



Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting to be held at

Port of Sale Business Centre

Foster Street, Sale

Tuesday 7 March 2017, commencing at 3pm

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 7 MARCH 2017

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A - PROCEDURAL



STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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



PRAYER

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

Amen



A - PROCEDURAL

A4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

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

ACTION OFFICER:

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

7 MARCH 2017

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 February 2017 as tabled.

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

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 February 2017 as tabled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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



A - PROCEDURAL

A5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S



A - PROCEDURAL

A6 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS



A - PROCEDURAL

A7 NOTICE/S OF MOTION



A - PROCEDURAL

A8 RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ACTION OFFICER

GOVERNANCE

DATE:

7 MARCH 2017

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Closure of public toilets at Wharf Street Port Albert	7 February 2017	Council Officers are finalising relevant information and will report to Council on 21 March 2017.	Manager Natural Environment & Parks



A - PROCEDURAL

A9 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



A - PROCEDURAL

A10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE



B –REPORT

DELEGATES



C1 - REPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



C2 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

ITEM C2.1**ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE: 7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 14 February 2017 to 28 February 2017.

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

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 14 February 2017 to 28 February 2017.

BACKGROUND

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

Below is a summary of all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 14 February 2017 to 28 February 2017.

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received for the period 14 February 2017 to 28 February 2017

Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
21 February 2017	Diary Meeting	Cr Crossley, Cr Hall, Cr Maher, Cr Stephens, Cr Mills, Cr McCubbin, Cr Bye, Cr Rossetti, Cr Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Sharon Willison, Mayoral and Councillor Support Officer Damian Norkus, Business Systems Officer
21 February 2017	Monthly Planning Meeting Municipal Public Health Wellbeing Plan – Our Priorities Fees & Charges and 2017/2018 Capital Works Review State Government Solar Energy Incentive Program Sports & Recreation Victoria Funding Priorities Amendment C90 Longford Rezoning Amendment C92 – Wellington Shire Stage 2 Heritage Study Implementation Review of the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Domestic Animal Management Plan Review West Sale Airport Master Plan Review New Sale Pump Station proposal – Gippsland Water Request to purchase Council land – Gippsland Water Wellington Regional Tourism	Cr Bye, Cr Crossley, Cr Hall, Cr Hole, Cr McCubbin, Cr Maher, Cr Mills, Cr Rossetti, Cr Stephens Josh Clydesdale, Manager Land Use Planning (Item 1, 6, 7, 8 & 11) John Traa, Coordinator Statutory Planning (Item 1) Karen McLennan, Manager Community Wellbeing (Item 2) Catherine Vassiliou, Manager Social Planning & Policy (Item 2) Ian Carroll, Manager Corporate Finance (Item 3) Dean Morahan, Manager Assets & Projects (Item 3) Paul Johnson, Manager Active Communities (Item 5) Mark Benfield, Acting Coordinator Community Facilities Planning (Item 5) Barry Hearsey, Coordinator Strategic Planning (Item 6 & 7) Andrew Wolstenholme, Environmental Planner (Item 8) Vanessa Ebsworth, Manager Municipal Services (Item 9) Peter Thompson, Coordinator Local Laws (Item 9) John Tatterson, Manager Built Environment (Item 10 & 12) Daniel Gall, Coordinator Commercial Facilities Management (Item 10 & 12) Sharyn Bolitho, Manager Economic Development (Item 13)

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. **DATE OF MEETING:** 21 February 2017

2. ATTENDEES

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Bye	✓		Cr Maher	✓	
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr Mills	✓	
Cr Hall	✓		Cr Rossetti	✓	
Cr Hole	✓		Cr Stephens	✓	
Cr McCubbin	✓				

Officers In Attendance:

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

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

Name	Item No.	Name	Item No.
Sharon Willison	1		
Damian Norkus	1		

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

1. Diary Meeting for Councillors

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

Nil

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. **DATE OF MEETING:** 21 February 2017

2. **ATTENDEES**

Councillor Names	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Bye	✓		Cr Maher	✓	
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr Mills	✓	
Cr Hall	✓		Cr Rossetti	✓	
Cr Hole	✓		Cr Stephens	✓	
Cr McCubbin	✓				

Officer Names	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		G Butler, GMCC	✓	
A Skipitaris, GMCS	✓		John Websdale, GMD	✓	
C Hastie, GMBNE	✓				

Others in Attendance (list names and item in attendance for):	Item No.
Josh Clydesdale, John Traa	1
Karen McLennan, Catherine Vassiliou	2
Ian Carroll, Dean Morahan	3
Stan Krpan (Sustainability Victoria CEO), Jason Gerrard, Alan Freitag	4
Paul Johnson, Mark Benfield	5
Josh Clydesdale, Barry Hearsey	6
Josh Clydesdale, Barry Hearsey	7
Josh Clydesdale, Andrew Wolstenholme	8
Vanessa Ebsworth, Peter Thompson	9
John Tatterson, Daniel Gall	10
Joshua Clydesdale, Peter Skeels (Gippsland Water)	11
John Tatterson, Daniel Gall	12
Sharyn Bolitho, Kellie Willis (WRT)	13

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Monthly Planning Update | 8. Review of The Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations |
| 2. Municipal Public Health Wellbeing Plan - Our Priorities | 9. Domestic Animal Management Plan Review |
| 3. Fees & Charges and 2017/2018 Capital Works Review | 10. West Sale Airport Master Plan Update |
| 4. State Government Solar Energy Incentive Program | 11. New Sale Pump Station Proposal – Gippsland Water |
| 5. Sports & Recreation Victoria Funding Priorities | 12. Request to Purchase Council Land – Gippsland Water |
| 6. Amended C90 Longford Rezonings | 13. Wellington Regional Tourism |
| 7. Amendment C92 – Wellington Shire Stage 2 Heritage Study Implementation | |

4. **Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:**

Item 7 - Amendment C92 – Wellington Shire Stage 2 Heritage Study Implementation - Cr Stephens declared a Conflict of Interest due to an Indirect Interest by Conflict of Duty and left the chamber.

ITEM C2.2**REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES
ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
DATE: 7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

For Council to note and receive the minutes, and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting, held on 21 February 2017.

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

That:

- 1. Council note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 as attached; and***
- 2. Council endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 as detailed in the attached minutes.***

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 and endorse the actions from the meeting; or
2. Not note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 or endorse the actions from the meeting and seek further information for consideration at a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that:

1. Council note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 as attached; and
2. Council endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 as detailed in the attached minutes.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

The Remuneration Committee reviews Councillor entitlements, expenses, reimbursements and gifts and ensures alignment with Council policy direction and governance in relation to Councillor benefits.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

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

Strategic Objective

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

Strategy 2.3

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

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



REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday 21 February 2017 – 8.30am Barkly River Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Malcolm Hole (Chair)
Councillor Alan Hall
Councillor Garry Stephens
David Morcom (Chief Executive Officer)
Arthur Skipitaris (General Manager Corporate Services)

APOLOGIES:

1. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:**
No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

*Moved Councillor Hole Seconded Councillor Hall
That the minutes of the previous meeting on 18 October 2016 be accepted.*

CARRIED

3. **Councillor Costs and Reimbursements**

Councillor Costs and Reimbursements spreadsheets were reviewed, discussed and accepted.

- Councillor Expense Summary Report as at 31 January 2017 (Attachment 1)

4. **Review of Independent Audit & Risk Committee Members Remuneration**

The information provided was considered by the Committee.

*Moved Councillor Hole Seconded Councillor Stephens
That the Remuneration Committee approved the following changes to remuneration of Audit & Risk Committee members:*

- *An increase of the Chairman's remuneration to \$750 (from \$700)*
- *An increase of the Independent Members remuneration to \$500 (from \$450)*
- *An increase to \$500 (from \$450) for the attendance at approved training/workshops for both Chairman and Independent Members*
- *No reimbursement for travel, to remain.*

CARRIED

5. **Verbal Update on Enterprise Agreement 9 negotiations**

The General Manager Corporate Services and the CEO provided the members of the committee with an update on the Enterprise Agreement negotiations.

6. General Business

Nil

The meeting closed at 8.45am

Attachments:

1. Interim Councillor Expense Summary Report as at 31 January 2017 (Attachment 1)

Attachment 1 - Councillor Expense Summary Report as at 31 January 2017

Wellington Shire Council						
Councillors						
01100. Councillors Master Account						
Activity Details						
Councillor Expenses and Reimbursements - Period 1 July 2016 to 31 January 2016						
	2016/ 17 Adopted Budget	2016/ 17 Adjusted Budget	YTD Actuals (incl oncosts)	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Commitments
Councillor and Mayoral Allowances	373,705	373,705	211,205	233,047	21,842	-
Other Councillor expenses	44,250	44,250	34,645	23,640	11,005	1,396
Grand Total	417,955	417,955	245,850	256,687	10,837	1,396



C3 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

ITEM C3.1**UPDATED BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY**

DIVISION:

DEVELOPMENT

ACTION OFFICER:

MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

DATE:

7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

To update Council on the status of the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) changes being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

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

That Council note the update on the status of the Bushfire Management Overlay changes being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

BACKGROUND

The Victorian State Government will be introducing updated Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) maps and updating the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) in the Wellington Planning Scheme. These state-wide reforms are expected to take place in April 2017 via a ministerial amendment.

Ongoing implementation of updated bushfire mapping in extreme hazard areas is a key part of the Victorian State Government's commitment to deliver the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

In the Victorian planning system, the BMO maps areas of Victoria that are at risk of extreme bushfire. Currently there are significant areas of the State, including some areas affected by the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires, that are at risk from bushfire but are not included in the existing BMO.

To address this issue, the State Government intend to introduce updated BMO maps together with an updated SPPF in the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and all planning schemes. The BMO needs to be updated to ensure that all areas of extreme bushfire hazard in Victoria are covered. This will ensure that bushfire risk is clearly identified and adequately considered in planning applications for any new development or subdivision. There will be some municipalities that will have the BMO applied for the first time, and others that will have a significant increase in properties covered by the BMO.

More detailed references to bushfire will be made within the SPPF and include reference to the current Bushfire Prone Area map, which is currently used under the provisions of the Building Regulations. This change will assist in providing a more integrated planning and building systems response to bushfire hazard.

Comprehensive and up-to-date information helps councils and communities to make better planning decisions, which ultimately can make their communities more resilient to bushfires.

SHIRE OF WELLINGTON - BMO AMENDMENT

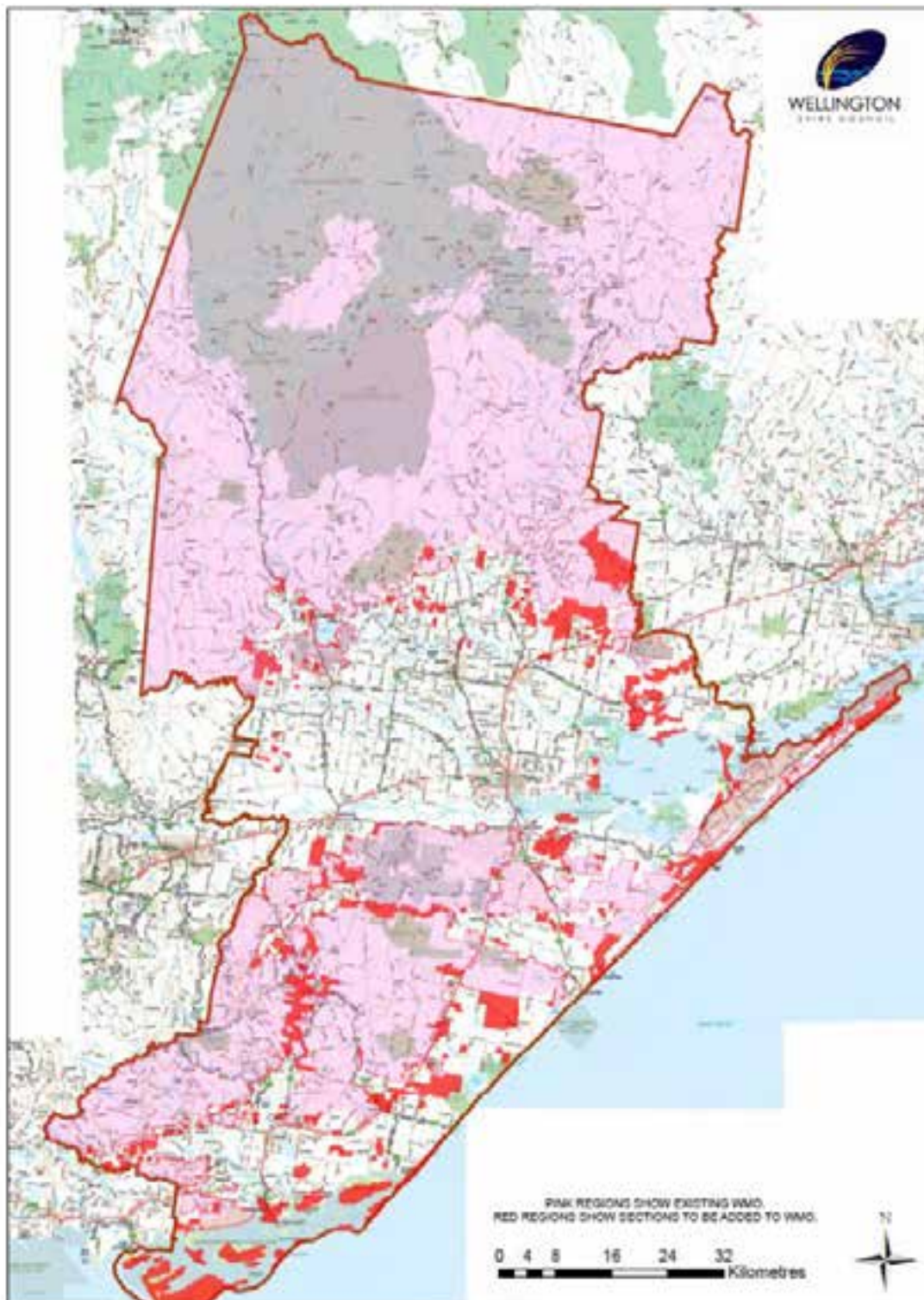


Figure 1 - Wellington Shire Updated BMO mapping highlighted in red. Existing BMO shown in pink.

Summary of Proposed Changes

The State Planning Policy Framework – Bushfire

State Planning Policy will be updated to include reference to the Bushfire Prone Area map. This change further integrates the planning and building system's response to bushfire hazard.

Updated Bushfire Management Overlay maps

Updated maps will ensure that all areas of extreme bushfire hazard in Victoria are included in the BMO. The mapping update applies criteria developed in accordance with the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

Schedules to streamline the permit application process

Specific requirements for locations are being developed to streamline the permit application requirements where possible. This will include matters such as a "pre-set" building construction standard and water supply requirements for on-site fire protection. Areas where the bushfire risk is less certain will still be required to go through the full planning permit application process to ensure the risk is adequately assessed and development responds appropriately.

Process to date:

July 2016

- Initial announcement of update
- Mapping made available for review
- No consultation proposed – left up to individual Councils to determine how to communicate the State Government's proposed changes
- No transitional arrangements for those with existing planning permits - those who haven't completed development would need to reapply for a permit with additional assessment against BMO requirements
- No information available regarding Schedule areas and how requirements differ for these areas
- Proposed changes to be implemented in December 2016

September 2016

- Mapping verification - workshops held with Councils to discuss accuracy of mapping
- Release of additional mapping information relating to schedule areas. Lack of detail provided regarding requirements for these areas

October 2016

- Initial submission made to DELWP raising concerns and seeking further information about proposed changes (refer to Attachment 1)

December 2016

- Updated mapping following feedback from verification workshops
- Release of draft schedules detailing application requirements for these areas and supporting information
- Delay of proposed introduction of updated mapping until April 2017
- Announcement of preparation of some public notice information by DELWP
- Consideration of transitional arrangements for 'problem sites'

Current status

- Reviewing Schedules – Council officers met with the CFA on 18 January 2017 to discuss and clarify outstanding issues and request potential additional areas for inclusion in schedules. Officers are continuing to review draft documentation with the support of the CFA

- Awaiting the release of a tailored communication template for review
- Awaiting details of a funding application made to DELWP seeking financial support to develop FAQs/information sheets for community use, to facilitate a number of stakeholder information sessions, to communicate proposed changes

Affected areas and implications

Key affected areas are in the northern and coastal areas of the Wellington Shire:

- Coastal
 - Loch Sport
 - Golden Beach
 - Paradise Beach
 - Hollands Landing
 - Port Albert
 - Robertsons Beach
 - Yarram (Buckleys Island Road)
- Northern
 - Heyfield (near Golf Course Road and Broberg Close)
 - Glenmaggie
 - Briagolong (southern area of township abutting Red Gum Reserve)
- A high percentage of affected parcels are in Loch Sport where, on average, approximately 20 dwellings are constructed each year. Currently, a planning permit is generally not required to construct a dwelling in Loch Sport
- It is anticipated that any increase in permit applications will predominantly come from Loch Sport as the growth rate of other affected areas is quite low and/or other existing planning controls are in place, which already trigger the need for a planning permit for new development
- It is expected that the vast majority of development in newly mapped BMO areas will be approved. However, landowners will incur additional time and costs when applying for a planning permit (particularly where no current planning permit “trigger” exists).

Schedules – Streamlined permit process

Generally, a planning permit triggered by the BMO is required to address the requirements of *Clause 52.47 – Planning for Bushfire*. This requires an individual, parcel specific analysis and detailed response to each requirement of the Clause, to adequately identify and respond to the bushfire risk. This can require the landowner to engage a consultant and to liaise extensively with the CFA, to determine what information will be required in a planning permit application.

Schedules are being introduced in several areas to ‘streamline’ the planning permit process. These areas are generally already subdivided and have an homogenous risk, which is well understood. Rather than individually assessing requirements for parcels in these locations, each time a permit application arises the CFA can specify in a Schedule, pre-set planning permit requirements that they are confident will address the known fire risk.

The applicant is then only required to address how they respond to those specific requirements of the Schedule as opposed to having to undertake a detailed analysis of the bushfire risk and provide a detailed response to the requirements of *Clause 52.47*.

Schedules are being introduced or replaced with updated requirements in the following areas: Briagolong, Seaton, Glenmaggie, Coongulla, Loch Sport, Golden Beach, Paradise Beach, Honeysuckles, Langsborough, and Port Albert.

Council officers have been working closely with the CFA to advance Schedules as widely as possible, to assist future planning permit applicants that seek to develop land.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options

1. To note the update on the status of the BMO changes being undertaken by the DELWP.
2. To request further information on the status of the BMO update being undertaken by the DELWP for discussion at a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council notes the update on the status of the BMO changes being undertaken by DELWP.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

DELWP initially advised that they would not be undertaking any form of consultation or information sessions for affected landowners and communities, and Councils would be left to determine if and how they would like to communicate the proposed changes to the community.

Council raised concerns with DELWP about the lack of consultation being proposed (refer to Attachment 1).

In response to feedback, DELWP have advised that they are now preparing a 'communications package', and that they will also work with Councils to develop tailored notice for individual communities, prior to the implementation of the new mapping.

PLANNING POLICY IMPACT

The update will result in an amendment SPPF – *Clause 13.05* to include reference to the Bushfire Prone Area map. This further integrates the planning and building system's response to bushfire hazards.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Although the mapping changes will result in a slight increase in planning permit applications, it is unlikely to have a significant impact on existing Council staff and resources.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There will be a significant number of newly affected landowners impacted by the BMO.

Council has made two applications for funding, in an attempt to provide direct assistance to affected owners, who will be required to apply for a planning permit under the provisions of the updated BMO. The initial funding application, submitted in October 2016, sought funding so that Council could provide direct financial assistance to future permit applicants, to assist with the costs associated with developing under the BMO, including permit application costs and to enable the

engagement of a consultant to prepare specialist reports where required. This application was not supported and instead Council was encouraged to make a further application which could include:

‘...the development of fact sheets, community awareness events, media releases, the strengthening of local policy, officer training, systems review, community material etc.’.

Council subsequently submitted a second application seeking funding for:

- Consultant support to develop township specific ‘planning permit requirement’ information sheets/FAQs to assist the community with the planning permit process.
- Facilitation of stakeholder ‘drop-in’ sessions to clearly communicate new BMO requirements to stakeholders, with the proposal that the information sessions would be held in the northern and coastal areas of the Wellington Shire, where the greatest extent of BMO change will be evident.

In response to the second application, DELWP has advised that although they agree that the proposed support materials would be of assistance, it would be best to wait until the communications package DELWP is developing has been finalised, to ensure that efforts are not being duplicated. The Department would then be open to providing funding if their materials need to be further refined to suit local conditions but until then, it would be difficult to approve funding.

Funding for engagement sessions may be made available once a clear engagement format/strategy has been developed between Councils and DELWP.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

As a result of extended BMO mapping being applied across the municipality, there is the potential for increased vegetation loss because of the exemptions provided in *Clause 52.48 – Bushfire Protection: Exemptions for the creation of defensible space*. This environmental impact needs to be balanced against the importance of prioritising the protection of human life in bushfire planning matters.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

Currently, there are areas at risk of bushfire throughout Wellington Shire that are not identified in the Wellington Planning Scheme. This is allowing development to occur without fully considering or responding to bushfire risk. The updated mapping and associated changes to planning policy, will ensure that the development of land prioritises the protection of human life, and strengthens community resilience to bushfire.



5 October 2016

Mr Simon Cover
Manager Statutory Policy
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
PO Box 500
MELBOURNE VIC 8002

Dear Sir

UPDATED BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY MAPPING AND STATE POLICY

I am writing to you in relation to the 2016 Bushfire Mapping and Policy changes which are being undertaken as a key part of the Victorian Government's commitment to deliver the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

I would like to firstly thank you for meeting with Council officers on 19 September 2016 to discuss the planned State implementation of updated Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) mapping and bushfire planning policy across Victoria.

While the need to recognise bushfire risk in the Wellington Shire is clearly acknowledged, there are a number of outstanding issues associated with the State implementation of the updated BMO mapping which warrant further attention and consideration by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

First and foremost, due to the significant number of landowners that will be impacted by the revised BMO mapping, Council considers that proper and effective consultation should have been undertaken by DELWP. A series of regional forums, for example, could have been facilitated by DELWP (or appointed consultants) to provide an opportunity for affected landowners to better understand the rationale and implications of this State based reform.

This approach appears contrary to the high value the Andrew Government is placing on the importance of consultation through the new Regional Partnerships Program. We would like to know the specific reasons why the government in this particular instance have chosen not to engage with the community.

Where the revised BMO mapping will introduce new planning permit 'triggers' to township areas with reasonably homogenous fire risk (e.g. in Loch Sport), it is critical that DELWP utilise BMO Schedules to help streamline the development process for affected landowners via the provision of predefined standards.

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The Heart of Gippsland

Council understands that as part of the first phase of BMO implementation, Schedules will be applied in Seaton, Loch Sport, Golden Beach/Paradise Beach, The Honeysuckles and Coongulla, which is strongly supported by Council. Council has recently met with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to advance these matters to ensure that these Schedules can be incorporated into the first phase of State implementation.

As discussed on 19 September 2016, Council considers that transitional provisions are a pre-requisite for the reforms currently being considered by DELWP to ensure that landowners with (or seeking) relevant approvals are not adversely impacted by the upcoming State reforms. Council would welcome DELWP's further consideration of this request.

Finally, in reviewing the upcoming mapping changes, several anomalies have been identified, particularly in the vicinity of Stradbroke, Gifford, Seaspray and Dutson Downs. These matters will be raised with DELWP via separate email.

Should you wish to discuss the above matters further, please don't hesitate to contact Joshua Clydesdale, Manager Land Use Planning on 5142 3175.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Morcom', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID MORCOM
Chief Executive Officer

Our ref: JC:BP

ITEM C3.2**PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C84 - WURRUK GROWTH AREA**

DIVISION: DEVELOPMENT
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING
DATE: 7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

- To consider all written submissions to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area, pursuant to Section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- To request the Minister for Planning to appoint a Planning Panel to consider all written submissions to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area, pursuant to Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

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

That

1. ***Council, pursuant to Section 22 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, consider all written submissions received to Amendment C84- Wurruk Growth Area; and***
2. ***Council, pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, resolve to request the Minister for Planning to appoint a Planning Panel to consider all written submissions received to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area.***

BACKGROUND

In May 2016 Council received a request to rezone land within the Wurruk Growth Area (see Figure 1). The subject land is identified within the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan (2010). The Structure Plan advocates for the creation of well designed, complete neighbourhoods that are integrated with the existing adjoining residential areas and local facilities in Wurruk, in the short to medium term.



Figure 1 – Wurruk Growth Area

On 6 September 2016 Council resolved to request the Minister for Planning to authorise Council as the Planning Authority to proceed with exhibition of the Amendment. Authorisation was received on 27 September 2016 and Amendment C84 was exhibited from 17 November 2016 to 9 January 2017 (seven weeks).

Amendment C84 proposes the following changes to the Wellington Planning Scheme:

- Rezone land which is not flood prone to General Residential Zone - Schedule 1 and Low Density Residential Zone, as identified in the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan (2010)
- Apply the Rural Activity Zone to the Kilmany Park Estate (as recommended in the Rural Zone Review 2009), including land within the flood-prone area
- Update the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Flood Overlay within the areas affected by the rezoning, based on the most up-to-date data provided by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- Reduce the extent of the existing Heritage Overlay and update the associated Heritage Citation and relevant Clauses within the Wellington Planning Scheme based on the advice of Council's Heritage Advisor
- Apply the Development Plan Overlay - Schedule 9 (DPO9), which will require the preparation of a single Development Plan for the whole of the Growth Area. The detailed requirements set out in the DPO9 are proposed in order to achieve the best possible land use outcome and in doing so, create a fully integrated and complete neighbourhood.

Further information on Amendment C84 can be found on Council's website:

<http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/Developing-Wellington/Planning-Scheme-Amendments/Amendment-C84>.

At the close of the exhibition period, twenty-six (26) submissions were lodged with Council. Hard copies of all submissions can be inspected at the Sale Customer Service Centre, Desailly Street Sale and have been made available electronically to Council.

Two (2) submissions were received from the proponent. The following key issues were raised.

- An objection was received regarding the proposed application of the Rural Activity Zone. The Low Density Residential Zone is the preferred option of the submitter as it was originally proposed in the Sale Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan.

Most of the land subject to the proposed rezoning to the Rural Activity Zone is flood prone. The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority has indicated that it will not accept a rezoning to the Low Density Residential Zone on the basis that the land will become developable for residential use.

Part of the land is also subject to the Heritage Overlay and given its heritage value additional subdivision is discouraged as it will further fragment the Kilmany Park Estate as a 'single entity' and erode the rural setting. The Rural Zones Review (2009) recommended the Rural Activity Zone as the most appropriate zone for the Kilmany Park Estate due to its use as a residence, conference centre and bed and breakfast. Changes to the exhibited Amendment are therefore not proposed.

- An objection was received in relation to the level of detail contained in the proposed 'Management Guidelines' section of the Heritage Citation.

The Guidelines are intended to provide advice on how changes to the heritage area should be considered. The level of detail suggested will provide the clarity needed when future

development within the heritage area is proposed. Changes to the exhibited Amendment are therefore not proposed.

- No further vegetation reports should be required as part of the DPO9.

Council officers consider that further detailed assessment of the native grasses on the site is required. In addition, native vegetation located within road reserves, which may be affected by development (e.g. construction of access roads and shared paths) also require further assessment. No changes to the exhibited DPO9 are proposed.

- Concerns were raised about the prescriptive nature of the DPO9. The requirements for the development plan are too onerous.

The level of prescription proposed is directly commensurate with the complex land use issues at play within the Wurruk Growth Area and the concerns raised by the community. Only minor revisions to the wording of the provisions are proposed to clarify and clearly articulate the requirements contained in the DPO9.

Eight (8) submissions were received from statutory authorities.

- All authorities either support or have no objection to the Amendment.
- The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority requests a further detailed Stormwater Plan at the Development Plan stage to better consider impacts on downstream farm land.
- The Transport Group (Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources) and VicRoads request some textual changes to the DPO9 to better reflect the requirements for undertaking work in relation to traffic impacts and pedestrian connections.

Sixteen (16) submissions were received from local residents and a community group, which raise the following key issues:

- Concerns are raised in relation to the demand for houses in relation to the projected population growth.

Rezoning is required to meet the long-term demand for housing as identified in the Sale Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan 2010. The vacant land currently available in the Sale area contains an estimated supply of approximately 5 years based on current growth rates. State policy requires an (estimated) supply of at least 15 years to be available within the residential zones.

- A number of submissions raised concerns relating to the potential impact of stormwater on downstream land and how further development will impact on existing drainage issues within the area.

In response to these concerns, the DPO9 has been revised to require a further report to secure detailed drainage solutions, which will mitigate against the potential impacts. This will also address similar issues that have been raised by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. It is critical that drainage impacts are appropriately addressed prior to any development commencing, and hence this requirement for further work to be undertaken is not considered to be unreasonable.

- Concerns have been raised about the future levels of traffic generated by development and their subsequent impacts on the existing road network.

In response to these concerns, the DPO9 has been revised to require specific reports in relation to traffic impacts and pedestrian movement as part of the preparation of the

Development Plan. It will be important that all traffic impacts are comprehensively considered prior to any potential development of the land.

- Concerns have been raised about the interface between new development and existing residential properties, particularly those adjoining the eastern and western boundaries of the Growth Area.

The DPO9 currently requires urban design guidelines to be prepared to address interface issues as part of the preparation of the Development Plan.

- The Wurruk Cricket Club supports the proposal to be relocated to the new development area and is seeking additional training and club room facilities - including a second oval.

The precise form of the potential training and club room facilities are matters for detailed assessment at a later stage in the preparation of the Development Plan. It is currently proposed that the existing Wurruk Cricket Oval be retained as a second oval for future use.

A table providing a summary of each submission with a preliminary officer response is included in **Attachment 1** to this Report. Several issues raised can be resolved through minor textual changes to the provisions of the DPO9. The preliminary changes proposed are included in **Attachment 2** to this Report.

On the basis that not all of the issues that have been raised can be resolved, it is recommended that all submissions be referred to a Planning Panel for independent review and recommendations.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. To consider all written submissions and request the Minister for Planning to appoint a Planning Panel to consider all written submissions received to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area pursuant to Sections 22 and 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; or
2. To seek further information for consideration at a future Council Meeting, or
3. To consider all written submissions and abandon Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area (in full or in part), pursuant to Sections 22 and 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

PROPOSAL

That Council

1. Pursuant to Section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, consider all written submissions received to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area; and
2. Pursuant to Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, resolve to request the Minister for Planning to appoint a Planning Panel to consider all written submissions received to Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As Amendment C84 is a private request, all direct financial costs associated with the Amendment process, including the Planning Panel costs, will need to be met by the proponent.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council must consider all submissions to Amendment C84. A decision regarding each submission must be made under Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Council may choose to:

1. Change the amendment in the manner requested; or
2. Refer the submission to a Planning Panel; or
3. Abandon the amendment or part of the amendment.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013–17, Theme 5 - Land Use Planning states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

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

Strategy 5.1

“Ensure Land Use Policies and Plans utilise an integrated approach to guide appropriate land use and development.”

Amendment C84 supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

PLANNING POLICY IMPACT

Amendment C84 is consistent with the State and Local Planning Policy Frameworks (SPPF and LPPF) within the Wellington Planning Scheme, the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan (2010), the Gippsland Regional Growth Plan (2014), and the relevant State Government Planning Practice Notes.

Clause 21.05 of the Wellington Planning Scheme - Sale, Wurruk and Longford Strategic Framework, identifies the subject land for urban residential expansion.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

The exhibition of Amendment C84 took place between Thursday 17 November 2016 and Monday 9 January 2017 and included:

- Approximately 247 notification letters with information sheets sent to all land owners/occupiers directly affected by the Amendment and to all landowners/occupiers within Sovereign Drive Estate, The Ridge, Dowling Court, Settlement Road and adjacent farming land.
- Twenty (20) notification letters were sent to the relevant Statutory Authorities.
- Notification in the Gippsland Times (15 November 2016) and Government Gazette (17 November 2016).

- A community 'drop-in' session on 30 November 2016 at the West Sale Bowls Club, which was organised by the proponent of Amendment C84.

Information regarding Amendment C84 is also provided at the following locations:

- Hard copies of the Amendment documents and information sheets are available for viewing in the Council Service Centres in Sale and Yarram
- Council, and Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, websites.

Should Council decide to refer all written submissions to a Planning Panel, letters of notification will be sent to all submitters inviting them to present their submission at the Panel Hearing.

RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS

Amendment C84 - Wurruk Growth Area

9 February 2017



Attachment 1

Submissions received from the proponents (2)

Submission No	Key issues raised	Preliminary response
1	<p>Two matters which Council have sought to vary from the amendment material as originally filed by the proponent.</p> <p>1. <i>Nomination of Rural Activity Zone (RAZ) in preference of Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ)</i> To include the Kilmany Park Estate and its surrounds (which is currently Farming Zone (FZ)) into the LDRZ as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LDRZ is a residential zone; - LDRZ was identified in various key strategic documents including the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan; - The Structure Plan is to be given more weight than the Rural Zones review as the Rural Zones Review pre-dates with 1.5 years and is not a reference document; - Council does not rely upon any agricultural basis in justifying the imposition of the RAZ. <p>2. <i>The heritage citation</i> Pleasing to see that the Heritage Overlay (HO) is proposed to be reduced and that the heritage citation will be updated accordingly. Concerns exist in relation to the Management Guidelines proposed in the Citation:</p>	<p>1. The RAZ is considered to be the most appropriate zone on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) opposes land within the Flood Overlay (FO) being rezoned to a 'developable' residential zone i.e. LDRZ. b. Advice from Council's Heritage consultant in relation to Kilmany Park Estate states that further subdivision is discouraged as it will further fragment the Kilmany Park Estate as a 'single entity' and erode the rural setting. c. The Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan states that the rezoning to LDRZ is subject to further consideration. d. The Rural Zones Review (2009) had identified the land to be appropriate for RAZ due to its existing use as a residence, conference centre and bed and breakfast. <p>No change to the Amendment is proposed.</p> <p>2. The Management Guidelines are intended to provide guidance on how changes to the heritage area should be considered. The level of detail contained within the Management Guidelines will provide the clarity needed if future development within the heritage area is proposed. No change to the amendment is proposed.</p>

- view lines are not consistent with the detailed analysis of the Trethowan Report and are disputed;
- management guidelines are unusually detailed and more akin to a policy or guideline evident in an Incorporated Plan prepared for the purpose of a reference document in the Schedule to the HO;
- preparation of the Management Guidelines was undertaken in the absence of consultation with the landowner;
- view line analysis considers the land outside the HO and is therefore of no utility.

17	<p>Proponents are broadly supportive of most aspects of the proposed amendment but seek clarification on specific aspects and requirements included in the Development Plan Overlay 9 (DPO9) at the upcoming panel hearing. Issues are related to demonstrating demand; requirements for specific information in relation to building envelopes, lot frontages, interim and ultimate design solution for infrastructure; requirements for native vegetation, facilities within the public open space reserve; potential inflexibility of the concept plan; design requirements (discourage cul-de sacs); the need for a Cultural Heritage Management Plan, a Native Vegetation Assessment, urban design guidelines and concept plans for interfaces; and community participation.</p> <p>Other proposed changes to the concept plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of pedestrian crossing at Hunt Place; - Delete indicative east-west road through the western end of Pearsondale Heights; - Delete alternative location retardation basin (tear dropped shape). 	<p>The provisions proposed are directly commensurate with the complex land use issues at play within the Wurruk Growth Area and the concerns raised by the community. However, minor changes are proposed to wording to clarify the requirements contained within the DPO9.</p> <p>Further assessment of native vegetation is considered to be necessary.</p>
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Submissions received from Authorities (8)

Submission No	Authority	Key issues raised	Preliminary response
3	VicTrack	The proposed Amendment does not affect VicTrack land. On this basis, VicTrack has no objection to the Amendment.	Comment noted.
4	DELWP (Environment)	The department supports the amendment	Comment noted.
5	CFA	CFA supports the amendment in its current iteration.	Comment noted.
8	APA Group	APA Group would have no objection to Amendment C84 being implemented. Please note: future gas reticulation requests are dependent on property development, viability. Any subdivision applications would need to be directed to APA Group.	Comments noted.
15	WGCMA	Supportive of Amendment subject to a revision of the 'South Wurruk Stormwater Plan' with the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess the impact of increased stormwater volume on downstream farming land and pumping costs. - Review the proposed stormwater quality infrastructure to ensure the impacts on increased volume are mitigated. 	The DPO9 will be updated to reflect the proposed revisions sought.
16	EPA	Raises concerns with the proximity of the north-west corner of the development area to the industrial estate. Increase in residential development could adversely affect the future expansion of industrial operations within the opposite industrial estate. EPA Publication 1518 Recommended Separation Distances for Industrial Residual Air Emissions should be considered.	Comment noted. The EPA Publication 1518 'Recommended Separation Distances for Industrial Residual Air Emissions Guidelines', will be included in the DPO9 as a guideline to be considered during the preparation of the Development Plan.

20	DEDTJR - Transport Group, PTV and VicRoads	<p>Transport Group Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports requirement for development plan - Supports requirements for continuous and direct routes for pedestrian and cyclists; - Encourage the use of a grade separated solution for the connection to the Wurruk Primary School when crossing the Princes Highway; - Proposes detailed updates to the concept plan and DPO9. - Supports the proposed location of the activity centre if it is well connected with an integrated transport network. <p>PTV (Public Transport Victoria):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus routes are subject to further investigation; - Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC) should be located within 400 metres of south of the Princes Highway with a capable road to provide bus services. - Proposes updates to DPO9 to reflect better bus service requirements <p>VicRoads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports requirement for development plan as whole of site approach; - Requests further discussion in relation to pedestrian crossing Princes Highway; - Landscaping on Princes Highway should be in accordance with VicRoads tree planting policy; - Specific requirements (including impacts Princes Highway, Reid Drive, Hunt Place, The Ridge and Settlement 	<p>Comments are noted. Textual changes to the DPO9 are proposed to better reflect the requirements in relation to traffic impacts and the pedestrian and cyclists movement network.</p>
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		<p>Road) in relation to a Traffic Impact Assessment Report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No other direct accesses from arterial roads will be approved other than the fourth leg on the Hunt Place roundabout. 	
22	Gippsland Water	<p>No objection, as it is in line with the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan. Regarding sewerage services for the LDRZ areas, approval will be dependent on the business case developed by the developer at the appropriate time.</p>	Comments noted.

Submissions received from the community (15)

Submission No	Key issues raised	Preliminary response
2	<p>Strong concerns about the effect of the development on the drainage impacts of agricultural land downstream:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to the Kilmany Drainage Investigation by WGCMA in relation to the catchment area of the Kilmany Levee Bank. The levee bank is currently in a state of disrepair, housing development will increase runoff which will impact negatively on the bank and cause further damage to farming land and shire roads. Impact on the quality of water and the volume that will inevitable pass through the Kilmany levee and onto land directly downstream; Added run off and lack of maintenance will reduce grazing (now 6-10 months each year) and opportunity to maintain due to reduced accessibility. Management of the designated waterway should be in control of the WGCMA, not clear where the existing waterway ends. There is currently a Government investigation into the management of drainage areas and where the responsibility for maintenance lies. 	<p>The WGCMA has identified that further detailed reports need to be prepared to mitigate against drainage impacts on downstream agricultural land. The development plan will need to incorporate the most appropriate design solutions. The DPO9 will be updated to reflect that requirement.</p>
6	<p>Opposes the development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why have blocks under 1 acre? Where will the sewer be located, will existing residents be forced to pay a connection fee? How many properties will the Office of Housing get? What is happening to the small easement (road reserve west of Lot 6 PS702630), will the rest be planted out? What about the disruption to our lives (constant noise, dust) during development? How many blocks of land will be in the development? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan has identified the Growth Area for general residential development based on the need for more housing. As part of the Development Plan a servicing plan will be developed, which will include reticulated sewerage. It is not currently envisaged to include existing residents in the sewerage scheme. The Office of Housing is not involved in this project. The approach to easement (road reserve west of Lot 6 PS702630), will be determined as part of the preparation of the Development Plan. A Construction Management Plan will be put in place during construction to minimise disruption to existing residential areas.

7	<p>Concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There was an expectation that the land would be developed as LDRZ; b. Not in keeping with the atmosphere and peaceful nature of the area; c. Access to the Princes Highway is minimal and during peak hours bottlenecks will be created; d. Will be an eyesore for travellers coming from and going to Melbourne; e. Missed opportunity to consolidate the area as a prominent residential suburb on the outskirts of Sale; f. Parts of the development will become a ghetto; g. Attempted money grab by developers and Council; h. It is the Shire's chance to get it right and have some continuity in the area, two options are proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop whole area as LDRZ, change the name from Wurruk, move amenities, services and the smaller lots to area closer to the Sale CBD: or - Develop land directly behind the existing homes with lots of equal size, develop rest of the estate with half and quarter acre development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. It is estimated that approximately 835 lots will be developed. a. Whilst part of the land is currently zoned LDRZ, the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan has identified the land for general residential use and this has been included as a policy direction within the Wellington Planning Scheme. b. The provisions of the DPO9 require the key characteristics of the existing area/environment to be used to inform the future development of the area. c. A traffic impact assessment report will be required as a component of the Development Plan and to identify issues and propose appropriate mitigation measures. d. The DPO9 requires that a prominent highway frontage is developed that provides an attractive entrance to Sale. e. to h. The Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan envisages that Wurruk will act as a secondary settlement and activity node to complement Sale. Wurruk will provide diversity and choice in urban and rural housing. The proposed development is meant to become a prominent residential suburb on the outskirts of Sale. The Concept Plan contained within the DPO9 provides an approach to the future layout and density of development within the Growth Area.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The proposal lacks detail b. Block sizes of 300 square metres is short sighted and a grab for money; c. What will be the changes to Arnup Road d. What is the Rural Activity Zone? e. On a positive the 2000 square metre blocks to the south are accepted as well as the way cyclists and pedestrians can link through the area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Further detail will be provided at Development Plan stage. b. The Concept Plan contained within the DPO9 provides an approach to the future layout and density of development within the Growth Area. c. Changes to Arnup will be informed by further detailed work yet to be undertaken as part of the Development Plan. d. The RAZ is a mixed-use rural zone that caters for farming and other compatible land uses such as Bed and Breakfast, Restaurant, leisure and recreation. e. Comment noted
10	<p>Strongly oppose to the proposal in its current form as initially development would be LDRZ. No issues with house blocks a similar size of the existing established areas.</p>	<p>Comment noted, refer to response to Submission 7a.</p>

11	Strongly opposes any plans to extend Mount View Road through to the development area. The width would be too small and a link using the existing road reserve at 43 Sovereign Drive would provide better connectivity.	As part of the DPO9 a Traffic Impact Assessment Report is required which will determine if creating road links for cars to established areas will significantly impact on local roads.
12	Opposes this amendment. We purchased in this area for rural outlook, close to amenities. The subdivision will decrease value and security of our homes. The Ridge will not be capable to cater for a large traffic increase, at whose cost will it be widened? Support every word of submission 13. Where will the population come from to fill the proposed subdivision. If it goes ahead, bigger blocks are preferred. Easements or green belts between estates would also be a suggestion.	Refer to response to Submission 13.
13	Opposes the amendment. a. Population growth: Where will the growth in population for this development come from as several big industries will have significant changes that will reduce the workforce. Expansion of prison, RAAF base, new aged care facilities will not have an ongoing impact on population numbers. Sale is growing 80 homes a year, but this includes also units. Still plenty of houses available, probably an oversupply. One acre blocks would be the best option for the Wurruk Area. b. Sale Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan Very idealistic plan based on best-case scenarios. Who has commissioned the report, who were the members of the Property Development Focus Group as mentioned in the Issues and Options Paper. c. Effect on value of existing properties. Development may cause effect on existing property values. d. Dust needs to be managed e. Interface issues between LDRZ and GRZ blocks (different fences, 5 houses vs 1 house, dogs etc) f. Increase of traffic on the Ridge g. Increase in run off- drainage issues h. 1 acre blocks would be supported, as for the development to occur further out past Sovereign Estate	a. Rezoning is required to meet the long-term demand for housing as identified in the Sale, Wurruk and Longford Structure Plan 2010. The vacant land currently available in the Sale area contains an estimated supply of approximately 5 years based on the current growth rates. State policy requires an (estimated) supply of at least 15 years to be available in a residential zone. b. The Sale, Wurruk and Longford Development Plan is a long-term visionary document, which was commissioned and adopted by Council and included extensive community consultation from late 2009 to June 2010. The Property Development Focus Group consisted of local representatives including real estate agents and local town planning consultants. c. It has been a long held legal principle at Planning Panels Victoria and VCAT Hearings that the impact or otherwise of planning decisions upon property values is not a matter that should influence planning scheme amendment considerations. d. Refer to response to Submission 6e. e. The DPO9 includes the requirement to prepare urban design guidelines in relation to the interface treatment. f. Refer to response to Submission 11. g. Refer to response to Submission 2. h. The Concept Plan contained within the DPO9 provides an approach to the future layout and density of development within the Growth Area.

	as you would be able to create a better buffer. Otherwise stepped-subdivision (large ½ acre blocks on the interface with LDRZ) would maintain rural outlook would be an option. If developed should occur, complete the neighbourhood to the highest standard (as intended in the Structure Plan) with parks and walking paths.	
14	Strongly oppose to the amendment based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Mountview Drive to connect with the development area for traffic. - Intersection Princes Highway – Reid Drive is already dangerous, will become worse with increased traffic - Leave Mountview Drive out of the development. 	Refer to response submission 11.
18	Opposed based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Goes completely against the current layout of previous developments; b. Significant impact on my current lifestyle c. Devaluation of property d. Demand and supply: population is declining according to ABS No issue with 1 acre blocks in line with current layout. Current plan is fluid and no-one really knows what the end result will look like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refer to response to Submission 7b. b. Comment noted. c. Refer to response to Submission 13c. d. Refer to response to Submission 13a. Quick Stats data on the ABS website indicates that the population rose from 12,793 in 2001 to 13,186 in 2011. Census data for 2016 is yet to be released.
19	Objects to amendment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1 property will decrease in value; b. Concerns that the Ridge will be used as a short cut. The Ridge should not be used as an access way into the new development; c. Concerns in relation to the drainage proposal, especially effect downstream by overflow (based on previous issues) d. Proposes the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots backing up to existing properties should only have single storey dwellings; • Lot density low (1/2 acre lots) at interfaces with existing development, highest in the centre; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refer to response to Submission 13c. b. Refer to response to Submission 11. c. Refer to response to Submission 2. d. Refer to response to Submissions 13e and 13h. e. The Development Plan will be part of the next stage of the process when further details are required. f. Refer to Submission 18d.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create landscape buffer between existing properties and new development (easement); • No connections for cars/ motorised traffic between the Ridge and the new development; <p>e. Requests development plan prior to rezoning;</p> <p>f. Need for this development: population growth, demand and supply</p> <p>Council needs to protect the residents and values of the existing properties affected directly by the amendment.</p>	
21	Opposes to connecting Mountview Road to the planned development. A connection at Sovereign Drive would be better placed.	Refer to response to Submission 11.
23 (12 signatures)	Provides historic facts and current issues with the levee and pumping system of stormwater within the catchment. Landowners believe the proposed development will impact negatively on the drainage system and object to the development if the extra storm water is not properly managed. Proposal includes: cleaning and repairing of existing system, ongoing maintenance of system and ongoing contributions of drainage costs from Wurruk development and VicRoads.	Refer to response to Submission 2.
24 (5 signatures)	Relates to drainage concerns in relation to the "horse shoe lake" and the designated waterway ending on private land at Magpie Lane. Since highway duplication overflow onto privately owned farming land has increased, no arrangements have been made by relevant authorities. Opposes any plans which will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase rainwater flowing under Settlement Road down designated waterway ending on private property on Magpie Lane. - Rainwater being sent across Settlement Road in an easterly direction, in the small drain near McOwens Road. 	Refer to response to Submission 2.
25	Strongly object to amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Purchased in 2007 with the understanding that the area at the back would be rural residential estate. High 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Comment noted. Refer to response 7a. b. Refer to response to Submission 2. c. Refer to response to Submission 11. d. Comment noted.

	<p>density is not the lifestyle they want to be forced to live in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Drainage problems: exiting runoff is substantial. Current landowners/ developer has not taken appropriate level of responsibility. c. High volume of traffic on the Ridge and connections to new development are concern. d. Developer has proven to be unreliable: entry of existing estate, drainage issue, maintenance unsold lots. e. Concern developer will not finish C84 to a proper standard and residents at The Ridge will suffer financially. f. Will compensation be available during construction (dust, cleaning) as was done with the construction of the highway. g. Who is to pay for upgrades on the Ridge like street lights and guttering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. The DPO9 is prescriptive to ensure the developer prepares a Development Plan, which is in-line with best planning practice and has a positive long-term outcome for the whole community. Any future development will have to be in accordance with the approved Development Plan. f. Refer to response to Submission 6e. g. The need for any upgrades (if required) will be determined at the Development Plan stage.
26	<p>Wurruk Cricket Club is now located in the Hunt Place industrial area and proposes to be moved into the open space area of the new development. The club would like to be able to cater for the expanding population and evolving sporting outlooks in the proposed location and have therefore prepared a request list including 2 ovals, club rooms, training facilities.</p>	<p>The comments are noted and most of the requests can be discussed in further detail at the development plan stage or later.</p> <p>A second oval cannot be accommodated within this development plan area but further discussions will take place to assess the retention of the existing facility at Hunt Place as the second oval.</p> <p>In addition, some minor text changes will be made to the DPO9.</p>

WELLINGTON PLANNING SCHEME

1.0
Proposed CH

SCHEDULE 9 TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY

Shown on the planning scheme map as **DPO9**

SALE WESTERN GROWTH AREA – WURRUK**1.0****Requirement before a permit is granted**

1.0
Proposed CH

A permit may be granted to construct or carry out minor works to an existing building prior to the approval of a development plan if the responsible authority is satisfied that the granting of a permit does not prejudice the intended outcomes of the development plan.

A permit for subdivision must ~~be~~ be considered against the staging plan identified in the approved development plan, the residential supply in the Sale area and a demonstrated demand for further development.

2.0**Conditions and requirements for permits**

2.0
Proposed CH

A permit application for subdivision must include:

- A subdivision plan showing building envelopes and lot frontages.
- A Stormwater Management Plan.

Any permit for subdivision and development must include conditions reflecting guidelines, requirements and conditions as stated in the approved development plan.

Any permit regarding land containing a native tree where retention is required or deemed achievable, must contain a condition giving effect to tree protection (including canopy and root system) during subdivision construction. The existing agreement under Section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for specific trees within the development plan area will lapse once the tree protection strategy is fully implemented.

Any permit regarding land where at least 25 per cent of the potential understorey is made up of native grasses must contain a condition requiring an approved Offset Management Strategy prior to Statement of Compliance.

Any permit regarding land where onsite waste water management systems are used must show the building and effluent disposal envelopes on the subdivision plan. ~~The minimum lot size for sites with onsite waste water management systems is 4000 square metres.~~

Any permit regarding land containing a designated waterway must contain a condition requiring a Water Management Plan.

Any permit regarding land containing or abutting a place of cultural heritage significance (including Kilnsey Park, ~~Eden~~) must contain a condition which gives effect to any recommendations for the protection, enhancement and interpretation of the place as referred to in the approved development plan.

Any permit for subdivision must include an agreement under Section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* between the landowners and the responsible authority to acknowledge the arrangements (e.g. payments or works-in-lieu) of infrastructure contributions identified in the development plan. If such an agreement already exists providing for the required infrastructure contributions, the landowner(s) are not required to enter into a new agreement. The agreement will lapse once all specified requirements of the agreement have been satisfied.

3.0**Requirements for development plan**

3.0
Proposed CH

There must be a single development plan for the whole development plan area to which this schedule applies.

Concept plan and design architecture

The development plan must be generally in accordance with the concept plan shown in Figure 1 below and address the following design principles:

- A distinctive neighbourhood with a strong sense of place through:
 - Utilising the natural topography of the area to create rural views and vistas from key public areas and roads to its surroundings.
 - Enhancing and protecting heritage features such as Kilnsey Park Estate, significant Aboriginal sites and other objects of cultural or historical significance.
 - Retaining significant ~~native~~ ~~indigenous~~ vegetation, particularly ~~native~~ scattered trees.
- A connected and integrated movement network by providing:
 - A permeable, scaled and safe road network based on a practical road hierarchy, directly connected with adjoining residential areas. Cul-de-sacs are discouraged.
 - Continuous and direct routes for pedestrians and cyclists between proposed and established residential areas and the neighbourhood activity centre, public open space, Warrak Primary School, Sale CBD, public transport and other key public areas.
 - Opportunities for the provision of public transport services within the area in particular to serving the Neighbourhood Activity Centre.
- A centrally located and accessible community area for use of the whole Warrak community, which contains:
 - A district open space not less than five hectares with at least a regional playground, Open Space, Premier/Regional cricket oval, cricket training facilities, junior football grounds, fit for purpose building including change rooms, shelter with barbecue and public toilets.
 - A neighbourhood activity centre with total building footprint of not less than 1,500 square metres for commercial and community uses such as child care centre, convenience store and take-away.
 - Opportunities to facilitate formal and informal community gathering and social interaction.
- An attractive and safe neighbourhood through:
 - Distinctive neighbourhood entrances from the Princes Highway and Settlement Road.
 - A prominent highway frontage that provides an attractive entrance into Sale.
 - Appropriate interfaces with Kilnsey Park Estate, existing low density residential areas and the neighbourhood activity centre.
 - Lots fronting to major roads, shared paths, waterways, flood plains, public open space and reserves.
 - Natural surveillance to create a sense of safety and security.

Specialist reports required to inform Development plan

The development plan must be accompanied by and incorporate recommendations of the following specialist reports, and others as requested by the responsible authority:

- ~~A Traffic Impact Assessment Report, Traffic Management Plan and Road Safety Audit which also determines impacts on surrounding areas.~~
- A Transport Impact Assessment Report (TIAR) which as a minimum must address traffic and access issues arising from the proposed development, predicted traffic generation and the impact of the development on the existing regional road network in all relevant peak periods, in particular its impact on the following intersections with Princes Highway, Reid Drive, Thana Place, The Eskes and Settlement Road.

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- * A Pedestrian and Cyclist Movement Traffic Study including the proposed linkages with the established residential areas and the path network north of the Princes Highway.
- * An updated South Wairarapa Stormwater Plan 2016 including the impact of increased stormwater volume on downstream farming land and pumping costs, and a review of the proposed stormwater quality self-extraction to assess the impacts of increased volume are addressed.
- A Native Vegetation Assessment including a Biodiversity Assessment Report.
- A Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

The specialist reports must address the design principles and concept plan included in this schedule and any relevant background studies previously undertaken.

Development plan

The development plan must incorporate the road reserve west of Lot 6 PS702630.

The development plan must be informed and accompanied by a detailed design response based on an analysis of the natural, cultural and strategic context of the site and reflecting the recommendations of all specialist reports.

The development plan must contain:

- A description of the proposed neighbourhood vision and character enhancing the existing heritage, cultural and natural features.
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- A site responsive and functional subdivision lay-out patterns including the identification of:
 - * The subdivision lay-out providing a variety of lots in a variety of sizes and densities.
 - * The location of a public open space and land to be used for drainage or conservation purposes.
 - * The neighbourhood activity centre.
 - * The road network, integrated with surrounding residential areas including:
 - * General path network, movement network for pedestrians and cyclists including arterial road crossings.
 - * Any cycle routes within the precinct and
 - * the direct access from the arterial network via existing intersections and a South leg of the Plant Place roundabout. No other direct access points from the arterial road network are permitted.
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- View corridors and heritage features.
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- A landscape strategy with a consistent theme based on the proposed vision and character for the whole development including guidelines to support water sensitive urban design, details of street furniture, entrance statements from the Princes Highway and Settlement Road, and the native vegetation to be retained in public open space.
- A draft concept plan for the neighbourhood activity centre and district open space, including location of a sports oval, play space, general footprint of building(s), vehicle access points, location of parking, areas for delivery and waste disposal, integration with the pedestrian and bicycle path network, provision of bus services across no-parking and interfaces with abutting development.
- Urban design guidelines for the whole development providing for high quality built form, heritage recognition, active frontages, sense of place and security, and all ability access.

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- Urban design guidelines and concept plans for interfaces with the Princes Highway, established residential areas, Kilmore Park Estate, Settlement Road and the flood plain at the southern boundary.

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Development after implementation

The development plan must be accompanied by:

- A Land Budget, including lot yield targets per stage.
- A Staging Plan identifying the required interim and ultimate infrastructure requirements based on an indicative Servicing Plan showing all required utilities, services and infrastructure.

Interim and ultimate design solutions, particularly for infrastructure within and outside the development plan area including connections to key public areas.

An overall Servicing Plan showing water, sewerage, drainage, stormwater, electricity and telecommunications.

A Staging Plan and Land Budget, including lot yield targets per stage.

- A Developer Contributions Plan addressing anticipated timing and details of all required infrastructure associated with the development, including interim and ultimate infrastructure requirements.

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Assessment of the development plan or amendment to the development plan

In assessing the development plan or an amendment to the development plan, the responsible authority must be satisfied that it:

- Achieves the design principles specified in this Clause;
- Is consistent with the Safe, Warm, and Long-lived Structure Plan (2010), ~~the South Warrack-Geelongton Plan 2016~~, Scattered Tree Assessment, ~~June 2014~~, Land Capability Assessment (March 2014); and ~~any other relevant~~ specialist reports;
- Provides all essential services, community facilities, pedestrian and cycling links, and roads;
- Is prepared to the satisfaction of the responsible and external authorities including ~~VEU, CFA, VicRoads, Public Transport Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Transport Group, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Gippsland Water, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Department of Environment Land Water and Planning and relevant service authorities.~~
- Is developed with ~~a community participation level of "low" in accordance with VPP's Public Participation Scenarios, the appropriate level of community participation as determined by the responsible authority.~~
- Implements development requirements as set out in the:
 - Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM);
 - Guidelines for Transport Impact Assessment Reports for Major Road and Development Projects;
 - ~~Austroroads Guidelines, Guide to Traffic Management Part 12, Traffic Impacts of Development, "Safe Systems" philosophy and "Smart Roads" plans;~~
 - ~~VicRoads Tree Planting Policy;~~
 - ~~EPA Publication 1718 Recommended Separation Distances for Industrial Residential Air Emissions; and~~
 - other requirements as determined by relevant authorities.
- Supports design and development principles as set out in:
 - Supportive Environments for Physical Activity (SEPA) principles of healthy urban design- refer to Healthy by Design guidelines;
 - Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), including recycling infrastructure and use of treated water;
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Is in accordance with any relevant agreement prepared under Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1957.

Figure 1: Concept plan





C4 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



C5 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ITEM C5.1**DRAFT RENEWED WELLINGTON 2030 STRATEGIC VISION**

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITY WELLBEING
DATE: 7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the draft Renewed Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision and release it to the community for comment for a period of four weeks.

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

That Council endorse the draft Renewed Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision and release it to the community for comment for a period of four weeks.

BACKGROUND

The Wellington 2030 Strategic Plan has been renewed using an innovative community engagement process where over 3,100 responses were received. The feedback came from a wide range of people from various locations across the Shire and all age groups were represented.

These responses were summarised into 90 concepts and then workshopped with Councillors, staff, organisational representatives and community members on 23 November 2016.

A final draft version of the renewed strategic vision has been completed and contains 5 key themes, listing the areas important to our community for the future. The final part of the consultation process is to check back with the community that they are happy with how their feedback has been interpreted and collated into the renewed vision.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Endorse the draft Renewed Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision and release it to the community for comment for a period of four weeks; or
2. Request changes to the draft Renewed Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision before it is released to the community for final comment.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council endorse the draft Renewed Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision and release it to the community for comment for a period of four weeks.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

It is anticipated that the five key themes in the strategic vision will be used for the themes when developing the Council Plan 2018-22.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

All those who have been involved in the prior consultation will be personally emailed a copy of the renewed vision and encouraged to provide feedback.

A broad media campaign will be completed (newspaper, website, Facebook etc.) to encourage any final feedback from our community members.



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STRATEGIC VISION

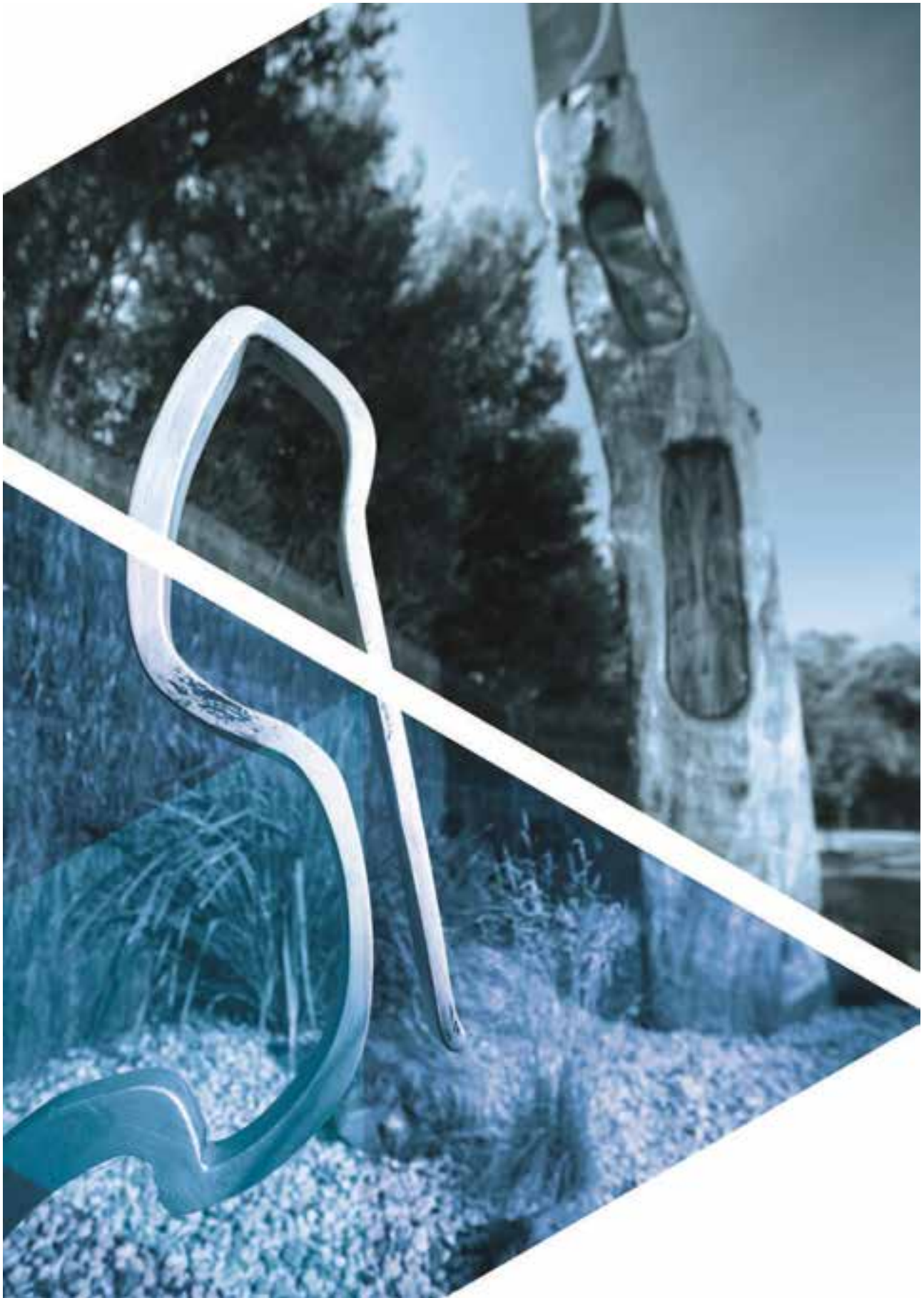
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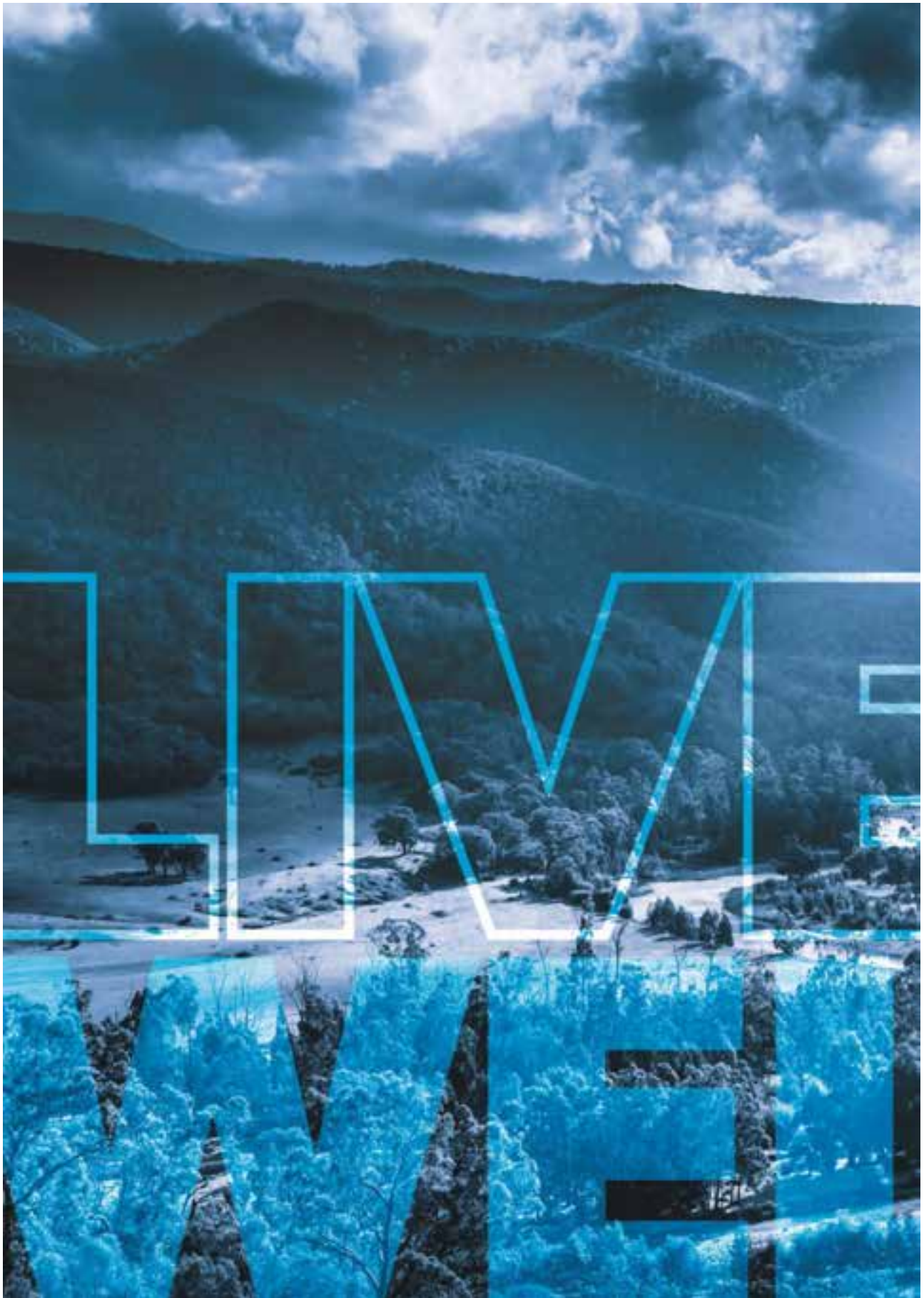
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State and Regional strategic visioning documents that inform Wellington 2030.

- Gippsland Regional Growth Plan May 2014
- Water for Victoria Water Plan March 2016
- Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2036
- Victoria's Climate Change Framework 2016
- Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015-2019
- Absolutely Everyone - State Disability Plan 2017-2020
- Vision, Goal, Role and Values of Emergency Management in Victoria June 2014
- Victoria's 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy December 2016
- Ending Family Violence - Victoria's 10 Year Plan for Change, 2016
- Safe and Strong - A Victorian Gender Equality Strategy 2016
- Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026
- Youth Policy: Building Stronger Youth Engagement in Victoria 2016







**"Happy people, healthy
environment and
thriving communities in
the heart of Gippsland."**

LIVE WELLington 2030.

WELLINGTON SHIRE PROFILE

Wellington Shire is located
in the Gippsland region
in the State of Victoria,
Australia

 **MELBOURNE**



10,924

Square kilometres
(Third largest municipality in Victoria)



41,440

Population (2011 Census)



**2 Council Service Centres
located in Sale and Yarram**

INDUSTRY



12.51%

Health Care and
Social Assistance



11.85%

Agriculture,
Forestry & Fishing



11.28%

Retail Trade



8.48%

Construction



8.18%

Public Administration
& Safety



\$2.5b

Gross Regional Product

LICOLA

DARGO

BRIAGOLONG

MAFFRA

STRATFORD

HEYFIELD

COWWARR

ROSEDALE

SALE

LOCH SPORT

GORMANDALE

SEASPRAY

YARRAM

PORT ALBERT

BASS STRAIT



NORTHERN x 3



CENTRAL x 3



COASTAL x 3

9 Councillors representing a 3 Ward Structure
(Northern, Central and Coastal)

PROCESS UNDERTAKEN TO RENEW THE VISION

Wellington 2030 is our community's vision for the future. Wellington Shire Council has facilitated the development of this vision and will play a role in supporting the community to achieve it.

The original Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision was developed through community consultation in 2008. The need to renew the vision in 2016 was due to significant regional, national and global changes affecting the Shire and these impacts on our population. It was also important to provide the new Council elected in 2016 with accurate information about community priorities for the future.

To assist with the renewal of the vision, an innovative community engagement process was completed inviting residents, visitors and business owners to "Direct our journey to 2030".

The engagement process focused on seeking responses to six key questions.

Responses were received from over 3,100 people who represented the geographical regions of the Shire and age groups. Further information is available from Council if you would like a breakdown of the responses by age, gender and postcode.

The common responses to all six questions were discussed at a community workshop in November 2016 and were used to develop the five key themes in this strategic vision.

This is our community vision for the future. The Wellington Shire Council Plan, prepared every four years will describe the action Council will take to help achieve this vision. There are other groups and organisations who can also have a lead role in taking action.

All community members, community groups and organisations are encouraged to use 2030, reference it, share it and deliver action to achieve the vision.

Council will provide information annually on how we are progressing towards this vision.



SURVEY QUESTIONS



	QUESTION	Most Common Responses
1	What I love about Wellington (and where I live) and want to keep?	We value the friendly people, close communities and peaceful small town rural living. We value the diversity and beauty of our Natural Environment.
2	In 14 years' time I hope that Wellington...	...stays the way it is. ...has like improved levels of conservation and cleaner natural environment.
3	My hope for the future... (Youth responses only for this question)	Happy, healthy, contented and opportunity to lead fun and exciting lives. A job and career with good work life balance and stability.
4	What we don't have that we should get in Wellington?	Increased leisure, recreation, entertainment and retail options. Better public transport.
5	What I don't like about Wellington that we should get rid of?	Drug abuse, crime, littering, graffiti and family violence.
6	What we should change or bring from the past into the future in Wellington?	Improved leisure, recreation and entertainment options. Improved infrastructure and services.



OUR VISION

"We know and support each other and have a strong sense of community belonging. Diversity is respected and there are many social and community activities providing opportunities for all age groups to interact. We strive for good health, feel safe in our communities and are prepared for natural disasters."

What is important under this theme?



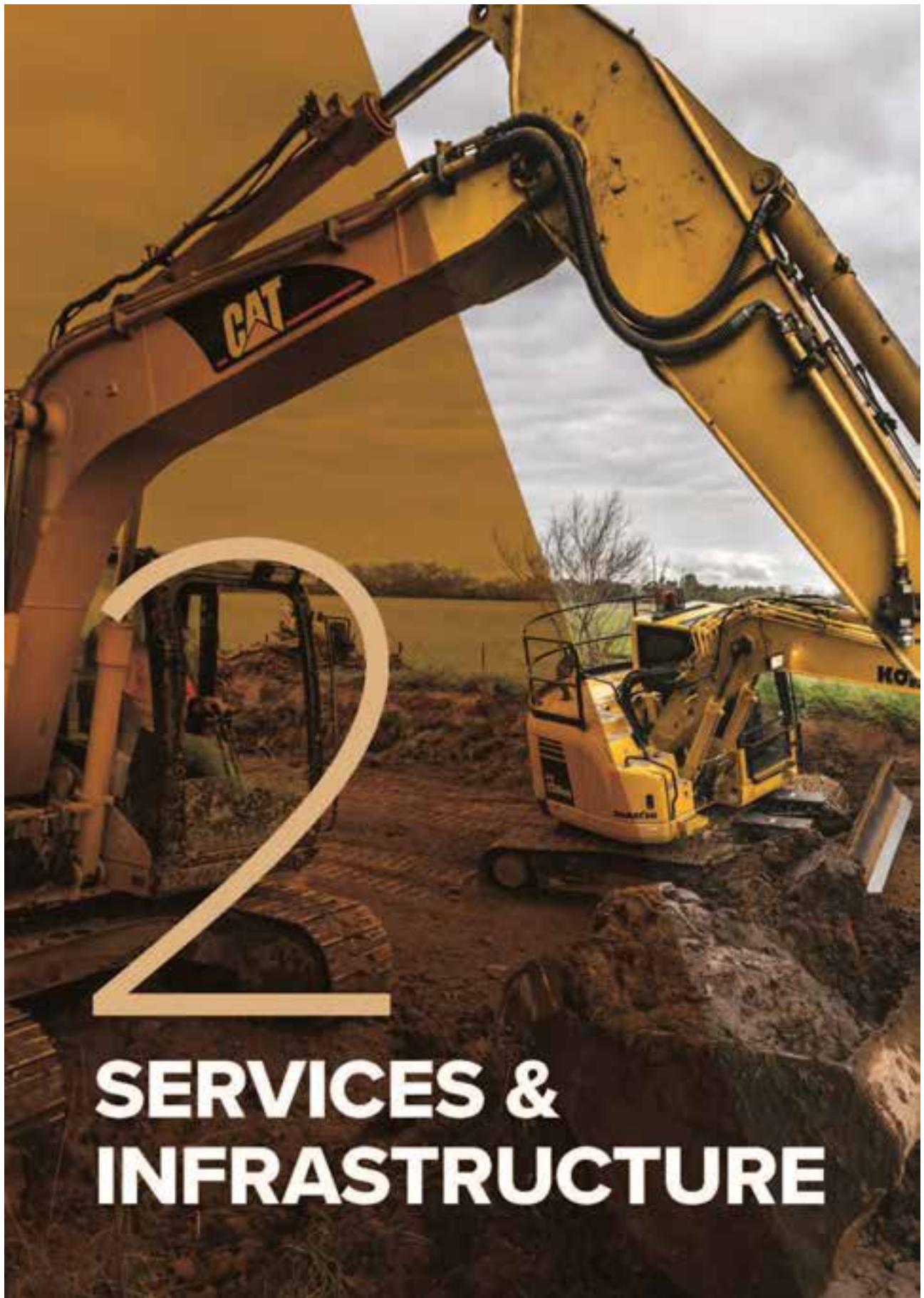
What we heard from the community...

- Maintain a friendly, inclusive and welcoming Shire where people feel safe at home and in their community.
- Reinforce the value of family and encourage connections and interaction across generations.
- Provide infrastructure that enables and encourages healthy and active lifestyles.
- Improve quality of life by enabling residents to develop leadership and mentoring skills, and participate in activities connecting neighbourhoods and communities.
- Increase support networks and opportunities that enable young people in Wellington to achieve their goals.
- Strengthen community identity by promoting our heritage and history, our future aspirations and small town rural living.



What State Government, Local Organisations and statistics tell us is important...

- Facilitate planning for natural disasters and implement strategies to enhance community resiliency.
- Recognise and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values.



SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

OUR VISION

"Wellington has a built environment that is sustainable, appropriate, accessible and responsive to the community. Transport connects people to communities and places. Events and services maintain our strong communities."

What is important under this theme?



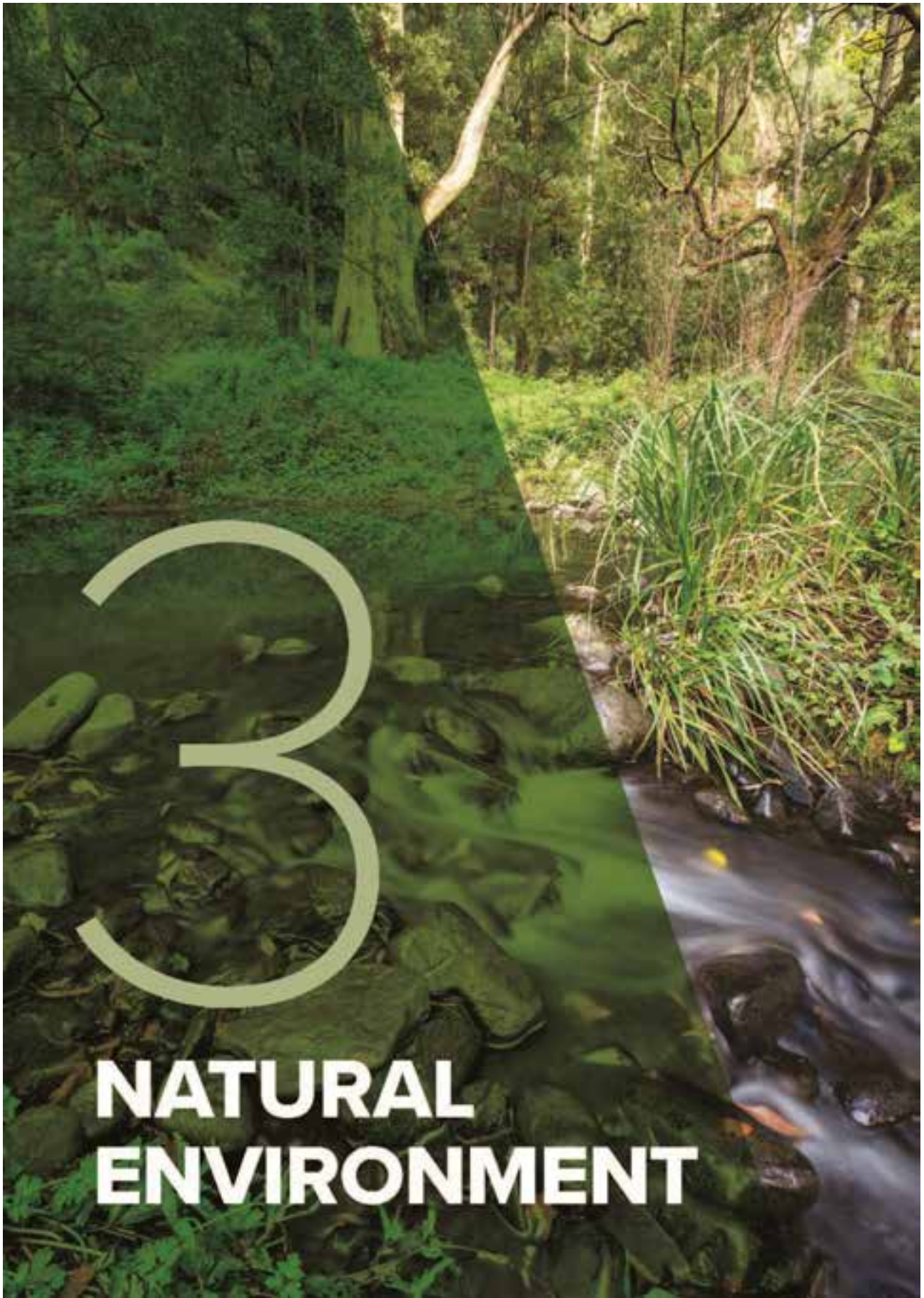
What we heard from the community...

- Further develop networks and community hubs for people to find out more about the services available. Ensure access to a broad range of Healthcare services, community events and services for young people and waste recycling.
- Improve diversity of retail outlets, an array of sporting clubs, varied leisure and entertainment options and a range of cultural pursuits that make Wellington attractive for people of all ages to visit, work and or live.
- Encourage people to stay in Wellington by providing affordable housing and lifestyle options.
- Provide a well maintained road network (including footpaths and safe cycling routes) and public transport so that everyone can move easily throughout the shire, especially between our communities.
- Provide appropriate services, facilities and infrastructure in seasonal towns.



What State Government, Local Organisations and statistics tell us is important...

- Improve infrastructure to enable services and initiatives to support Wellington's increasing ageing population including striving to be an "Age Friendly" Shire.
- The built environment has a direct effect on the lifestyle of every resident. What is built must be maintained for many decades to come. Responsible asset management, decisions around renewal of assets and the addition of new infrastructure makes sure we do not have large maintenance burdens into the future.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

OUR VISION

"Wellington's natural environment and landscapes are clean, diverse, beautiful, accessible and protected."

What is important under this theme?



What we heard from the community...

- Maintain and enhance access to the Natural Environment for a wide range of outdoor pursuits at our beaches, high country, open spaces and waterways. This access to the natural environment is balanced with the need to conserve and protect.
- Change energy use within Council, by residents, business and industries to reduce impact on the environment.
- Continue to have diversity of healthy native plants and wildlife with well protected habitat areas free of invasive species.
- Keep Wellington clean so residents and visitors can enjoy our scenic environment.
- Manage Natural Environment assets recognising their impact on health and wellbeing.



What State Government, Local Organisations and statistics tell us is important...

- Wellington is taking practical actions to manage risks from climate impacts, protect communities and strengthen the resiliency of the economy.
- Increase renewable energy sources in Wellington to combat the decline in energy produced from fossil fuels.
- Improve understanding of potential coastal hazards for the region in light of climate change.



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LIFELONG EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

OUR VISION

"Wellington will have a broad choice of local training, education and holistic learning and development options that lead to meaningful employment and personal fulfilment, quality of life, independence and financial stability."

What is important under this theme?



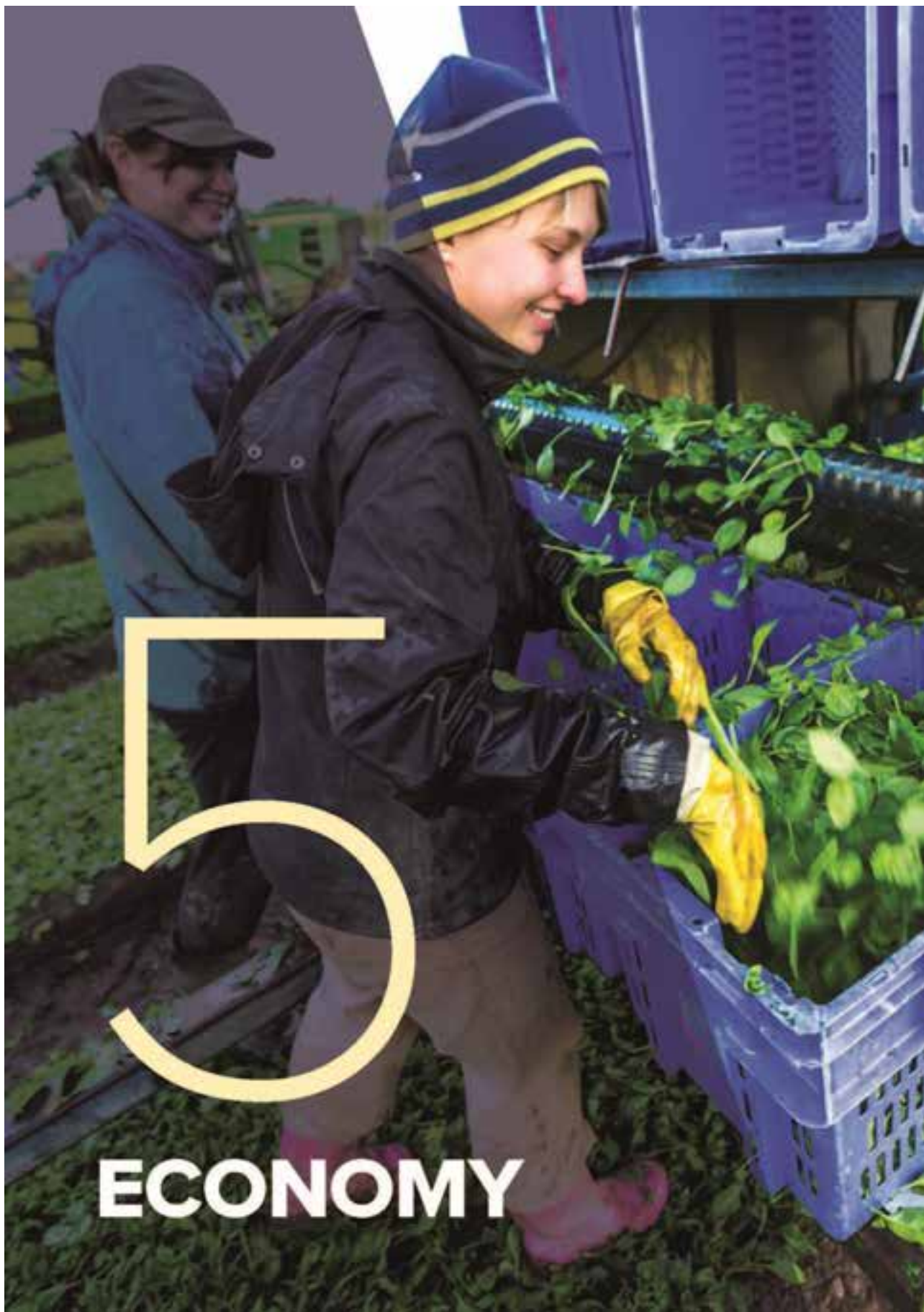
What we heard from the community...

- Improve people's access to opportunities to challenge and extend their thinking, promote independence, stimulate ideas, further develop leadership skills and lead meaningful lives.
- Enable young people to remain in Wellington to complete further and tertiary education of their choice.
- Support Secondary Schools in Wellington to provide choices and deliver engaging and high quality education that contributes to local industry development.
- Provide a breadth of entry level jobs in Wellington for those newly qualified and or those with limited experience.
- Develop Wellington as a hub for innovation in further education. Encourage industry, employers and further education providers to work in partnership to train and recruit people locally and provide opportunity for career progression within Wellington.
- Provide formal and informal lifelong learning opportunities for personal development and wellbeing.



What State Government, Local Organisations and statistics tell us is important...

- A diversity of high quality local education and training opportunities supports the retention of youth in the community and improves local employment outcomes.



OUR VISION

"Wellington has a wealth of diverse industries providing employment opportunities for all. There is growth in the Wellington population and economy which is balanced with the preservation of our natural environment and connected communities."

What is important under this theme?



What we heard from the community...

- Provide a wide range of employment opportunities across Wellington that offer stability, promote positive work / life balance and provide career pathways.
- Maximise economic output whilst ensuring the natural environment is protected.
- Develop the visitor economy through innovative marketing programs and product development to attract people to the region to live, work and play.
- Support business to promote sustainable environmental practices in Wellington.



What State Government, Local Organisations and statistics tell us is important...

- Improve the resiliency of the Wellington economy to adapt to unforeseen downturn in industries.
- Work with the State and Federal Governments to maximise Wellington Shire's competitive strengths in industries such as food and fibre.
- Leverage new business opportunities through the expansion of technologies such as high speed broadband networks.
- Improve public transport links to ensure businesses have easy access to markets whilst enhancing the liability / attractiveness of the region for current and new residents.



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ITEM C5.2**ADVOCACY FOR 15 HOURS KINDERGARTEN**

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITY WELLBEING
DATE: 7 MARCH 2017

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

OBJECTIVE

For Council to send the attached letter to The Hon Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland, requesting continued advocacy for state and federal funding for 15 hours of 4 year old kindergarten beyond 31 December 2017.

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

That Council sends the attached letter to The Hon Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland, requesting continued advocacy for state and federal funding for 15 hours of 4 year old kindergarten beyond 31 December 2017.

BACKGROUND

The first National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education was signed by the Council of Australian Governments on 29 November 2008. Under this agreement, all governments committed to work together to ensure that all children have access to a quality early childhood education program, delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher for 15 hours per week or 600 hours of preschool education in the year before they attend full-time school. Under this agreement the program was called Universal Access and was implemented from January 2013 to December 2017.

There is concern that the federal government has not committed to continuing this agreement and that 4 year old kindergarten could revert back to being funded for only 10 hours per week (Victorian State Government Funding).

If the federal government does not continue to fund five of the 15 hours of kindergarten, working parents will face a potential \$2,000 per year per child in additional child care costs, which is simply unaffordable for many. In other locations where there is no accompanying childcare service, this will mean less access to early childhood education and care. The direct impact will be reduced participation and learning outcomes for children. In 2016 there were 486 children attending 4 year old kindergarten within the shire.

Council wrote to The Hon Darren Chester MP in late December 2016, urging him to raise community and council concerns with Ministerial colleagues, party leaders, and through Parliamentary question time to specifically seek a solution to kindergarten funding uncertainty. The letter was acknowledged, but it is unclear as to whether there has been any responding action.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Send the attached letter to The Hon Darren Chester MP requesting further information; or
2. Request changes to the letter and present to a future Council Meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council sends the attached letter to The Hon Darren Chester MP, Federal Member for Gippsland, requesting continued advocacy for state and federal funding for 15 hours of 4 year old kindergarten beyond 31 December 2017.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

In the Leadership and Engagement section of the Council Plan 2013-17, strategy 1.3 documents that Council Strategies and Plans reflect the aspirations of our diverse communities.

The Wellington Municipal Early Years Plan 2012-2015 has a focus on improving children's access to early childhood education and care. The plan is currently being renewed.

COMMUNITY

Access to four year old kindergarten in some areas of our Shire is the only early childhood education available to families before their child starts school (Rosedale and Stratford).

Since 2011, the following centres completed building extensions to be able to cater for the increase in kindergarten hours / demand:

- Stratford Kindergarten
- Glassford St Kindergarten, Maffra
- Yarram Early Learning Centre

8 March 2017

The Hon Darren Chester MP
Federal Member for Gippsland
PO Box 486
SALE VIC 3850

Dear Darren

ONGOING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Thank you for your letter dated 11 January 2017 in response to Wellington Shire Council's advocacy on the need to maintain access to 15 hours of kindergarten for all four year old children beyond December 2017. We greatly appreciate your advocacy to your Ministerial colleagues, party leaders and through Parliamentary question time to specifically seek a solution to kindergarten funding uncertainty.

As you are aware families have enthusiastically taken up the extra kinder hours and we have been made aware of particular benefits in our community for working families, rural families, disadvantaged children and their families.

With the Australian Government's current commitment through the latest National Partnership Agreement expiring in December 2017 we continue to be concerned about the impact the loss of kinder hours will have on our community. This short-term funding arrangement makes it difficult for councils, kindergartens and families to plan.

Kindergarten services have significant social and educational benefits for all four year old children attending and parents are quite passionate about maintaining this level of service.

Your letter of 11 January 2017, stated you have made representation on Council's behalf to your colleague the Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham. We look forward to hearing a response resulting from your representation and ask that you continue to raise the issue of 15 hours kindergarten funding for four year old children until the issue is addressed.

I look forward to your reply and can be contacted on mobile 0409 495 833.

Yours sincerely

CR CAROLYN CROSSLEY
Mayor

Our Ref: KM:JB
ECM: 2179066



D. URGENT BUSINESS



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS



F. CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT/S

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G. IN CLOSED SESSION

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COUNCILLOR

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

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

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That:

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