good opportunity to install a series of photo/information boards depicting our history. Naturally, with the permission and input of our local indigenous community. What a great learning opportunity for our community, visitors and also for those of our younger generation, whose parents continue to pass on their ignorant and prejudice views. To make a better future, we must understand our past.
14.	Kathy Lummis 15/6/20	I STRONGLY OBJECT to history being torn down and re-written. Acknowledge it for what it is - good and bad. The installation of new plaques would be a more appropriate suggestion which would allow a more full, factual and unbiased account of our region's history. Let's learn from our history and embrace it for all it has to teach us about being better people for the times we live in now.
15.	Jo Caminiti 15/6/20	I support the motion by Cr Crossley for the McMillian memorials to be removed in accordance with the wishes of the Gunaikurnai. I support this on three counts: 1. That It is inappropriate to continue to memorialise an act of "exploration" by McMillian, when there were others in his party who were his guides who remain unacknowledged, and that this area was already known for millennia by the Gunaikurnai and other visiting First Nations. 100 years ago these memorials were erected to create and glorify heroes in the newly federated Australia. It is time for a more nuanced, sophisticated and inclusive understanding of our country's history 2. That there is ongoing and unavoidable hurt to the Gunaikurnai today by the prominent positioning of these monuments to a man who was responsible for leading and inciting unlawful killings and massacres of Gunaikurnai peoples 3. That the ongoing public glorification of McMillian in these monuments stymies truth telling and acknowledgement of our shared past, and the healing and reconciliation we need as a community to move forward together.
16.	Gavin Roy Roberts 15/6/20	I strongly believe these items throughout our region are disrespectful to the indigenous people and history of our region. Not only was Angus McMillan NOT the first human to cross the Avon river he would have not been able to do so without the help of our indigenous people who had been crossing it for 1000s of years previously. Furthermore, history shows that murderers should not be celebrated for their other attributes and there names should be only remembered for the atrocities they enacted to ensure racism gets abolished in future generations. I would support either full removal of the Cairns or an accurate plaque solely recognizing the negative impact he has on society. I would also strongly recommend changing the name of McMillan Street in Stratford and removal of the plaque in the entertainment centre in Sale. I applaud council for acting swiftly to rectify a wrong in our community and feel a positive decision will be made so we can respect the original peoples of this land that we should be proud of. A verbal "acknowledgement of country and elders" is not enough, it needs to be physically shown in our everyday actions and decisions. Thank you
17.	Alice Ann Pepper 15/6/20	I would like to submit 34 signed letters as of 3pm today 15/06/2020 (There maybe more before 1pm tomorrow) that I have received in support of the Motion for the removal of Angus McMillan monuments across Wellington Shire Council Jurisdiction (Gunnai/Kurnai Country) 13/06/2020 To Whom it May Concern, Re:Support for the removal of Angus McMillan monuments across Wellington Shire

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		<p>Council jurisdiction (Gunnai/Kurnai Country) We write in support of GunaiKurnai Land & Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) and public appeal to the Wellington Shire Council to remove the 9 McMillan Monuments spread across Wellington Shire Council's jurisdiction, including two that stand on Council property. (as reported on Win News) We understand that this is being decided at the Wellington Shire Council's Meeting next week and we would like to express our full support for a decision to remove the monuments and the true history finally be told in public spaces for all to see and understand. In the past Gippsland Aboriginal community and Elders have expressed their support for changes in their community that work towards Aboriginal people through equity and having opportunities to the same equality of life as our counterparts experience, one which is free from discrimination and racism. The voices of our Elders and community members across Gippsland have expressed the want and need for change and that the true history should be implemented into the curriculum and taught in Schools, available for the whole community. Every Australian has the right to a truthful history, including an understanding of the journey that all Australians have had since European settlement to the present day. True history that includes education around the dispossession, oppression, segregation and massacres throughout the Gippsland area. Everyone owns the right to our Australian history, however first the truth needs to be told, including shameful atrocities that occurred in early colonialism days. Only then can we as community people live peacefully and Aboriginal people can commence their healing journey. Public monuments and renaming of significant things such as Electorate names that glorify people like Angus McMillan & Captain Cook as well will be a small gesture but one of significant change. There are many positive outcomes in community and society in general that can come from such a positive change that has been identified by the Gunnai/Kurnai People of Gippsland, other Aboriginal community and elders who live here also our Non-Aboriginal Allies. We fully support a decision to remove the McMillan monuments, we hope that the council will take our concerns that have been raised into serious consideration whilst making their decision and see the point that for us there is only trauma associated with these Cairns. Such a significant decision will be seen in the future and history as one that seen us all work together for positive change in society as a whole for our future generations. Looking forward to hearing the outcome. Yours in the struggle</p>
18.	Leanne Flaherty	<p>Dear Mayor and Councillors I write to you today on the matter of the removal of the memorial cairns celebrating Angus McMillan. I congratulate Councillor Carolyn Crossley on her motion to remove the monuments and hope that the rest of the Wellington Shire representatives will see fit to support this act of reconciliation. Angus McMillan was indeed an explorer of this region when local indigenous clans lived independently but he was also responsible for acts of murder and genocide of those same people. This is not a theory or fairytale but the truth. There is no room for doubters and history deniers in this argument. The truth can be found in any primary source of the time in the form of letters and diary entries. The events are well documented. People just have to have the will to look and not ignore. Murder and genocide was no more acceptable 160 years ago than it is now. However in case some people think it was 'of a different time' there absolutely is no rational reason why in 2020 we should be commemorating the engineer and executioner of a population. It's a truth that descendants of the perpetrators and other 'first settlers' find so distasteful they'd rather not acknowledge. However it is a truth that is endured by the descendants of the Gunai Kurnai victims every day as they drive, walk or ride past these relics of the past. The local Gunai Kurnai people are reminded of the atrocities and the impact on their history, present and community with every plaque or pile of concreted rocks. These cairns were pointlessly constructed in 1927 and have no purpose or relevance to the whole community's health and well-being. The electorate bearing McMillans name was rightly changed because of people acknowledging the truth. I would hope that the elected representatives of Wellington Shire see this as a tangible expression of reconciliation particularly poignant and timely. I trust that you make a decision to be proud of and honourable. Yours sincerely Leanne Flaherty</p>

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19.	Clare Baldwin	I support agenda item A7 that proposes the removal of the historical cairns. In light of this agenda item, I would like to highlight my concern and request for the urgent review of the information on a public billboard at the site known as Merriman's Creek in Seaspray. It is titled 'Human Heritage' and parts of the text appear to be excerpts from Sue Kennedy's local history book titled 'On the Prospect'. The billboard displays the words 'aborigines' and 'natives', as well as the phrase '...called themselves the gunaikurnai', which I find particularly troubling and the tone insensitive, old fashioned and disrespectful. Also, I request that the billboard's reference to a '40,000' year history of 'native' occupancy be carefully scrutinised and revised. It is worth noting also that, unlike the cairns, these billboards were erected only a few years ago, which makes me reflect sadly but hardens my resolve that we are 'all in this together' and words and ideas really matter in the reconciliation space.
20.	Louise Spensley 15/6/20	I would just like to say that I am in full support of Cr Crossley's motion to remove the cairns and move forward in genuine reconciliation. It is important to acknowledge our privilege, and although we cannot erase the past we can move into the future with respect, compassion and dignity. Working alongside the GLaWAC is important in this journey to acknowledge the land, the past and to build a fairer future. Thank you for forwarding this motion, I hope it brings positive developments- from recognition and respect for the Gunaikurnai people and more education, understanding and knowledge for the general public.
21.	Stephen Kirby 15/6/20	In regards to the Angus McMillan cairns, I think it is perfectly reasonable and indeed, most ethical, to have the cairns taken down. As I am sure the council is aware, Angus McMillan was a mass murderer and not worthy of any praise. We should judge him for the crimes he committed. I would recommend something much more peaceful to go in the place of these cairns.
22.	Shani 15/6/20	Objection to Carolyn Crossley intention to move a motion to seek to remove the cairns on Council managed land, and further seek approval to remove cairns on privately owned land. They are historical markers in time, these Cairns do not represent or glorify his wrong doing, they act as a survey peg of his travels. a road sign of the times.. do not confuse the two. ... they hold a place in history.. good, bad or ugly. should all of history stand to be erased by the opinion and values of today? Monument-ed characters of history and time - who's existence and actions formed the Australia, the World we see today. can be added to, but should not be removed. Leave it alone - it is what it is.. look forward to improve our World, looking back creates more racial divide and disharmony, not less... you cannot rewrite history.... Move forward and do better. if things must change.. and change is often good.. then make up new plaques for the cairns statues and monuments, "Here stands *..... who whilst opening up the Country, between 18** and 18** ? committed mass murder of the local *..... people." This monuments stands In recognition of those dark times, 'Lest we Forget'" - As by removing the statues and monuments, it also stands to potentially remove the significance and importance of those tragic events for the ancestors of those who were murdered. The fallen may not have even had a marker or headstone to acknowledge their lives and deaths.. at least the monuments allow them some focus for their memories and perhaps recognition and justification of their loss. but as a local rate payer and member of the community. they should not be removed.
23.	Kerrin Schelfhout 15/6/20	I think that monuments are a valuable way of recognising our history therefore I think they should remain but with a plaque stating the truth of their horrific actions against first Australians attached. It's so important that we never forget this brutality the monuments need to be permanent reminders.

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24.	Reece Ripper	the removal of the memorials. we shouldn't remove them. yes what happened is awful. what the price and who had to pay for it is awful. but we need to remember these things. these memorials serve as a reminder on what has happened. remove them and you risk of people forgetting and those who forget and don't pass this on is dooming the future of repeating the same events.
25.	Garry Wyeth 16/6/20	The memorial at corner of Your and Foster should have plaque removed and then dedicated to all emergency service personnel
26.	Rachel McGuire 16/6/20	This is a waste of time and money to remove. Its our history , good or bad it is a fact.
27.	Emily Yarram 16/6/20	I agree the McMillan Cairns should be removed and replaced by a Gunai Kurnai statue that brings joy and pride to all of Gippsland
28.	Linda Brodribb 16/6/20	I wish to express my support of the motion being made by Councillor Carolyn Crossley regards removal of the Cairns honouring McMillan. Though this may be seen by some in our community as a dividing issue I see it as a true show of support for Gunaikurnai people.
29.	Kaylene Lay 16/6/20	Why do we have to follow the US in everything we do. We do not need to whitewash history because some snowflakes don't like it. You cannot change history. I believe we should show the full story on these monuments. If we remove our history, we will not learn.
30.	Tania Coleman 16/6/20	In regards to the removal of Angus McMillan statues and cairns I would like to voice my disapproval of this motion. The history of white Australia is filled with both good and bad. Over the past decades we have addressed this history with recognition of what the indigenous people suffered both at the hands of early settlers and at later dates through bad government policy (Stolen Generation). However, there is a white Australian History of over 200 years that also must be recognised. These men (and those that followed them), regardless of their crimes, were courageous to travel and explore a new country and their bravery meant that people like myself and my family could live peacefully in a land of plenty and I acknowledge their contribution to that. People forget that because of these men and those that followed you now have the right to stand in public and analyse, criticise and judge their actions openly without retribution, many people in their own countries do not have that right. We are the lucky country, but without Cook, McMillan and the multitude of others we wouldn't be. In Ireland they have monuments to the Potato Famine, a horrific time in history for Catholic Irish, many who died at the hands of the English Lords. They don't remove statues of British Lords but there is a balanced approach. My daughter visited The Holocaust monument in Berlin and said it is one of the most moving and thought provoking experiences of her entire trip. We should maintain our current monuments but, in light of our new understanding, erect new monuments that recognise, celebrate and mourn our indigenous past. There are plaques at old school sites, what about plaques recognising and educating about massacre sites? Look to the Angus McMillan sculpture at the Wedge, he rides with skulls in his pack saddle. This sculpture recognises his place in history and creates conversation about the dark parts of it. Please do not join the growing movement that seeks to hide and remove unpleasant or offensive things. Life is full of unpleasant things and offensive people, we need monuments, protests, art, books and films that provoke conversation with our children and each other so

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		that we can form our own opinions, seek to avoid past mistakes, and work together for true reconciliation. I thank the councillors for taking my thoughts into consideration.
31.	Christine Sherrin 16/6/20	Angus McMillan memorial Australia's history is full of genocide, racism and homophobia. The memorial is not necessarily a celebration of McMillan's life, but rather a reminder of how far we have come. Please leave the memorials alone.
32.	Angela McRae 16/6/20	Please consider a educational plaque or board co-designed with local Aboriginal elders , explaining Angus McMillan's actions, and offering an apology, rather than hiding our history by removing cairns. Thankyou..
33.	Alex Nicholls 16/6/20	I think we should leave the Angus McMillan monuments because he is a big part of our history. Instead of trying to erase our history and remove the monuments we should educate people about what he did. (Good and Bad). I suggest we put a sign board at the monument sights telling people more about Angus McMillan. We learn more from the past and that is a good thing. Please don't remove them. Thank you Alex Nicholls 2020 Wellington Shire Young Achiever of the Year.
34.	Hiedi Petticrew 16/6/20	These monuments are my history. You have no right to erase my history. Every story should have the right to be told. Because of the hardship the explorers went through I now have a place to call home. Without them I would not be here. Leave the status and monuments in place.
35.	Lucy Capurso 16/6/20	It is hypocrisy to have a monument of a murderer. Angus McMillan was a criminal, whose crimes should be remembered but not celebrated. The monuments are a mockery of Australia's claims to justice and fairness. I support Cr Crossley's motion to take them down.
36.	Stuart Jones 16/6/20	Angus McMILLAN opened up the Gippsland area to white settlement and should be acknowledged. His involvement in Gippsland massacres should also be acknowledged. A plaque left describing McMILLAN's involvement in Gippsland massacres is an acknowledgement that the massacres occurred. Wiping out the cairns destroys any firm acknowledgement of McMILLAN's involvement and gives visitors an insight into the history of Gippsland. If the monuments were statues I would be in favour of their removal and replacement with a plaque. I have not spoken to any first nations elders about how they feel about my comment and I believe that they should be consulted about possible courses of action before the removal of any cairns.
37.	Michael Whykes 16/6/20	Historical statues should not be removed because a minority dislikes what has happened in history. Regardless of if certain individuals like what has happened in the past, the past cannot be forgotten. Where do we draw the line? History is there to learn from, be it good or bad. A bad memory can help remind people remember to learn from mistakes, or be reminded of the good that came from troubled times. If we go down this path, we may as well start erasing all negative history, because all events throughout history will offend someone. For me, had Australia not be settled by the United Kingdom and form it's federation, I would not exist.

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		There are monuments to the Jewish people who were killed during the Holocaust, does this mean they should be taken down too? If these monuments must be taken down, than all others must be taken down to any nationality. One culture cannot be discriminated against to suit the benefit of another culture. My voice is to leave the monuments up. If these monuments are taken down, then ALL monuments of ALL cultures must be taken down, including aboriginal ones.
38.	India Dorning 16/6/20	The Angus McMillan memorial should be removed. Allowing this memorial to stand would ensure the Wellington shire is complicit in not supporting the current black lives matter movement and disallowing positive change to take place. Not only did McMillan take part in multiple massacres but he also supported slavery, which I strongly believe is not something the Wellington shire should support, as doing nothing speaks volumes.
39.	Darren Reid 16/6/20	In relation to McMillan statues. You can't erase history only learn from it. Please do not remove his or any other statues, instead provide another plaque which details the unfortunate side of his history. Thank you Darren Reid
40.	Lakshmi Shesan 16/6/20	Please do not remove the explorer of the Gippsland monument as it's part of our history. Instead put a plague next to saying from this day on we acknowledge the suffering of the people and we move forward.
41.	Samuel Peter Beechey 16/6/20	Why is Council considering the removal of these McMillan Cairns? It also should be recognised that the History of the discovery of Gippsland and other regions ought to be recognised and is just as important to Anglo Saxon Australians as the Indigenous are claiming. I believe it to be fair comment that if it were not for the Transfer and Settlement of Anglo Saxons in 1778, our country and the Indigenous people would be far worse off today.
42.	Heather Phillipson 16/6/20	I fully support councillor Carolyn Crossleys motion to remove the McMillan cairns throughout the Wellington Shire.
43.	Peter Cox-Livingstone	Dear Councillors, I would like to voice my support for the removal of McMillan cairns from council property. It is well established that Angus McMillan was involved in the mass killing of Aboriginal people in Gippsland and I believe the removal of these cairns would be a positive step towards reconciling this dark part of our history.
44.	Gail Bourke 16/6/20	I am the great great Niece of Angus McMillan, he was my Grandfathers Uncle. You can't erase history or our heritage, Australia is the country it is today because it was discovered by Great Britain. We understand that the aboriginals were here before the English however we need to recognize both sides. New Zealand leads by example in that both cultures work together ' We are one and proud of who we are' we understand that Aboriginal people are proud of their heritage. But we are also proud of our heritage. We are proud descendants of Angus MacMillan. Removing Monuments of history is never going to help reconciliation Yours faithfully Gail Bourke (Current Gippsland Resident)

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45.	Robyn Co-Livingstone 16/6/20	Please vote to remove the cairns and monuments to Angus McMillan. They venerate Angus McMillan, the Butcher of Gippsland, who instigated and participated in six massacres against the Gunaikurnai people in the 1840s. Up to 450 Aboriginal family members are estimated to have been ruthlessly murdered by this man and his cohort of land raiders.
46.	Michael Cormack 15/6/20	The agenda is the removal of the Angus McMillan statues ! Leave the statues alone , they represent the history of the local areas founder , bad things happened to both parties involved , we can't change the past . So why is the local council getting involved , my message is how about you do your jobs that you're elected to do and leave this BLM crap out of the politics
47.	Martin Potts 15/6/20	I, Martin Potts write in support of the following notice; NOTICE OF MOTION - MCMILLAN CAIRNS. COUNCILLOR CAROLYN CROSSLEY 16 JUNE 2020♦I, Councillor Crossley, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the♦Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 June 2020 .♦To address the long-standing issue of the inappropriateness of the McMillan cairns and in the spirit of genuine reconciliation, that Council move forward in partnership with the Gunaikurnai people in a truth telling process of place, people and history.As a first step to forming a deeper partnership with, and understanding of, the Gunaikurnai people, that Council: begin the process for removal of the two McMillan cairns on land managed directly by Wellington Shire Council, being at corner Foster and York Streets, Sale and corner Blackburn and McMillan Streets, Stratford; seek approval with the Victorian Government or other land managers, for the removal of other McMillan cairns within Wellington shire on land not managed by Wellington Shire Council, being at: Corner of MacFarlane and Davis Streets (Traralgon-Maffra Road C105), Heyfield Yarram Memorial Gardens, Commercial Road (South GippslandHighway), Yarram Tarraville and Yarram-Port Albert Roads roundabout, Port Albert Maffra - Sale Road, opposite school, Bundalaguah Maffra-Briagolong Road, Bushy Park Lyons Street Gardens, Rosedale Toms Cap Road, Willung South engage with community, in partnership with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Gunaikurnai community, to devise an appropriate way of recognising our shared history;4. review and reconsider the appropriateness of Council public reserves currently named for McMillan, particularly in the context of point 3 above, where the community is appropriately engaged in partnership with the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation
48.	Emily Anderson 15/6/20	Hello, if the cairns was to be removed in Sale, where would it be moved to, or would it be destroyed? Also, what cost would this removal/demolish have on the rate payer?
49.	Deirdre Marshall 15/6/20	The McMillan cairns are a permanent and ongoing reminder of a dark period in the history of this region. I petition the Council to consider the removal of these cairns out of respect for traditional custodians, and as a gesture of reconciliation and healing.
50.	Annie O'Riley 15/6/20	Re: McMillan cairns: Firstly, I need to preface this by saying that my skin is white but my son-in-law is of the Palawa nation. My only grandchildren are directly related to the sister of Truganina. They are part of the remnant Tasmanian tribes massacred and sent to Flinders Island. So despite the colour of my skin I feel very strongly about this subject and the ability to teach my grandchildren the true history of Gippsland and Australia. I am concerned that by removing these reminders of this history we have the potential to do

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		<p>more harm than good for future generations. A physical reminder of history is a very powerful thing and despite an original purpose they are important in making people aware that an injustice has occurred. If we wipe out these physical monoliths then we are in essence HELPING TO SAY THAT IT NEVER HAPPENED. After WW2 many concentration camps were removed and destroyed. The forward thinking of those who held onto those horrific reminders has served as an education service to so many people throughout the world and led to the lack of credibility of people who seek to deny that the holocaust occurred. We have for many years allowed the world to see McMillan with reverence and it is time to right this wrong. Schools, streets, creeks, hiking tracks and even an electorate were and some still are named after him. If we remove every trace of the man then we are in essence saying that this generation has never had to live with this knowledge, to suffer through this fight for justice. That is a major injustice and this a period of time that we MUST NOT FORGET. We must learn from this knowledge not remove it as though it was never there. The human race has a very short attention span. The historical stack of rocks with a new beautiful sculpture beside has the ability to show the historical progression of the story and what the first people have lived through not just erase it with no context. History is something we should add to, not subtract from. A new monument will have a much greater impact if it stands beside one which tells the story of the last 120 years of denial. We need to make these ones tell the true story. Taking a child by the hand and leading them to physical, historical monuments, ones that tell a powerful message will remain with them. We can start to repair this injustice by making sure that history remains but with information that corrects the injustices of the past and allows for humans to learn from those monoliths. A community is built from all people, from knowledge, from education and trust. People need to not just say sorry but to be sorry and remember and to be able to show the next generation what happened so that we talk about it. Education is the only hope of making sure that these things never happen again. Annie O'Riley</p>
51.	Sarah Bardsley 15/6/20	<p>I would like to add my voice in support of the removal of the stone monumental cairns located across Wellington Shire, wrongly venerating the explorer Angus MacMillan – who brutally massacred hundreds of our First Nations Gunaikurnai people and repossessed their land. To remove the statue of this man is a small step, a token action to righting the wrongs borne by our First Nations people and we can only hope this offers a path to healing. Healing the abuse suffered for over 180 years. Let's respect the voices of our Gunaikurnai people and their elders. I fully support Carolyn Crossley in the motion to respectfully acknowledge the abuse and pain experienced by our Gunaikurnai people, by removing the Angus McMillian stone cairns and statue/s across Wellington Shire.</p>
52.	Nick Fella 15/6/20	<p>I cannot agree with the motion to remove the statues and change names due to an event/s that are now part of the regions history. Yes, I agree that the plaques depicting past peoples and events should be altered, but to show both sides of the story, similar to the generally unbiased write up in the motion. Both sides of the story should be told factually as much as able to, considering the varying depictions of the truth. If we are to remove statues and the history behind it, then this is no different to what Hitler and his Nazis tried back in the late 1930's and 40's by attempting to rewrite history. There is no reason as to not create new statues / memorials along side the old but to desecrate any current memorial in any form is sad and of poor taste. Once you set a precedence, there will be no coming back. Council should find the happy medium of common sense for all people of Wellington. Cr Crossley states "3. Engage with community". I question the ability for all of the community to have robust discussion around this issue with only 24 hours to make a reply to a motion that was advertised on Facebook and hidden in the depths of the council website. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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53.	Anthony Kiss 15/6/20	I object to the removal of any HISTORICAL monuments or statues within the Wellington Shire. History is what our country was built on. Decisions made by the people of the time were made on the basis of what was believed to be the correct decision at that time based on what environment they lived in. This country, this Shire is for the benefit of ALL people not a small minority and knee jerk reactions. By pulling down or removing historical monuments will create a further divide between our strong nation.
54.	Stephen Dixon 15/6/20	The monument to Angus McMillan diminishes us all as Australians. It reflects an ongoing denial of aspects of our history that some want to be brushed under the carpet, the deliberate massacres of First Nations people by this man, and other like him all over the country. I would like to see this monument removed, but I realise that my opinions are not those of someone with a lived history of the aftermath of the violence that has occurred on Gunaikurnai lands. It should be left to those who survived the massacres to decide on the fate of these monuments. Please, give the people whose lands were stolen and whose ancestors were murdered for them the right to decide.
55.	Jennifer Williams 15/6/20	I would like to register my opposition to the removal of the McMillan cairns. I think it's totally unreasonable to look at our history through the enlightenment of today's standards. The shocking treatment of the indigenous population, as well as the cruel and inhuman treatment of convicts should be condemned but we cannot change what was considered normal practice at the time not just here in Australia but in all countries. Maybe add a plaque to the cairn with the information that we now have.
56.	Zac Roberts 15/6/20	The McMillan Cairns should undoubtedly and immediately be removed from throughout the Wellington Shire. Celebrating Angus McMillan's so called achievements was a mistake that requires correction. Indisputable evidence exists confirming McMillan a murderer of indigenous Australians. In accordance with this knowledge any commemorations labelling McMillan an adventurer are grossly incorrect and simply insulting to Indigenous Australia and our own intelligence. Refusing to abolish the McMillan Cairns is refusing to recognise and reconcile our own violent history of racial discrimination. I simply cannot understand why the Wellington Shire Council would not embrace the opportunity to correct these wrongdoings
57.	Linda Barraclough 15/6/20	I wish to support the motion for the removal of Angus McMillan cairns. I have spent over 40 years recording and researching history, until recently almost exclusively in the shires of what are now Wellington and East Gippsland. Some years ago I came to the view that some form of dual recording needed to be on all McMillan cairns in order to tell the full story. However I have now come to the view, after discussion with various members of the Indigenous community, that they should be completely removed. I am one of three admins on an internet discussion about Gippsland history with 15,000 members. We very much value the Indigenous members we have on there, and the hurt and distress that some have expressed in the past about these cairns, is significant. The cairns cause distress to the Indigenous community but also to a significant number in the non-indigenous community. The non-Indigenous distress crosses all age groups. The plaques on the cairns are in many cases inaccurate - they describe McMillan as a "Discoverer" on a number, and others are in places where he did not travel. It is inappropriate to venerate someone when those who study the matter admit he committed massacres, although there is disagreement about how many. I am aware there is a view that McMillan did not lead all massacre parties for which he is named, but there are some where it is obvious he did, as those involved were just him and his stockmen. There are also people who engaged in massacres where McMillan was

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		not present - but they have not had cairns erected in their names. It is the cairns that need to be addressed now, not an engagement in deflecting discussion by pointing to others. The name of the electorate has been examined and a need found for it to be changed. I formally requested the Australian Dictionary of Biography to re-examine his entry, leading to this being changed several years ago to remove a phrase similar to "he was a friend of Aboriginal people", and addressed the issue of massacres. It is rare for an ADB entry to be changed once published, and their website states that they will not. So now it is time to address the issue of the cairns. Finally, I understand there is a view that the cairns represent the views of his contemporaries. They do not. Angus McMillan was given a public dinner by his supporters. That honour was also given to another squatter, W.O. Raymond. There is nothing significant in that. Some streets were named for him in his lifetime - but they were named for other squatters as well. In 1864 (he died in 1867), a portrait of him was commissioned by the Shire of Alberton to hang in the council chamber. That is the full extent of the recognition by his contemporaries. To claim that memorials erected 60 years after his death reflected the view of his contemporaries is somewhat puzzling. The committee involved was led by Charles Daley, who was six years old when McMillan died. There were none of his contemporaries alive in 1926. It could also be argued that this was a response to the account of the Warrigal Creek massacre published in the 1925 Gap - immediately cairns were suggested. Perhaps to rebut the news to many of the Warragul Creek massacre? It is unfortunate that the current proposal for removal is being seen in the context of worldwide monument removal - which has led to what appears to be a knee-jerk reaction that may otherwise not have occurred. This is a process that has been discussed informally for many years, and I do not believe those unfortunate events should stop Council taking steps to initiate the three parts to the Motion. I believe that it is appropriate that they do remove the cairns.
58.	Dr Sybille Dobber 15/6/20	When I first moved to Sale I was shocked to find out about the terrible crimes Angus McMillan committed against First Nation people, and even more shocked to realise that a park, street and memorial was named after him. It doesn't matter how much wealth, opportunities and industries this man has brought to the region, he remains a serial killer and does not deserve anyone's respect. I request that the memorial be removed and the adjacent park and street renamed.
59.	Jan Jones 15/6/20	I strongly support the motion moved by Counsellor Crossley regarding the removal or re-interpretation of the McMillan cairns across Wellington Shire. As a mark of respect and reconciliation these monuments must contribute to a revisionist history of our Shire by giving a true account of what occurred to the Gunai Kurnai people following European invasion/settlement. Whether the cairns are removed entirely, or updated with a more accurate depiction of the abhorrent activities of McMillan in relation to our First People, the true history of this land MUST be acknowledged and made public. If the cairns are removed they should be replaced with some form of public information regarding the Traditional Owners and their history. Acknowledgement of the GunaiKurnai as the Traditional Owners on the 'Welcome to Wellington Shire' and all town signs within the Shire would be a further public demonstration of respect, recognition, acknowledgement and commitment to reconciliation.
60.	Naomi Farmer 15/6/20	I strongly support the motion moved by Councillor Crossley to remove all of the McMillan cairns in the Wellington shire. The historical record is very clear - McMillan lead massacres which murdered innocent Aboriginal men, women and children. To have multiple statues celebrating him is distasteful. Therefore I strongly support their removal. Yours Sincerely, Naomi Farmer

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61.	Elizabeth Wakely 15/6/20	I would like to add my support for the motion that Cr Carolyn Crossley is presenting regarding the Angus McMillan Cairns throughout Wellington Shire. I would also like to add that I would support the installation of plaques/memorials regarding massacres that occurred throughout Wellington Shire.
62.	Angela Trew 15/6/20	Angus McMillan is part of our history. You can not remove every plaque and monument recognising this. Anything that happened in the past is tragic but today's generation should not be held accountable for the sins of the past. Tell both sides of the story and then people can make up their minds. It should not simply be black and white. There has to be a balance. Past and present is important for education of future generations.
63.	Rodney Forbes 15/6/20	Re the McMillan memorial cairns in the shire, I believe it is vital that they be removed if reconciliation with the Shire's Gunaikurnai citizens is to proceed. The presence of these cairns, honouring a man who led massacres of Gunaikurnai, is a blight on Wellington's reputation. While some suggest amending the wording on the cairns, I believe this would be seen as a weak half-measure indicating Council's lack of commitment to reconciliation. I respectfully submit that the cairns be removed and consultation begin with Gunaikurnai people regarding appropriate memorials to massacres in Wellington.
64.	Jillian Carroll 15/6/20	I would like to support the motion by Councillor Carolyn Crossley that the stone cairns venerating the explorer MacMillan be removed on the basis they serve as an ongoing mark of disrespect towards the Gunaikurnai people who were disposed in a brutal manner in these locations. In addition as history is not fossilized but subject to reinterpretation due to new knowledge emerging, it is timely that the nature of our relationship with First Nations Peoples is looked at in light of the research by the team at the University of Newcastle which as identified sites of massacres in our region. Furthermore to prevent future generations being presented with only the privileged squatters side of the story, we need to actively take the measures required to reveal the truth of what really happened. Therefore removing these gross artefacts of an notorious past is a necessary first step towards reconciliation with the Indigenous people in our shire.
65.	Anna Roberts 15/6/20	I would like to voice my full support of Councillor Carolyn Crossley's motion to remove the McMillan Cairns in Wellington Shire. The removal of these false monuments would be testament to the honesty of the reconciliation of the Council with the Gunaikurnai People and their commitment to moving forward together. The cairns represent the cause of pain and loss for members of my community - loss of ancestors, culture and land. They must be removed to erase those constant reminders and trauma. They must be removed to honour those that were murdered by McMillan's hand or direction and are not even honoured by marked burial sites.
66.	Amanda Rowley 16/6/20	In relation to the cairns. I don't believe removing them is the correct thing to do. We can't change our history but we can learn from it. There's no point denying what happened. We should add the full history on new plaques and leave the existing cairns where they are.

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67.	Rachel Nicholls 16/6/20	To the Wellington Shire, Firstly I would like to thank Councillor Carolyn Crossley for having the courage to bring to light the controversial issue of the McMillan cairns. I have lived in Stratford for many years and for many years I have driven and walked past the Angus McMillan cairn and felt terribly uneasy. This uneasiness stems from the fact that this monument memorialises a murderer. It is an insult to the Gunaikurnai people to have a murderer of their ancestors celebrated in this fashion. Isn't it hypocritical to open Wellington Shire gatherings with recognition of the Gunaikurnai people yet still have monuments memorialising those who were involved in the brutal murders of our First Nation's people? Removing the cairns in our shire could be a step forward in recognising that our colonial forefathers did not "discover" Gippsland as it is often claimed. This area was "discovered" many, many years prior by the Gunakurnai people. There is a lot of work to be done around the reconciling of crimes committed towards our indigenous people but I feel the removal of these cairns could be a small step forward. There is a lot of commentary around this issue including statements like "it's in the past", "we need to move on". However unfortunately the negative attitudes around the massacres and towards our indigenous people are still very present. This is evident in comments made by Max Macalister, a descendant of the Highland Brigade who is quoted as saying "I wouldn't call it a massacre, I'd call it retribution," Macalister says. "It was a common event during that period. Does that mean I don't give a fuck about massacres? Well, it depends on the circumstances. If they deserve it, right fucking whack." He claims his relatives were threatened by Aboriginal people. "If I had a gun I'd have shot them," he says. "I don't think 150 were killed – I hope there were – but I think that's exaggerated." Unfortunately, Macalister's attitudes are not uncommon. I thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope the Shire make the conscientious decision that supports the idea that in Australia and in the Wellington Shire we do not condone violence or violent attitudes and we will not celebrate individuals who perpetuated such ideas or those who continue to do so. If further engagement is required, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Kind regards, Rachael Nicholls Wellington Shire resident and ratepayer.
68.	Lee Wright 16/6/20	Regarding the removal of Angus McMillan cairns. I am quite surprised the general public have no say in this topic. For the council to (decide) it is an issue and will be addressed without prior public consult is ah, bewildering, the fact it is within the powers of a council is also. For this man to be an upright citizen of his day and earning enough respect to be so immortalised, to the current day where likely his own writings are used to defame and discredit him. He was paid, and had government support and instruction in his ventures, the loss of life, if accurate, is unforgivable, McMillan didn't single handedly massacre, seems an easy way out to lay it all on his blame
69.	Beth Ripper 16/6/20	I would like to add my support for the proposed motion in relation to the memorials to Angus McMillian "to address the long standing issue of inappropriateness of the McMillian cairns and in the spirit of genuine reconciliation, that council move forward in partnership with the Gunaikurnai people in a truth- telling process of place, people and history". I would like to specifically address the monument that stands at the corner of Merrick, McMillian and Blackburn Streets in Stratford. While it is true that as the plaque on monuments says Angus McMillian crossed the river near this point, there are many more significant truths about the role that Angus McMillian took in the first decades of his time in Gippsland. This monument does not tell a true history of what we now enjoy as Gippsland. The 2019 documentary about the "Warragul Creek Massacre" explores this history and these truths. One of the historical documents that is referred to in that film is the official complaint that was made to the Colonial government by Henry Merrick (Meyrick) about the murders and massacres of the Gunaikurnai people the hands of the white settlers. He says in his diaries that he protested these events at every opportunity. This monument in Stratford is ironically placed as it sits at the junction of Merrick and McMillian Streets. In 2003 more than 25 women developed the site apposite the monument as a new public park -

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		the old bridge site, under a project by Women Who Mean Business. There were extensive conversations during the planning of the site and much talk of the capacity to tell a complimentary story about the ironic confluence of these historic mens names. The decision to name the site the Garden for Humanity and also to seek out and engage a group of Gunaikurnai women to produce a sculpture that reflected their history was our way of truth telling at that time. We have moved a very long way in reconciliation in the last 17 years. It was in the Catholic Church adjacent to the McMillian memorial, at an ecumenical service organised by Sheila Malady, that in 2003 the first ever welcome to country and smoking ceremony was performed in the Wellington Shire. It was offered by Sandra Neilson a Gunai elder from Stratford. The Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2017 was conceived from the collective experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from all point of the southern sky and serves as a position to move forward with all levels of government in not only with constitutional recognition but with Truth Telling to right the injustices of history and current life experiences of our First Nations people in Australia. We now find ourselves in a global position where injustice is being called out and we have the opportunity to make a difference in a mature relationship with the representatives of the Gunaikurnai GLaWAC around our shared history. I support the motion with all my heart.
70.	Isobelle Waller 16/6/20	I would like to address the issue regarding the Angus McMillan monuments. I thank the council for considering this issue, as it is incredibly important to me and to many other people of the Wellington Shire. I hope that the council has gathered the views of the local gunai/kurnai community, for it is on their wishes that we should act. For my two cents - I believe we should keep only 2-3 monuments, and add a short script regarding the genocide that McMillan contributed to. I do not believe history should be erased - the gunai/kurnai people of that time deserve to be honoured and for us to remind ourselves of what happened, and that we let these monuments stand for a long time without questioning them.
71.	Jan Morton 16/6/20	I wish to make a submission on the motion to demolish the McMillan Cairns and the renaming of numerous streets and other council areas. As a descendant of some of the earliest settlers in the now Wellington Shire I am concerned that a motion of such significance to the community has not been advertised for all the community to comment and have input. The discussions we are now seeing on social media which have denigrated into name calling and allegations of racism to anyone that disagrees with the motion to demolish and rename are disturbing and dividing the community. All members of the community have a right to heard on this matter, but surely in a manner where all sides can put their views without what we are seeing on public forums at the moment. From what I have seen few view the cairns as memorials to McMillan, most see them as historic markers of a journey and early exploration. For me when I see them I think about the journey my ancestors made with six children and all their worldly possessions from Tarraville to Newry in the 1850's. I strongly disagree with the destruction of them as it will achieve nothing, McMillan (and his associates) are a part of who and what we are today whether we like it or not, and renaming everything they had a hand in would also involve renaming much of the shire including Wellington Shire I believe. I doubt you would find anyone in the community that doesn't abhor what they were involved in with the senseless murder of the local people. Do we have an Aboriginal Heritage Centre in Wellington? If not why is not our energy and money being directed into creating one where the first people of our community can tell their stories. Destruction will achieve nothing but division, while building can create positive discussion and open minds. Respectfully Jan Morton

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72.	Deb Milligan 16/6/20	First of all, I would like to commend you on this motion. It is inappropriate to celebrate Angus McMillan due to his role in the massacres of indigenous people in Gippsland. I was pleased to see that this motion comes out of deep reflection on the part of Council and after consultation with the Gunaikurnai people. It is an important step towards reconciliation. My only concern with total removal of the cairns would be an accidental whitewashing of our shared history. Dealt with in the right way they could be a powerful symbol of truth telling around our shared history. While my initial thoughts were to remove most, keep one and reinterpret it with an additional plaque or similar – that is not the only way to recognise and mark our shared history. As you say in point 3 of the motion this is the beginning of finding an appropriate manner in which to do so. Ultimately, I would ask you to be guided by the wishes of the Gunaikurnai. I recognise that these cairns are a source of great pain and distress to the local indigenous community and, as such, there is no excuse to keep them. I support this motion.
73.	Annabelle Lamb 16/6/20	The Angus McMillian Cairns need to go 1. They are a relic of a whitewashed history. Everyone knows McMillian did not in fact discover Gippsland. The Gurni Kurni were already here. What he did do, is murder them. This is a history we can't hide behind cairns and plaques telling a white friendly version. It's time to own up, and take responsibility, which includes removing these monuments, or attaching a plaque that stated what actually happened: the Butcher of Gippsland. 2. Because of the point above, these cairns aren't 'historical', they are lies we tell ourselves so we don't have to face the truth. I remember learning in school about 'the discovery' of Gippsland, and later stumbling across one of these cairns in Stratford. I remember reading it and genuinely believing that his exploration was a peaceful exchange, and that it hadn't involved murder. In fact, I hadn't even considering indigenous Australians involvement because they weren't mentioned. Allowing this misinformation to go unchecked and uncorrected is irresponsible and how history repeats itself. Remove or the truth. 3. They are inherently insensitive to the Gurni Kurni people. Their loss and murder, minimised and erased, their murderer glorified for 'discovering' what was already discovered. This is a necessary step towards reconciliation, and quite frankly, basic human decency.
74.	Clifton Kline 16/6/20	I support adding historical information to existing "monuments" or adding a beautiful sculpture with appropriate historical information in conjunction with local First Nation people.
75.	Sarah Porter 16/6/20	I strongly believe in the removal of any statue that glorifies white settlement in the Gippsland area. If a person • Stole your land • Forced you to adapt to live in their culture • Introduced and spread new fatal diseases • Systematically slaughtered your people • Raped your women and children • Forcefully removed your children (1910-1970) • Used your people for slavery • Removed recognition of you being a human (rights to vote in 1967) • Forced you to forget your own culture, causing loss of language and customs Where would you want to put their statue? And don't even start with, "it was a long time ago, get over it".... If it was such a long time ago, why are there disparities and discrimination against Indigenous people still to this day? The Wellington Shire has the opportunity to be supportive of our GunaiKurnai Mob. Let's use this opportunity to be part of healing for these people after generations of trauma. Sarah Porter
76.	Emily Harrison 16/6/20	In regards to the removal of McMillan cairns: I support the removal of statues because they are obvious celebrations of white colonialism. However, these cairns are not so obvious. Many people view them as acknowledgements of events, but the original

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		purpose was a celebration. I drove past the cairn on the corner of Foster and York streets at least twice a day for 6 years on my way to school, and cannot say I particularly noticed it. This is why I say they should be removed. If an additional plaque is added, I believe there is nothing to say that the public would stop to read and educate themselves, and would therefore serve no benefit in reconciliation. By the same token, if they are removed, people who pass everyday will barely notice after a few weeks, yet the indigenous community will remember it as a token of the council's reconciliation. This is not erasing history, it is learning from it. It is saying that the event of a white man walking past a location on his way to take land from Aboriginals is not to be celebrated in the public eye every single day. The history will remain in books and now also online, it is not erased.
77.	Jane Delahunty 16/6/20	As a ratepayer in the Wellington Shire - I vehemently disagree with the motion to remove the cairns honouring Angus McMillan. While some of our history has been very distasteful- it cannot be undone and must be acknowledged. The motion only panders to a group of people who want to impose their own anarchist views on the majority. It is more important to maintain the reminders of our history both good and bad and removal of these monuments will not change what happened.
78.	Renate Boyle 16/6/20	I would like to make a comment on Agenda Item A7 - Notion of Motion, McMillan Cairns. I believe the cairns/obelisks should be removed or at the very least changed to include the indigenous perspective. If respect and reconciliation are our first priority and it is destructive and hurtful to the local Aboriginal community to have the cairns in place then they should be removed. I do not believe this distorts or changes history which can be accessed through many publications.
79.	Eve Cash 16/6/20	Please consult with the gunai kurnai people regarding the future of the angus McMillan monuments. They are devise and disturbing.
80.	Louise Hill- Coleman 16/6/20	Regarding the removal of McMillan Cairns in the Wellington Shire; Personally I think it is counter-productive to remove them, but am highly in favour of acknowledging the aboriginal history of the area, whatever form it takes.
81.	Kerry Townsend 16/6/20	I believe that they should either be removed completely or have indigenous history added or have them as a memorial to indigenous lives lost with removal of reference to Angus McMillan.
82.	Maxine Bentley 16/6/20	Removal of McMillan Cairns To address the long-standing issue of the inappropriateness of the McMillan cairns and in the spirit of genuine reconciliation, that Council move forward in partnership with the Gunaikurnai people in a truth telling process of place, people and history. The removal of the cairns does not create a truth telling process. The facts are: 1. The Gunaikurnai have lived in this region in which we live – the Wellington Shire – for a longer period than anyone else and hold traditional land rights to this area. 2. McMillan and Strzelecki explored the region in which we live today – the Wellington Shire. 3. Historical facts cannot be erased, we do not have a time machine that will allow us to travel back in time to correct the mistakes of the past. In the words of Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (Warlpiri/Celtic Woman) “Given we are continually being denigrated as a nation and bombarded by accusations of racism and bigotry, I felt it wasn’t only necessary to defend my home and the country I love but to also provide the overwhelming evidence that demonstrates these accusations are lies. If we can’t have pride in our own nation how are we

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		<p>expected to evolve successfully? If we keep telling a particular demographic they are victims of others of a certain skin colour we are effectively removing that demographic's agency and that, to me, is completely un-Australian. Here is a list of our nation's achievements toward Aboriginal Australia and dare I say there's very likely a whole lot that I have missed but we have to start somewhere right? 1856 – In South Australia all Men including Aboriginal Men were given the right to vote. 1896 – In South Australia all Women including Aboriginal Women were given the right to vote, 32 years before Women in England were given that right. 1948 – It is not well understood but no one in Australia was an Australian Citizen up until this year. We were regarded as British Subjects until the Citizenship Act was passed. Citizenship Rights were being extended to Aboriginal Australians gradually throughout the 1950's and 1960's by Coalition Governments'. 1962 – Aboriginal Australians were granted the Right to Vote by a Coalition Government. 1964 – Aboriginal Australians were virtually granted full Citizenship Rights under a Coalition Government when the Aboriginal Ordinance was repealed. 1967 – The Referendum went through with overwhelming support of well over 90% of Australians voting to allow Aboriginal Australians to be included in the Census and for Aboriginal Affairs to become a Commonwealth responsibility. Another successful Coalition Government initiative. 1968 - The Equal Pay decision was applied by a Coalition Government. 1970 - A state Coalition Government in Victoria handed back the Lake Tyers reserve to the Aboriginal community. 1971 - Senator Neville Bonner, a Liberal, became our first Aboriginal Parliamentarian. Since then there have been 43 Aboriginal MP's throughout state and federal Parliaments in Australia. To add to this 8 MP's have recorded Aboriginal Ancestry but have not been identified as Aboriginal. The Northern Territory gave us the first and only Government, at any level, led by an Indigenous Australian. This is not widely known or celebrated because Chief Minister Adam Giles was with the Country Liberal Party. 1976 – The NT Land Rights Act was passed by a Coalition Government. Under this Act around 45% of the land and 80% of the coastline of the NT has been handed back to traditional owners, I'm one of them. 1992 – The High Court overturned the Principal of Terra Nullius with the Mabo Decision. 1993 – A Labor Government passed the Native Title Act. In Australia today we have experienced historically significant acts of symbolism that include the 1991 Reconciliation Walk Across Sydney Harbour Bridge. For six hours 250,000 Australians of all backgrounds walked together to demonstrate the fact we are not racist but are overwhelmingly in support of Aboriginal Australia. We have spent a week every year since commemorating this event and what it means. A Labor Prime Minister said 'Sorry' on May 26th 1998 in recognition of the impact of the policies of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. These days and others are commemorated every year to recognise historical injustices and to demonstrate that everyday Australians DO care for the plight of Indigenous Australians. We spend days and weeks each year recognising Aboriginal Australia in the following ways: National Apology Day National Sorry Day National Close the Gap Day Anniversary of the Referendum Reconciliation week Mabo Day Coming of the Light NAIDOC Week National Aboriginal and Islander Childrens' Day International Day of the worlds Indigenous Peoples Indigenous Literacy Day Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights of Indigenous People Throughout Australia 'Welcome to Country' or 'Recognition of Country' is applied as standard ritual practice before events, meetings and social gatherings by governments, corporates, institutions, primary schools, kindergartens, high schools, universities, work places, music festivals, gallery openings, conferences, and so on and so forth. Aboriginal Australia is a part of the daily life of us all in some way shape or form and yet we are still facing accusations of racism in our nation. We have been hoodwinked into believing that somehow reconciliation means appeasing the aggrieved, those who refuse to forgive, and we are held to ransom every time the goal posts are shifted. The good will and support of the Australian people is always on display and it has only gathered momentum along the way. It's time now to recognise the efforts of thousands of Australians throughout our history who have done what was in their power to support Aboriginal Australia including those who are not Aboriginal but who call us family. It's time to recognise that we cannot possibly be a racist country if over 87% of people who identify as Aboriginal in non-remote areas of Australia are in fact married to non-Aboriginal Australians. We must also remember that our nation is not only simply black and white. We are rich with the contribution</p>

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		of Australians of many backgrounds and this is one of our greatest strengths as a nation. What of the 30% of Australians who were born overseas, from every country on earth. Are they all racist too? It's time to stop feeding into a narrative that promotes racial divide, a narrative that claims to try to stamp out racism but applies racism in doing so and encourages a racist over reaction. Yes, it is time for some truth telling. We should be celebrating what we have achieved together before the good will of the nation runs out." It is my belief that we should not remove the cairns for the following reasons: 1. We need to acknowledge the exploration of the region by Europeans 2. We need to acknowledge the mistakes made by these Europeans 3. We need to acknowledge these mistakes were horrendous and had a devastating impact on the indigenous people of Australia 4. We need to acknowledge that the mistakes were made through ignorance and the culture of the world at the time they occurred 5. By removing these cairns we are trying to remove part of the history and therefore to remove the acts that occurred in the past 6. Not acknowledging what happened in the past will not help us to learn from the past 7. The erection of educational plaques next to the cairns a. Acknowledging the exploration work done by McMillan b. Providing education on the history of the Gunaikurnai people c. Providing education on the history of European settlement and its impact on the Gunaikurnai people
83.	Lisa Nicholls 16/6/20	In regards to the proposed removal or update of the McMillan Cairns, I am in support of either removal or update. I believe the decision should reside with the Gunaikurnai leaders and other Indigenous leaders in Gippsland. I applaud Council for putting this motion forward.
84.	Luke Steenhuis 16/6/20	The McMillan monuments commemorate the European exploration of Gippsland and should remain. The atrocities performed by some individuals or groups against the indigenous people is a separate issue and should also be acknowledged either at the monument sites or in other places. Despite strong circumstantial evidence that McMillan was involved in the brutality, he has never been directly named as being one of the perpetrators. Do we convict him on circumstantial evidence alone? The monuments should remain in place. The Aboriginal people do; however, deserve high-profile recognition for how the early European settlers upset their lifestyles and decimated their population. This can be either by appropriately placed memorials and/or a regional (preferably national) day of remembrance similar to the way we remember our fallen soldiers.
85.	Loretta Rayner 16/6/20	I'm against removing Angus McMillan memorial, it's part of Australia's history whether good or bad. Always believed and told, we learn from our history.
86.	David Lambert 16/6/20	1) The motion before the council mentions council engagement with GLaWAC over recent years regarding issues of joint interest including McMillan cairns. What engagement, consultation and education has the Wellington Shire Council undertaken thus far within the wider community of the shire in relation to the period of early settlement of Gippsland, developing a dialogue on different perspectives and the complexity of this period of history and its implications so that people can truly "move forward in partnership" together. 2) Will the council consider undertaking thorough consultation with the wider community prior to removing or modifying the McMillan cairns so the cart is not put before the horse? Thankyou.

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87.	Warren Curry 16/6/20	I wish to make comment about the proposal to remove the memorial cairns to the explorer Angus McMillan. McMillan through his endeavors opened up the overland route from Omeo to Port Albert. This access to Gippsland enabled the development of pastoral pursuits, facilitated the export of cattle and sheep to market. It also allowed supplies to be brought in for distribution to all parts of Gippsland. Gippsland was without law and order from 1841 until C J Tyers Commissioner for Crown Lands and Magistrate arrived in January 1844. McMillan was employed as an oversea for Lachlan Macalister. In 1843 Macalister's nephew Ronald Macalister was murdered by local aborigines in Brewery Road, Alberton. McMillan was certainly involved in the punitive expedition to revenge Macalister's death, this resulted in the Warrigal Creek massacre. In the early 1840s many undesirable elements were also encamped in the Lower District around the new settlement of Port Albert, day light robberies and criminal activities were rife. It was a time when the law was taken in hand by local residence, it does not however change the fact that the massacre was still murder. Looking at the integral part McMillan played in the development of Gippsland. This fact was certainly appreciated by our forebears when they erected the memorial cairns marking his historic journey and the Alberton Shire commissioned a portrait of McMillan. Today we are faced with a dilemma. The McMillan memorial cairns still tell the story of this tenacious explorer and the vital part he played in the opening up of the Gippsland we know today. The cairns should therefore stay as a reminder of that important part of our history. We also need to do much better in telling the other side of the story, the struggles and treatment of the indigenous inhabitants of Gippsland. We need more visible acknowledgement of our indigenous history.
88.	Jack Barnfield 16/6/20	I am addressing the issue of the removal of mass murderer angus mcmillan's cairns. I would like to start by providing a warning to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reading or listening are that the following comments contain references to deceased persons. I would also like to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai People as the traditional owners of the land that is now Wellington Shire. Council must vote to remove these cairns. They are in direct opposition to the values of our community. They pay respect to a racist, murdering psychopath. This is a man who kept a collection of human skulls in a hessian sack. He led the Highland Brigade that rode on horseback through Gippsland, murdering thousands families. They ambushed tens of thousands of women, children and men, who were unarmed and defenceless. They travelled from one camp to the next, with the same intent every time. And the same outcome always occurred. It was attempted Genocide. This man deserves the same place in our hearts and minds as Adolf Hitler. They shared the exact same goals; Exterminate an entire race of human beings. The Wellington Shire council, states front and centre on its website home page, that it is proud to acknowledge the Gunaikurnai People as the Traditional Owners of this land. And its at the bottom of every page on the website. But further than this acknowledgment, it is difficult to find anything related to the Aboriginal People of Australia, or it's history with them. This part is clear. THAT HISTORY IS ABHORRENT. It is racist, it is vile, it is revolting, it is distressing, it is shameful. The history of what happened on this land that is known as Wellington Shire is terrible. Simply acknowledging this and the people here that are most affected, is not enough. If Wellington Shire Council is serious about having any pride for the Gunaikurnai People, then they must face the truth of their past, if any of us are to ever hope to heal from it. The first nations communities of Australia, and especially the Gunaikurnai People deserve that healing. As do all Victorians and all Australians. Some way or another we are all part of this horrible history. A vote to remove would be an incredible show of solidarity to the GunaiKurnai People, as well as all Black, People of Colour and First Nations People around Australia and the world. Make no mistake, this is an enormous statement. What side of history will this council be on? Do you vote to continue to enshrine a racist murderer? Or do you vote to show the world that you are leaders. That you understand the magnitude of this decision and you are up to the task, for the Gunaikurnai People, who deserve it more than anyone else, and for all of humanity. The Wellington Shire Council can take a huge step towards reconciliation today. If it votes to remove these offensive cairns it will show not just the Indigenous community but the entire Australian community and the Global community that change is possible within

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		this space. And that the Council and its constituents know; that Black Lives Matters. And that same council, really knows, that the people whose skulls were carried around in the hessian sack of a man enshrined in giant monuments to this present day, mattered. Those Black Lives Mattered. A vote to remove is a sign of hope. Perhaps healing is possible. Please. Vote to remove.
89.	David Delahunty 16/6/20	Re the proposal to remove the McMillan cairns being put up by councillor Carolyn Crossley. What does she hope to achieve apart from being liked by the Gunaikurnal people. She is not going to wipe out our history or suddenly bring people back to life. Events happened in our history, whether right or wrong, but it did happen and hopefully we have learnt by them. As much as councillor Crossley might like to make noise it will not make for 'genuine reconciliation'. No doubt other people will have their own version of truth-telling. I wasn't alive then, and I doubt whether councillor Crossley was, let history be. Thank you.
90.	Sandra MacKenzie 16/6/20	Please leave all monuments alone history is history good or bad
91.	Nancy Pearce 16/6/20	My comment is , We can not change the past we need to learn from it. Removing monuments does not change anything that was good or bad. History is history and one would hope that it is not repeated. There are more important things that Council should be addressing to spend money on. Also Council should not be the ones making such a decision.
92.	Alicia Goodwin 16/6/20	In regards to the removal of the Angus McMillan memorials. I think in light of what we know about Angus and the atrocities he committed against the aboriginal communities in our area, it would be a huge insult to not remove the memorials in an attempt to heal the wounds that haunt the living ancestors of those affected. Removing the monuments does not remove our history, it simply reflects our modern values and would be a sign of respect and a commitment to bettering ourselves moving forward.
93.	Colin Little 16/6/20	The Gunnaikurnai people are the descendants of the people McMillan murdered, so if their wishes are to remove or reword plaques then surely that is what should be done in all good conscience.
94.	Anna Hahn 16/6/20	As a member of a family (of European descent) which has been continuously represented in the Shire for over 170 years, I am writing in relation to item A7(1), the motion for the removal of McMillan cairns. I support the proposal that decisions regarding how the history of the area is depicted should be made jointly with representatives of the Gunaikurnai community as the first and longest inhabitants of the Wellington Shire. I believe that it is important that our shared history is depicted in an accurate and culturally appropriate way, and that those of us of European descent should be educated and aware of the long history of the first inhabitants and the real impact of the arrival of Europeans to the area. If the cairns are to be removed, I believe it is important that it does not become an opportunity for those of European descent to conveniently forget their problematic past in the area through the absence of any physical reminder. I therefore support a commitment from the Council to produce, in close consultation with the Gunaikurnai community, some other more accurate and culturally appropriate physical representation of the history of the area and its original and more recent inhabitants.

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95.	Kate Woodroffe 16/6/20	Vote to remove the cairns! angus mcmillan was a racist murdering psychopath
96.	Adam Huty 16/6/20	I would like to support the motion to remove all cairns to Angus McMillan in the Wellington Shire
97.	Don Dwyer 16/6/20	In defence of Angus McMillan, I disagree with the proposed removal of the memorials please respond via phone to discuss
98.	Megan Weatherley 16/6/20	I fully support the proposal to remove Cairns monuments in Gippsland. It is incredibly racist and hateful to celebrate a man responsible for the mass murder of many of Australia's First People. We rightly have a monument for the (white) victims of another Australian massacre and no statue for the man responsible.
99.	Fleur Stone 16/6/20	I support a change to the McMillan cairns. It's time that the real history be recognised so that our kids can learn the true story and the healing can begin for indigenous communities. It is so important that we commit to building a healthy working relationship with local communities, respecting their history and contribution to this country and this would be a step in the right direction. I support a change or addition to these cairns, in collaboration with local indigenous groups, recognising the atrocities that took place, commemorating indigenous history and admitting to our failure to acknowledge the truth for generations. We can learn from our mistakes.
100.	Ian Mumford 16/6/20	Enough is Enough We have already said sorry for things in the past. Now you want to pull down reference to our early explorers, change Street names, Town names, and District names. We already hand back European farms and Stations to Aboriginal Communities. WHATS next pull down war memorials in case they upset people from Germany or Japan. Wake up Australia we are a divided country.
101.	Reece Gibbard 16/6/20	Before I started I'd like to thank and acknowledge the rightfully owners of this land the Gunaikurnai people I would like to address an item on today's (16/06/2020) agenda regarding the removal of cairns memorializing Angus McMillan. I stand with counsellor Carolyn Crossley when it comes to removing them. I've had family in Sale/Gippsland region my whole life and have been living here for the past 11 years, personally I never knew what these oddly shaped stack of rocks were or who Angus McMillan was. After the BLM movement gained traction here in Australia though I was forced to look at myself and the things around me more closely and that isn't always easy. After learning more about Angus McMillan's 'exploration' of Gippsland I don't think he is someone we should be memorializing, he may have traveled through this region but he couldn't have discovered it when indigenous people already resided here for thousands of years. He committed countless murders and massacres throughout the mid 1800's and even carried a bag of skulls belonging to the Gunaikurnai people. It's atrocious that this issue hasn't been brought up before this, I'm also amazed how these cairns haven't been removed or at the bare minimum have the indigenous people he helped murder be recognised before this meeting. By removing these cairns, history won't be erased, white washed or covered over anymore. For the

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		people worried we'd be erasing our European history, we aren't. You can still look up and find everything either online or at your local library so there isn't much need for these cairns these days anyway Thank you for hearing me and for your time.
102.	Amy Hutt 16/6/20	I would like to support the motion to remove all cairns to Angus McMillan in the Wellington Shire
103.	Kerry Maree Langford 16/6/20	Having to drive past two of the Angus Mc Millan cairns daily on my way to work has distressed me for a number of years. If this man had been an indigenous tribal elder with notable skills, but had committed these same horrendous crimes against white Australians, do you think indigenous Australians would be arguing that he should be memorialised. These cairns are artistically an eyesore, replace them with something worthy and culturally significant.
104.	Aaron Bradley 16/6/20	I object to the removal of the Cairns. The cairns are a monument to our past history and should be used in future as a visual point of interest in the settlement of or shire and used as a learning opportunity for future generations of the atrocities that happened as well as the hardship and challenges associated with the settlement of the shire.
105.	Helen Waddington 16/6/20	I support consultation with the Gunaikurnai for their perspective on what should happen with the McMillan markers across our shire . At the very least there should be plaques installed that fully explain the whole history of the region and the role Angus McMillan played in the massacres. Changing the names of our streets, playgrounds and reserves is something the council has my support to do. Of most importance is that we listen to the local mob for how they want these issues addresses. My apologies if this is a little garbled or has typos - I am typing quickly on my phone to get the submission in by the deadline.
106.	Ross Jackson 16/6/20	In the spirit of reconciliation the cairns should be removed.
107.	Andrew Klarenbeek 16/6/20	These cairns are a part of Gippslands history and if destroyed will be gone forever, how then can we teach and learn to our future generations the true history of our past explorers if we try to eradicate a name that once existed on a cairn but will always be in the many history books written about Gippsland. We cannot remove every book and writing that already exists BUT we can add to our history the events of the past and make them freely available to all by adding additional information at these cairns to telling of truths of our past. the conservation of the cairns themselves is historically important and is an example of local stone building work which can be admired by future generations and at the same time telling the true history of our past and present first Australians by learning from our past. Please consider not to destroy our heritage sites but to use them to build a greater knowledge of Gippslands past and a stepping stone for our future. Thankyou for allowing me to to make this comment about our past and future.
108.	Helen Arnup 16/6/20	I strongly oppose the removal of the cairns commemorating Angus McMillan's journey through East Gippsland. These cairns are a part of our history and history cannot be erased by the removal of physical mementoes. china attempted that with Tiananmen Square and it was not successful. In Germany they have used the opposite approach whereby they spend millions maintaining the

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		camps as a visible reminder of a terrible past and they take all schoolchildren through a concentration camp to ensure that they fully understand what happened there. Hungary also has a museum acknowledging the atrocities committed there during the communist takeover and administration. Here also school children are taken to learn firsthand about their history to ensure it does not occur again. We need to be reminded that these things can and do occur. Memorials are needed to remind us of these things and to further ensure that they do this plaques can be added to them detailing events , or an additional identical cairn or memorial built beside it to explain and honour a different perspective. As the article in todays Age newspaper says Censored history is a false reality. History cannot be deployed as a weapon to manipulate the present. It exists and it behoves all of us to learn from it and ensure the mistakes are not repeated.
109.	Doris Paton 16/6/20	I am not going to write a history lesson to address this agenda item. Today, the fact that this motion is being heard will be an opportunity for Wellington Shire Councillors to be on the right side of history . It is an opportunity to tell the truth about the impact of Gippsland's history for our Gunaikurnai people. I ask you to be courageous for our Ancestors, for our Elders, and for our future generations. The impact of colonialism on our lives over the generations has been profound, our stories need to be told. to heal.
110.	Rhiannon Edwards 16/6/20	I agree to the removal of the Angus McMillan Cairns
111.	Kelly Duncan 16/6/20	Hi there, I want to put my voice to the debate with the Angus Mc Millen statues. I think acknowledging our past history is important, all parts. we need to erect alternative statues that tell the story of our Aboriginal ancestors and the pain they went through at the hands of this man!!
112.	Cat Pot 16/6/20	History is written by the winners - but the winners are now being recognised for the cruelty and injustices perpetrated by us onto the first people of our nation. White settlers are not our heros and do not need commemoration. Especially those who were actively involved and widely recognised having performed some of the most brutal acts. Don't celebrate murder, especially not when the legacy of those lost have to see the daily celebration.
113.	Trish Welsh	With regard to councils considering removing Any structure or land name relating to Angus McMillan: "One must not and cannot erase the past merely because it does not fit the presence. " Golds Meir
114.	Jeffrey Hobbs 16/6/20	I would like to comment on the removal of the McMillan memorials around the Wellington Shire. I acknowledge that we live on land which was once Gunai Kurnai land and which is still kept as sacred by those people and will be for as long as they are with us. I also acknowledge that those Europeans who first came to Australia lived in a different era to ours and had different understandings and knowledge than we do. We are only here because they explored the world, explored the land and settled the land. In doing so there were times when the original inhabitants of this land chose to defend it. They were also beaten back, poisoned and killed by newly introduced diseases. The European settlers saw it as their right to take the land and kill those who defended it. We need to know our history and acknowledge the past. We can't just glorify the good, we have to know the whole story. I believe the removal

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		of the McMillan memorials only takes away ways to open us to our history. But I also believe to leave them without a full understanding of history is to not tell history but to tell falsehoods. From 1840 until into the 1850s McMillan and his men killed a huge number of Gunai Kurnai people: not only those who were defending their land but also women and children. There are at least 14 sites across Gippsland where McMillan killed people: from Nuntin in 1840 through a number of other battles and massacres. Probably the worst was the Warrigal Creek massacre of up to 180 people shot by McMillan and his men. Butchers Creek saw the death of up to 35 people and there were also killings around Maffra. His reign of terror was from Central Gippsland and well into East Gippsland. His diaries boast of these killings and he intimidated locals by riding around with a bag of skulls. We cannot simply have cairns which say he "Rode past" here. We need to know and acknowledge the full story. Rather than trying to hide McMillan by removing cairns, we should let our children know the truth of what he did. Next to each cairn there should be a telling of his story. An honest, open and full account of the way he murdered his way through this territory. Such a memorial should acknowledge local massacre sites and should do so in a way which is in honour of those who fell to his gun so that we could live here now. Anything else is a denial of our history. Removing the cairns makes him go away, leaving them as is makes him to be a great explorer, we need to do more by telling our history as it really is. I would propose that Council find a group of historians, both of European and Gunai Kurna heritage who are able to create a telling of the story of McMillan which acknowledges the destruction be brought to this area. There would be some in our community who would rather not know this history. There are some who think "all's fair in love and war" and "let the past be the past" but we have to at least acknowledge the fullness of that love and war and tell the past in it complex fullness. To do less than that would be to glorify mass murder.
115.	Peta Murray 16/6/20	Before making a decision on removing the cairns in our local area, I would like to know if the GLaWAC and local Elders have been contact about their views on this matter? What were they if they have been contacted? In order for the council to make a balanced judgement there are two publications, found in our local library, by Peter Gardner, Gippsland Massacres: the destruction of the Kurnai Tribes and OUR Founding Father: Angus McMillan and the Kurnai Tribe of Gippsland 1839-1865, has any councilor read these? Has the council also visited the keeping place in Bairnsdale to look at our local Aboriginal history? As an Aboriginal person, not from this Country, I am reminded each time I drive past one of these, as to the atrocities that were inflicted on the local Guanikurnai people and other Aboriginal people across this country. I believe that these should be removed, we do not need a physical reminder that McMillan was one of the 'Foundering Murdering Fathers' (Gardener, 1987) of Gippsland.
116.	Charlotte Walker 16/6/20	I wish to comment on the McMillan Cairns Agenda Item A7 (1), at the Wellington Shire Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2020. As a professional Conservator with 10 years' experience working in Museums and Galleries throughout Australia, and with a personal interest in history, I commend Councillor Crossley's motion 'To address the long-standing issue of the inappropriateness of the McMillan cairns...' and welcome the opportunity for public discussion of this issue. The McMillan cairns can be compared with the statues of problematic historical figures that are currently being discussed worldwide, in that they perpetuate the glorification of a murderer whose atrocities resulted in widespread death and suffering. By retaining the cairns in their current state in prominent civic spaces throughout the region, we are continuing to revere this man as 'Discoverer of Gippsland', thereby ignoring his leading part in the now well-documented massacres, disregarding the legacy of trauma that undoubtedly endures within the Gunaikurnai community, and severely misrepresenting historical facts. It is obvious, for all of the reasons that Councillor Crossley has outlined, the current status of the cairns is no longer acceptable. I have read many posts on social media in disagreement of this motion, primarily citing the argument that the Cairns are 'part of our history' which 'cannot be erased'. It is comments such as

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		<p>these which have compelled me to write a submission. These arguments overlook the fact that history is constantly updated as new facts come to light, and that the version of this region's history which was memorialised in the 1920's when these cairns were built, is not the version of Gippsland's history we need to accept today. Removing or significantly altering these cairns does not necessitate the erasure of history, but rather presents an opportunity to update it. Other objectors cite that we can learn from these monuments so as not to repeat history, yet as a child growing up in Sale who regularly passed by the Foster St cairn, and shouted 'Go McMillan' to my primary school sports team without having any idea of what the name represented, I can attest to the fact that the cairns do nothing to educate or inform passers-by. This experience is also representative of the broader issue of a general lack of knowledge about the true history of Gippsland, and I applaud Councillor Crossley's proposal to 'move forward in partnership with the Gunaikurnai people in a truth telling process of place, people and history.' This is long overdue, and I would argue that consultation with representatives of traditional owners is essential to determine the future of the cairns, and inform what form their preservation should take, if any. As a Conservator, it is my job and my passion to preserve the objects, artefacts and other physical manifestations of our history and culture. I know that there are many ways in which to preserve remnants of history without giving them the colonial prominence afforded in a previous era. Options for the McMillan cairns include full documentation and dismantling, with the parts kept in storage if deemed necessary. The plaques only could be kept and re-homed, with full interpretation of their history and that of Angus McMillan, perhaps components of the cairns could be reinterpreted by Gunaikurnai artists, or maybe the monuments should simply be relegated to the history books, because it is also a fact that not all physical remnants of history are worth preserving. Whatever outcome is chosen for the McMillan cairns, it is essential that piles of rock erected one hundred years ago by misinformed citizens are not considered more important than the tens of hundreds of years of history and continuing culture of the Gunaikurnai people, and their suffering at the hands of McMillan. The Wellington Shire Council, and community, has an opportunity here to dismantle the celebration of colonial violence symbolized by the McMillan cairns, in favour of a more up-to-date, truthful, inclusive, and comprehensive account of Gippsland's history. It should be noted that these comments reflect my own personal views and do not reflect the views or opinions of my employer.</p>
117.	Jennifer Candy 16/6/20	<p>I wish to add my support to Counsellor Carolyn Crossley's motion to remove the Angus McMillan commemorative cairns from council land in Sale and Stratford. I believe that the Wellington Shire has the ability to effect the removal of the McMillan monuments in a way that is not seen as an attempt to 'erase history' but in a spirit of reconciliation that expresses our determination to acknowledge that first and foremost this land belonged to the Gunaikurnai people who cared for it and cultivated it over many thousands of years. To this end I request 1. That the council begin a process of consulting with our First Nations community of the Wellington Shire, towards the establishment of appropriate monuments to honour elders and prominent figures of the Gunaikurnai people as a means of educating the wider community and visitors to our region of its whole history, from pre-colonisation. 2. That the McMillan plaques be taken down and kept by the historical society until such time as significant monuments have been erected to honour our First Nations people. Only when this is done would it be appropriate to acknowledge McMillan's role in opening up the region to white settlement in its proper context as a moment in an historical continuum that covers many thousands of years. Merely 'adding on' acknowledgement of our First Nations people to existing McMillan monuments would be a patronising and placatory way of dealing with this extremely sensitive and important issue. Wellington Shire has this opportunity to stand up and take a leading role towards real reconciliation in our nation.</p>

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118.	Heather Bolwell 16/6/20	Why can we not learn from history ? Place a indigenous correct memorial correcting his actions and informing all what happened? Do we now remove all other memorials throughout as they glorify an injustice to someone?
119.	Rosedale Historical Society 16/6/20	We would like the issue of removal of McMillan Cairns to be open to community consultation and informed debate .
120.	Christel Young 16/6/20	The removal for the cairns commemorating Angus McMillan does not change history, as some would claim. Right now the true history of both McMillan and the local area are not represented in an accurate manner. Many feel uncomfortable about the past that has led to modern day Australia and would probably prefer not to discuss it. But the fact remains is that many historical facts are not being represented correctly and many are omitted altogether. To not acknowledge the atrocities committed by McMillan is doing a disservice to the Traditional Custodians of the land as well as the history of the area itself. If we pick and choose which parts of history we want to see represented because other parts are not to our liking, then we are denying ourselves and future generations true history. We deny the Indigenous communities across Australia recognition of the trauma they suffered. The fairest option would be to remove the cairns OR completely alter the description and have it reflect the true history. You don't find a statue of Hitler in Germany. Why should our indigenous community, or in fact anyone, have to be confronted with the memory of someone who committed genocide?
121.	Rebecca Kennedy 16/6/20	Regarding Councillor Carolyn Crossley's motion to remove cairns erected to honor Angus Mcmillan. I grew up in Gippsland, attended school here and regularly visit my family still in the area, the town of Sale is still an important part of my life. However, the monuments dotted around Gippsland that honor Angus McMillan have always been deeply disturbing to me. I ask Councillors to truly consider this motion and what it will symbolize as we try and move forward in a world that attempts to amend past mistakes. Many say removing these monuments is erasing history, but has our history not been erased when we raise a multitude of monuments to a man referred to as The Butcher of Gippsland and responsible for multiple massacres? These massacres are also our history. These monuments do not acknowledge the crimes committed by McMillan and therefore fail to educate or remind us. Statues of dictators, slavers and mass-murderers have been torn down, around the world for centuries. We did not cry for "lost history" when monuments to Hitler, Rhodes, Sadam Hussein, Mussolini and more were torn down and replaced with monuments to those who suffered or lost their lives under their regime. please do not think this motion is a fad, bought on by the current events in the USA. People in Sale have been calling for the removal of the cairns for years. History lives on in our books, our media and our collective psyche. Removing these monuments does not remove discussion of Angus Mcmillan and those like him, but it reframes HOW we talk about them, HOW we remember them. Leaving these monuments accomplishes two things; at worst it celebrates a man who committed horrific crimes who would be in jail for life today, at best it shows a cold indifference to the GunaiKurnai people, the descendants of those killed by Mcmillan and his men who still live in this town today. Angus Mcmillan did not discover this area, people were living here and thriving here, let's acknowledge them and acknowledge the ongoing contributions of Sale's Koori community today. The removal of these cairns would be a huge and positive step forward.

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122.	Jessica Shapiro 16/6/20	I write in support of Carolyn Crossley's motion to remove the 9 McMillan cairns spread across Wellington Shire Council's jurisdiction, including two that stand on Council property (as reported on Win News). It is time to replace the cairns and for the history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of Gippsland to be truthfully and respectfully told. I hear the arguments that history is history and should be left well alone. I hear the calls for Council to stay in their lane and stick to collecting rates and fixing roads. But I also hear the voices of the Aboriginal community who recognise the symbolism of removing these cairns; not to forget history, not to rewrite history but to seek truth-telling, to tell a more complete history. And what an opportunity! An opportunity to work together with Gunaikurnai people in a very direct way to support healing and provide recognition of the true events that shaped our region - the highlights and the atrocities. Working together to move forward as one community, not get stuck in the past.
123.	Dr Brendan Whyte 16/6/20	<p>-There is no inappropriateness in the existence on council land or elsewhere, of cairns recording the places through which McMillan's exploration parties passed 1839-41. There is especially no inappropriateness of a cairn at Bushy Park, McMillan's own property. Rather it is very appropriate to record the route of his expedition, as has been done with Hume and Hovell, Mitchell, Burke and wills, etc.</p> <p>- Whatever one's feelings about other aspects of the man and his life, his explorations should be a proud part of the history of Gippsland. If anything, they remind us that no one is perfect, and that all people can be both heroes and villains, in different aspects of their lives. Many great artists had appalling personalities and personal lives. but their art is no less great or worthy of admiration, study and broadcast for that. Richard Wagner and Henry Ford were antisemitic, but their respective music and industrial output should be celebrated.</p> <p>- While there is no justification for McMillan's contested involvement in frontier massacres, this involvement does remain contested, and must be understood in relation to the attitudes of the time, and his culture and background. To condemn the entire man for a subsection of his actions, and from the point of view of our time and cultural backgrounds, is reductionist, fallacious "presentism". The feelings of today are not those of yesterday nor will they be those of tomorrow. To believe one's own views are the final word on a subject is the height of conceit.</p> <p>-The cairns have caused many tourists, such as my family and myself, to discover McMillan, research his contributions to Victoria as explorer, pastoralist, MLA and family man, and engage with his many faults, including his involvement in massacres. Removal of the cairns prevents such engagement, and promotes a blinkered and bigoted view of history to people today and tomorrow.</p> <p>-The removal or destruction of the cairns is an act of barbarity equal in value, if not in scope, to Puritan destruction of English churches during the English Civil War, Nazi destruction of synagogues, Taliban destruction of the Bamyán buddhas and ISIS destruction of Palmrya and Nineveh.</p> <p>- As an historian half-way through a project to research the cairns and McMillan, their removal directly impacts the completion of my work, and denies the local Gippsland economy the (very humble) benefits of my spending during further research visits. Research, and the local economy, should not be held hostage to the politics of a moment.</p> <p>- Ned Kelly was an acknowledged thief and murderer, and executed for his crimes. Yet he is celebrated in Victoria. There is a stunning hypocrisy in Victorian tourism dining out on Kelly on the one hand, while trying to hide the works of a man who contributed much to Gippsland as explorer, pastoralist and MLA. We need to be able to differentiate McMillan's contributions from his depredations, just as we do Kelly's attack on police corruption and injustice with his own perpetrated crimes and injustices.</p>

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		<p>Destruction of cairns that are themselves historic, and were unveiled by the Governor of Victoria himself during a well-publicised tour, is itself an act of historical and cultural vandalism pure and simple, and achieves nothing but further resentment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no need to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Why not set up a similar parallel set of cairns to allow tourists to visit and understand the massacre sites, while still allowing them to follow the route of McMillan's explorations? - Should the worst happen and council vote to remove these historic cairns, I wish to offer my garden as a repository for at least on of them. - In conclusion, play the ball and not the man. (The ball being his involvement in massacres at a different place and time to his explorations as commemorated by the cairns).
124.	Rachel J Steinmann 16/6/20	<p>Dear Councillors, As White or majority Australians {Non Aboriginals} living on Aboriginal land that was colonised by my forebearers it is a cost to our society not to reconcile this history and not avoid looking at where histories have not been told or ignored or romanticised. Romanticising Mc Millan as a founder of Gippsland when his paid capacity was to find 'new lands' to exploit. Daily I and all Australians live with all the the benefits of assuming the rights to the riches and security of living here. Since colonisation are society has suffered from not acknowledging the expediency and total lack of integrity the colonisers actions were filled with. I am a teacher and while I note there is Indigenous history requirements in our curriculum there is very little public evidence in Gippsland that the population are open to sharing awareness of our shared colonial history and the devastating effect it had on the indigenous people. I work at Briagolong, a place named after the local Indigenous clan or group, and travelling there I pass over the Bushy Park bridge and past the Mc Millan monument. This one particularly disturbs me. I have learnt that Mcmillan claimed that very land for himself and for the adjacent mass of land for McAlister. I have read McMillan's journal excerpts describing the smoke columns up and down the river. The Brakalung people were living there. While those monuments acknowledge McMillan as a founder there is no acknowledgement of him as a murderer and taker of lands. Like acknowledgement to country would have us acknowledge - Indigenous people had actively cared for the land as custodians. This is also not present at each site of these monuments. It would be a welcome relief to acknowledge these aspects to local history at each monument. That would show a willingness to look at and grow through knowledge and awareness of the frontier colonisation stories and our Indigenous heritage. Please show willingness and take action on this important aspect of acknowledging history and actions of our forebears, Sincerely, Rachel Steinmann</p>
125.	Andrea Hall 16/6/20	<p>Hello... I would like to congratulate the Council in being brave and bold and taking steps to help address the systemic and unconscious racism in our society. By taking a stand and removing the Mcmillan cairns is a positive step towards creating healing and recognition for Indigenous Australian who suffer still due to the atrocious violence and discrimination they have suffered at the hands of first settlers through to today. It is widely recognized that trauma from these massacres and the stolen generation requires significant steps to heal and build reconciliation and I commend the Wellington Shire for their efforts in recognizing the trauma on our nations first people's and taking steps to remove the cairns to Mcmillan and other explorers and sites of such harmful aboriginal history.</p>

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126.	Jennifer Simpson Smith 16/6/20	Respectfully request the cairns remain in place but additional information is added to illustrate whole story of exploration and conflict in colonial Gippsland Do not remove but embellish so that the entire story is told please.
127.	Tim Cross 16/6/20	Regarding the removal of the commemorative Cairns. I am not in favour of the removal of these Cairns, we cannot erase the history, we can however improve the accuracy by acknowledging and teaching the history warts and all. As a relative newcomer to the Gippsland Region I am unaware of any monuments which have been erected to acknowledge Governor Gipps who worked tirelessly to improve the lot of aboriginal people, though he was often pilloried by the empire and colonials for his stance. Governor Gipps ensured the men who were responsible for Myall creek massacre were brought to justice and in fact demanded a second trial from which seven people were sentenced to hang. We should be celebrating the positives rather than focusing on the negatives, surely as an urbane community we can accept our history in its entirety. Erect a monument to Governor Gipps and the local indigenous leaders of the time, do not tear the history down. Particularly poignant is a quote from George Orwell's novel 1984 "Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered. And the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right."
128.	Lauren MacRae 16/6/20	I wholeheartedly support any signage or statues that praise Angus McMillan being taken down and/or replaced out of respect for the traditional custodians of the land. They have been oppressed long enough, it's time to let them be heard.

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

ITEM A8(2)**RESPONSE TO PETITION: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN WELLINGTON SHIRE****OBJECTIVE**

For Council, in response to the petition presented at the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 May 2020 from Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group Incorporated (contact, Mr Keith Mills) regarding concerns for community safety and roadside vegetation management, to:

1. Write a letter to Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group Inc outlining the new approach already under development for fire protection work on Council roads; and
2. In line with several previous requests, seek clarification from Mr Mills on the role, membership and function of the Wellington Residents and Ratepayer Group Incorporated.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That, in response to the petition presented at the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 May 2020, from Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group regarding concerns for community safety and roadside vegetation management, Council:

1. *Write a letter to Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group Inc outlining the new approach already under development for fire protection work on Council roads.*
2. *In line with several previous requests, seek clarification from Mr Mills on the role, membership and function of the Wellington Residents and Ratepayer Group Incorporated.*

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN / COUNCILLOR BYE

That, in response to the petition presented at the Ordinary Council meeting of 19 May 2020, from Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group regarding concerns for community safety and roadside vegetation management, Council:

1. *Write a letter to Wellington Residents and Ratepayers Group Inc outlining the new approach already under development for fire protection work on Council roads.*
2. *In line with several previous requests, seek clarification from Mr Mills on the role, membership and function of the Wellington Residents and Ratepayer Group Incorporated.*

CARRIED

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

NIL

ITEM A10

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

NIL

ITEM A11(1)

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That the Mayor and Councillor Activity report be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM A12(1)

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

PRESENTED BY SHANNON DARMUC

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council receive the Youth Mayor's Quarterly Report.

CARRIED

ITEM B

DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

ITEM C1.1

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

ITEM C1.2

MAY 2020 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive and note the May 2020 Council Performance Report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the May 2020 Council Performance Report as attached.

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council receive and note the May 2020 Council Performance Report as attached.

CARRIED

ITEM C2.1

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 28 May 2020 to 10 June 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 28 May 2020 to 10 June 2020.

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 28 May 2020 to 10 June 2020.

CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 28 May 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief (Attachment Audit & Risk Committee 28 May 2020 Minutes in Brief) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 May 2020;***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 May 2020 of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Corporate Services on 1 June 2020 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: f) legal advice; and h) any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
be designated confidential information under Section 77 Clause (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989.***

COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN

That:

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief (Attachment Audit & Risk Committee 28 May 2020 Minutes in Brief) and the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 May 2020;***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Audit & Risk Committee Minutes of 28 May 2020 of this Council meeting agenda and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Corporate Services on 1 June 2020 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: f) legal advice; and h) any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
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CARRIED

ITEM C2.3**ADOPTION OF 20/21 BUDGET AND FEES AND CHARGES,
STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN AND RATES AND SERVICE
CHARGES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to adopt the:

- 2020/21 Budget and Fees and Charges including:
 - Fees and Charges
 - Budget allocation for multi-year projects
- 2020/21 Strategic Resource Plan
- 2020/21 Declared Rates and Service Charges.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopt the 2020/21 Budget including:

- **Fees and charges**
- **2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget allocation for the following multi-year projects:**

Toongabbie-Cowwarr & Weir Roads, Cowwarr -Reconstruction	\$1,200,000
Sale-Toongabbie Road Reconstruction and Widening	\$1,500,000
Gordon Street Reconstruction, Heyfield (George Street to Harbeck Street)	\$500,000
National Park Road, Loch Sport – Safety Treatment	\$300,000
Lake Guthridge-Guyatt, Sale - Environmental Education Centre	\$600,000
Maffra Lawn Tennis - Pavilion Redevelopment	\$918,000
Stephenson Park Recreation Reserve, Sale - Changeroom Redevelopment	\$2,578,000
Morison Street, Maffra - Upgrade (Campbell Street to Fulton Drive)	\$600,000
Ingles Bridge, Devon North - Reconstruction (Ingles Road)	\$300,000
Youth Play Precinct Expansion, Heyfield - Skatepark Upgrade and Pump Track	\$460,000
Education Department Land - Raymond Street, Sale – Purchase	\$3,750,000
Core Business Systems Upgrades	\$650,000

2. Council adopt the 2020/21 Strategic Resource Plan; and

3. Council adopt the following declared rates and charges for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2021:

- A) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 158, 161 and 162 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Wellington Shire Council hereby resolves to declare that the amount it intends to raise by rates and annual service charges is \$62,964,747:**

General Rate:	\$56,483,556
Cultural & Recreational Land rates	\$ 68,647
Garbage Charge:	\$ 4,371,624
Waste Infrastructure Charge:	\$ 1,697,355
EPA Levy Charge:	\$ 333,189
Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge	\$ 10,376

- B)** (1) *It be further declared that, subject to paragraph 4 of this Part, the general rate be raised through the application of differential rates.*
- (2) *A rate in the dollar of 0.004911 be specified as the general rate.*
- (3) *It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined so that the amount payable be the Capital Improved Value multiplied by the rate in the dollar of 0.004911.*
- (4) a) *It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions.*
- b) *A differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:*
- (i) *Farm Land:*
- Means any land that:*
- Is "Farm Land" within the meaning of Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder*
- a) that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and*
- b) that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and*
- c) where the ratepayer is a Primary Producer with any evidence/ruling confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office, registered ABN and business plan.*
- C) Garbage Charge:**
- (1) *An annual service charge of \$222.00 be declared for the collection and disposal of garbage in respect of Residential premises to which the service is available – whether or not the owner or occupier of any such premises avails themselves of the service.*
- D) Waste Infrastructure Charge:**
- (1) *An annual service charge be declared for the development of Landfills, Recycling facilities, Transfer Stations and the rehabilitation of Landfill sites, and provision of facilities for ongoing monitoring of landfills, to ensure that Council can continue to provide a waste disposal service.*
- (2) *The charge be \$55.00 for each property in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied. This charge will not apply to properties identified as being within the Ninety Mile Beach Restructure Plan Stages 7 – 22, with the exception of those properties with an existing dwelling, where the charge will still apply.*

E) EPA Levy Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$16.92 be declared to cover the costs levied by the Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills, not otherwise recouped.**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property to which a Garbage Charge is applied, at the rate of one EPA Levy Charge for each Garbage Charge – except those properties recently the subject of the Ombudsman's report into non developable blocks along Ninety Mile Beach and noted on Council's website.**

F) Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$415.00 be declared for wastewater availability in respect of Residential and Commercial premises in the township of Boisdale, to contribute towards the costs of operation and management of the Boisdale Common Effluent System (the System).**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property which is connected to the System, at the rate of one charge per tenement connected.**

G) Cultural and Recreational Land:

- (1) The following amounts (excluding service charges) be declared as payable in accordance with Section 4 of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, having regard to the services provided by the Council in relation to such lands and the benefit to the community derived from this recreational land:**

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Sale Tennis Club	51 Guthridge Pde, Sale	682.63
Sale Turf Club	Maffra-Sale Rd, Sale	9888.30
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Sporting Legends Club Inc	316 Montgomery Rd, Bundalaguah	955.19
Stratford Angling Club Inc	Hollands Landing Rd, Hollands Landing	0.00
Stratford Bowls Club	18-22 Dawson St, Stratford	990.79
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The Yarram Country Club Inc	332-338 Commercial Rd, Yarram	9097.63
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TOTAL		\$68,647.22

H) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 169 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council declares a Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for conservation purposes.

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- (4) Conditions apply as per Council's Policy No. 4.1.12 – Rates Rebate on land with a Deed of Covenant for Conservation Purposes.

COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

That:

1. Council adopt the 2020/21 Budget including:

- Fees and charges
- 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget allocation for the following multi-year projects:

Toongabbie-Cowwarr & Weir Roads, Cowwarr -Reconstruction	\$1,200,000
Sale-Toongabbie Road Reconstruction and Widening	\$1,500,000
Gordon Street Reconstruction, Heyfield (George Street to Harbeck Street)	\$500,000
National Park Road, Loch Sport – Safety Treatment	\$300,000
Lake Guthridge-Guyatt, Sale - Environmental Education Centre	\$600,000
Maffra Lawn Tennis - Pavilion Redevelopment	\$918,000
Stephenson Park Recreation Reserve, Sale - Changeroom Redevelopment	\$2,578,000
Morison Street, Maffra - Upgrade (Campbell Street to Fulton Drive)	\$600,000
Ingles Bridge, Devon North - Reconstruction (Ingles Road)	\$300,000
Youth Play Precinct Expansion, Heyfield - Skatepark Upgrade and Pump Track	\$460,000
Education Department Land - Raymond Street, Sale – Purchase	\$3,750,000
Core Business Systems Upgrades	\$650,000

2. Council adopt the 2020/21 Strategic Resource Plan; and

3. Council adopt the following declared rates and charges for the period commencing on 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2021:

A) Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 158, 161 and 162 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Wellington Shire Council hereby resolves to declare that the amount it intends to raise by rates and annual service charges is \$62,964,747:

General Rate:	\$56,483,556
Cultural & Recreational Land rates	\$ 68,647
Garbage Charge:	\$ 4,371,624
Waste Infrastructure Charge:	\$ 1,697,355
EPA Levy Charge:	\$ 333,189
Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge	\$ 10,376

- B)**
- (1)** *It be further declared that, subject to paragraph 4 of this Part, the general rate be raised through the application of differential rates.*
 - (2)** *A rate in the dollar of 0.004911 be specified as the general rate.*
 - (3)** *It be confirmed that the general rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined so that the amount payable be the Capital Improved Value multiplied by the rate in the dollar of 0.004911.*
 - (4)**
 - a)** *It be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions.*
 - b)** *A differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below, which characteristics will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:*
 - (i)** *Farm Land:*
Means any land that:
Is "Farm Land" within the meaning of Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 (paras a) and b)) and other criteria as defined by Council in c) hereunder
 - a)** *that is not less than 2 hectares in area; and*
 - b)** *that is used primarily for grazing (including agistment), dairying, pig-farming, poultry-farming, fish-farming, tree-farming, bee-keeping, viticulture, horticulture, fruit-growing or the growing of crops of any kind or for any combination of those activities; and*
 - c)** *where the ratepayer is a Primary Producer with any evidence/ruling confirmed by the Australian Taxation Office, registered ABN and business plan.*
- C) Garbage Charge:**
- (1)** *An annual service charge of \$222.00 be declared for the collection and disposal of garbage in respect of Residential premises to which the service is available – whether or not the owner or occupier of any such premises avails themselves of the service.*
- D) Waste Infrastructure Charge:**
- An annual service charge be declared for the development of Landfills, Recycling facilities, Transfer Stations and the rehabilitation of Landfill sites, and provision of facilities for ongoing monitoring of landfills, to ensure that Council can continue to provide a waste disposal service.*
- (2)** *The charge be \$55.00 for each property in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied. This charge will not apply to properties identified as being within the Ninety Mile Beach Restructure Plan Stages 7 – 22, with the exception of those properties with an existing dwelling, where the charge will still apply.*

E) EPA Levy Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$16.92 be declared to cover the costs levied by the Environment Protection Authority on the operation of landfills, not otherwise recouped.**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property to which a Garbage Charge is applied, at the rate of one EPA Levy Charge for each Garbage Charge – except those properties recently the subject of the Ombudsman’s report into non developable blocks along Ninety Mile Beach and noted on Council’s website.**

F) Boisdale Common Effluent System Charge:

- (1) An annual service charge of \$415.00 be declared for wastewater availability in respect of Residential and Commercial premises in the township of Boisdale, to contribute towards the costs of operation and management of the Boisdale Common Effluent System (the System).**
- (2) The charge be levied on each property which is connected to the System, at the rate of one charge per tenement connected.**

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CARRIED

ITEM C3.1

STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING - PREFERRED PROJECT 2020/21 AND OTHER PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE

To seek Council's support for the 'Residential Land Stocktake' and 'Port of Sale Masterplan Review', to be the priority projects for the 2020/21 Strategic Land Use Planning Work Program and to note other current strategic planning priorities.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve:

- 1. The 'Residential Land Stocktake' and 'Port of Sale Master Plan Review' projects as outlined in the report, as the priority projects for the 2020/21 Strategic Land Use Planning Work Program.***
- 2. The secondary strategic land use planning priorities as outlined in this report.***

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council approve:

- 1. The 'Residential Land Stocktake' and 'Port of Sale Master Plan Review' projects as outlined in the report, as the priority projects for the 2020/21 Strategic Land Use Planning Work Program.***
- 2. The secondary strategic land use planning priorities as outlined in this report.***

CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

To seek Council approval to progress the transfer of Council owned property presently leased to Mirridong Services Inc., situated at 14 Lawler Street, Yarram to Mirridong Services Inc.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That;

- 1. Council resolve that property described as 14 Lawler Street, Yarram as shown on the plan within and more specifically referred as Lot 3 on Plan of Subdivision 201547W Volume 09722 Folio 955 is not required for Council purposes;***
- 2. Council advertises its intention to transfer the property below market value to Mirridong Services Incorporated, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 section 189 and 223, including calling for submissions in relation to the proposed sale for an amount of \$11 including GST;***
- 3. Subject to no submissions being made, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to complete the transfer (in compliance with Council's Policy for the Sale, Exchange and Acquisition of Land) below the current market value including executing necessary documents;***
- 4. All legal fees and related costs associated with transfer of the property to be met by Mirridong Services Inc; and***
- 5. The information contained in the attached document and designated under Section 77 Clause (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989 as confidential by the General Manager Development on 3 June 2020 because it relates to the following grounds under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989: h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
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COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR MAHER

That;

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CARRIED

ITEM C3.3

**COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROGRAM-
GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL**

OBJECTIVE

To seek resolution from Council to apply for Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program to fund the missing link of the Great Southern Rail Trail between Alberton and Welshpool, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council submits a funding application, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, to secure Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program funding to complete the Great Southern Rail Trail between Alberton and Welshpool.

COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS

That Council submits a funding application, in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, to secure Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program funding to complete the Great Southern Rail Trail between Alberton and Welshpool.

CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

For Council to agree to participate in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (LGPPA) tender, considering governance structure amendments made by the Buyers Group, in accordance with outcomes of an independent probity review.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION***That Council;***

- 1. Agree to participate in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement tender, considering governance structure and pricing amendments made by the Buyers Group, in accordance with outcomes of an independent probity review.***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, to appoint Darebin City Council, to act as a tendering agent by executing the Participation Deed and, in the event of a successful tender, to enter into a long-term contract with the preferred energy retailer.***
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to MAV to terminate the existing Agency Agreement.***

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN / COUNCILLOR BYE***That Council;***

- 1. Agree to participate in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement tender, considering governance structure and pricing amendments made by the Buyers Group, in accordance with outcomes of an independent probity review.***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, to appoint Darebin City Council, to act as a tendering agent by executing the Participation Deed and, in the event of a successful tender, to enter into a long-term contract with the preferred energy retailer.***
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to MAV to terminate the existing Agency Agreement.***

CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is for Council to authorise the procurement of Electricity Supply for Large Sites/Buildings, Unmetered Street Lighting and Small Sites/Buildings – Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) EC 8310–2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a procurement agreement and contract with the Municipal Association of Victoria's recommended tenderer for retail supply of electricity to Small Tariff, Large Tariff sites and Unmetered Street Lighting as outlined in MAV EC 8310 -2020.

COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN / COUNCILLOR BYE

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a procurement agreement and contract with the Municipal Association of Victoria's recommended tenderer for retail supply of electricity to Small Tariff, Large Tariff sites and Unmetered Street Lighting as outlined in MAV EC 8310 -2020.

CARRIED

The Mayor announced that Council award the Large Site/Facilities Tender to ERM Power, for the following contract periods:

- *Desailly Street – 12 Months;*
- *Wellington Centre – 12 Months;*
- *The Wedge – 12 Months;*
- *Remaining Large Sites/Facilities – 48 Months; and*
- *Unmetered Street Lighting – 48 Months.*

and

That Council award the Small Site/Facilities Tender to Origin Energy for the recommended contract period of 36 months.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider to formally proceed with the proposed 'McMillan Street (East) Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1904' by way of formal declaration as a Special Charge Scheme under section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act* for the construction of McMillan Street (East) in Stratford.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. Council, having considered that no submissions were received and no objections were lodged and having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), and otherwise according to law, and having, so far as can be ascertained from available records and can reasonably be concluded, ascertained that McMillan Street (East), Stratford (Street) or any component of the Street has not previously been constructed by way of a special rate or charge, hereby proceeds to declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163(1) of the Act (Scheme) in accordance with the Declaration of Special Charge (Declaration) attached to and forming a part of this Report, such Declaration being for the purposes of constructing the Street and providing all and any ancillary works, including underground drainage and vehicle crossings.***
- 2. Council directs that, under cover of a letter, a written notice, enclosing a notice of levy, be sent to all owners of properties included in the Scheme, including those who have made a submission and/or lodged an objection in writing, of the decision of Council to make the Declaration, and the reasons for the decision***
- 3. For the purposes of resolution 2, the reasons of Council for making the Declaration are that –***
 - (a) There is minimal objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Scheme from property owners;***
 - (b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions, powers and objectives conferred on it under the Act, particularly in relation to the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and property services in and for the Scheme area;***
 - (c) All property owners who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned and occupied by them will receive a special benefit in the form of an enhancement or maintenance in land values and/or a maintenance or enhancement in the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties;***
 - (d) The basis of distribution of the Special Charge amongst the property owners who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge is considered to be fair and reasonable;***
 - (e) The works proposed by the Scheme are consistent with all and any policies and/or objectives set out in the planning scheme for the area; and***

- (f) The works proposed for the construction and drainage of the Street are necessary, reasonable, not excessive, sufficient, suitable and not costly, having regard to the locality or environment and the probable use of the Street.*
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer (or any person for the time being acting in that position) be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to give effect to this resolution, including in relation to the levying of the Special Charge.**

COUNCILLOR RIPPER / COUNCILLOR HOLE

That:

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CARRIED

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider to formally proceed with the proposed Guthridge Parade (South) Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1903' by way of formal declaration as a Special Charge Scheme under section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act* for the construction of Guthridge Parade (South) in Sale.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That:

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- 3. For the purposes of resolution 2, the reasons of Council for making the Declaration are that –***
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 - (e) The works proposed by the Scheme are consistent with all and any policies and/or objectives set out in the planning scheme for the area; and***
 - (f) The works proposed for the construction and drainage of the Road are necessary, reasonable, not excessive, sufficient, suitable and not costly, having regard to the locality or environment and the probable use of the Road.***

4. *The Chief Executive Officer (or any person for the time being acting in that position) be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to give effect to this resolution, including in relation to the levying of the Special Charge.*

COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MCCUBBIN

That:

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CARRIED

ITEM C5.1**GORDON STREET RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT MINUTES****OBJECTIVE**

For Council to receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 27 April 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 27 April 2020.

COUNCILLOR HOLE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

That Council receive the minutes from the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve Committee of Management's General Meeting held on 27 April 2020.

CARRIED

ITEM D**URGENT BUSINESS**

- Di Dalley, Sale: commented about rental support for her business during the COVID-19 pandemic

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

NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 8:50pm

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