



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## **RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING VIA SKYPE**

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 7 September 2021**

### **COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Cr Garry Stephens (Mayor)  
Cr Scott Rossetti (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Ian Bye  
Cr Carolyn Crossley  
Cr Marcus McKenzie  
Cr Gayle Maher  
Cr Carmel Ripper  
Cr John Tattersson  
Cr Jill Wood

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer  
Denise Teo, Governance Officer

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## 1. APOLOGIES

NIL

## 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

NIL

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

### 3.1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **PURPOSE**

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 August 2021.

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 August 2021.*

**COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR BYE**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 17 August 2021.*

**CARRIED**

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

## 5. ACCEPTANCE OF LATE AND URGENT ITEMS

*That Council accept the late item, being ITEM 14.1 Draft Marine and Coastal Strategy Submission.*

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That Council accept the late item, being ITEM 14.1 Draft Marine and Coastal Strategy Submission.*

**CARRIED**

*Councillors have unanimously agreed to address the late item immediately.*

*Report Item 14.1 Draft Marine and Coastal Strategy Submission has been included at the new section, 14 General Manager Development, of these agenda minutes.*

## 6. NOTICE/S OF MOTION

NIL

## 7. RECEIVING OF PETITION OR JOINT LETTERS

### 7.1. OUTSTANDING PETITIONS

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

## 8. INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MAYOR STEPHENS** congratulated staff on the recent social media posts around resilience and maintaining our health during COVID lockdowns. He also acknowledged the hardships small businesses are experiencing, especially with the most recent short notice to lockdown and encouraged everyone to continue to support local. The Mayor also encouraged anyone that needs extra support, in any capacity, to reach out and speak to someone.

## 9. QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

### 9.1. OUTSTANDING QUESTION/S ON NOTICE

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			

## 10. DELEGATES REPORT

**COUNCILLOR McKENZIE** provided a delegates report about the recent activities of the Star of the South.

On 2 September 2021, Australia's first offshore wind project came one step closer to fruition thanks to the Australian Government introducing the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill, supported by Minister Taylor and the Federal Government.

The introduction of this Bill will go a long way with assisting to reduce regulatory barriers, enabling ongoing investment from the project's partners and securing jobs for Wellington and Latrobe Valley.

This important legislation will enable clean energy projects to be built and operated off Australia's coast and are exciting times for Wellington with not only Star of the South already doing preliminary studies another wind farm organisation - Flotation Energy - who are also looking to develop an offshore wind farm off Seaspray which will make our shire the offshore electricity hub in Victoria and the first in Australia.

The Bill will help provide up to 2.2GW of power for Victorian homes and represents a strong economic opportunity for Australia with modelling demonstrating an estimated 3,000 direct jobs and more than \$10 billion of wider economic benefits primarily in regional Australia.

### **Quote from Star of the South CEO, Casper Frost Thorhauge**

*"We welcome the introduction of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill to the Australian Parliament and acknowledge the work of Minister Taylor and the Commonwealth Government in prioritising this important legislation."*

*"We will look at the Bill in detail to understand what it means for developing Star of the South off the coast of Gippsland."*

*"This legalisation is a key step to realising Australia's offshore wind potential and unlocking the associated economic benefits, including providing opportunities for the nation's strong resources and maritime sectors."*

*"We are excited to help create Australia's offshore wind industry and continue Gippsland's proud history of power generation into the future – supporting new local jobs and transitioning skills."*

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The announcement of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill by Minister Taylor is a strong commitment that Wellington will be part of the renewable world well into the future and with Star of the South seeing Wellington as the renewable hub for Gippsland.

Congratulations to Star of the South and look forward to working with you to make this dream a reality. Wellington Proud!!

## 11. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

### 11.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

##### OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 9 August 2021 to 29 August 2021.

##### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 August 2021 to 29 August 2021.*

##### COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR RIPPER

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 9 August 2021 to 29 August 2021.*

**CARRIED**

### 11.2. INITIATE PROCESS TO RE-APPOINT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

##### PURPOSE

For Council to initiate the process to re-appoint David Morcom as Council's Chief Executive Officer.

##### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

##### RECOMMENDATION

**That:**

- 1. In accordance with section 94(4) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council place a public notice in the Gippsland Times and on Council's Website on 14 September 2021 to advise that at the Ordinary Meeting of Wellington Shire Council scheduled for Tuesday 5 October 2021, a motion will be put that, if passed, would result in the re-appointment of Mr David Morcom as Council's Chief Executive Officer without the position being advertised.*
- 2. Re-appointment of Mr David Morcom as Council's Chief Executive Officer is to be subject to the satisfactory negotiation of a contract.*

*Due to the report content, the CEO left the meeting at 3:19pm*

*General Manager Corporate Services, Arthur Skipitaris, has joined the meeting as Acting CEO for this report item*

**COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY / COUNCILLOR MAHER**

***That:***

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- 2. Re-appointment of Mr David Morcom as Council's Chief Executive Officer is to be subject to the satisfactory negotiation of a contract.***

**CARRIED**

***The CEO returned to the meeting at 3:23pm***

***The Acting CEO has left the meeting at 3:23pm***

## **12. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

### **12.1. YORK STREET REVITALISATION PROJECT (SOUTHERN SECTION)**

#### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for the revitalisation of the southern section of the York Street streetscape from Foster Street to Macalister Street, Sale.

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

**NIL**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That:***

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2022-010 York Street Streetscape Renewal Works (Southern); and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2022-010 York Street Streetscape Renewal Works (Southern) and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on the 16 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON / COUNCILLOR BYE**



***That:***

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2022-010 York Street Streetscape Renewal Works (Southern); and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2022-010 York Street Streetscape Renewal Works (Southern) and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on the 16 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.***

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor announced the successful tenderer as JW Volk Pty Ltd.*

## **12.2. CONTRACTS AWARDED UNDER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DELEGATION**

### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the details of the contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer under delegation in relation to reports considered by Council on 3 August 2021.

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That:***

- 1. Council note that Contract 2021-073 Seacombe Boat Ramp Upgrade and Contract 2022-001 Stephenson Park Change Room Redevelopment have been awarded by the Chief Executive Officer within budget, under delegation by Council; and***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachments Contract 2021-073 Seacombe Boat Ramp Upgrade and Contract 2022-001 Stephenson Park Change Room Redevelopment and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on the 16 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this***

*recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

**COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

**That:**

- 1. Council note that Contract 2021-073 Seacombe Boat Ramp Upgrade and Contract 2022-001 Stephenson Park Change Room Redevelopment have been awarded by the Chief Executive Officer within budget, under delegation by Council; and**
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachments Contract 2021-073 Seacombe Boat Ramp Upgrade and Contract 2022-001 Stephenson Park Change Room Redevelopment and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on the 16 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.**

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor announced the successful tenderers as Carter Marine Group Pty Ltd for the Seacombe Boat Ramp Upgrade and RAL Constructions Pty Ltd for the Stephenson Park Change Room Redevelopment.*

### **12.3. AQUA ENERGY REDEVELOPMENT – DETAILED DESIGN**

#### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider entering into a contract for architectural services for the detailed design of the proposed redevelopment of Aqua Energy, Sale.

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

NIL

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That:**

- 1. Council adopt the recommendations contained in the attached confidential Tender Evaluation Report of the Council Meeting Agenda for Contract 2021-085 Aqua Energy Redevelopment – Detailed Design; and**
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment Contract 2021-085 Aqua Energy Redevelopment – Detailed Design and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment on 26 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or**

*financial undertaking that - if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful tenderer can be made public.*

**COUNCILLOR TATTERSON** moved an alternative motion that this matter lay on the table

**COUNCILLOR WOOD** seconded the alternative motion that this matter lay on the table

**CARRIED**

### **13. GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

#### **13.1. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR EARLY YEARS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN - APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

##### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER COMMUNITIES, FACILITIES AND EMERGENCIES**

##### **PURPOSE**

For Council to approve public release of the attached draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan, Community Infrastructure Plan and Sporting Infrastructure Plan, developed under our Community Managed Facilities Strategy, for community consultation.

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

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council approves public release of the attached draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan, Community Infrastructure Plan and Sporting Infrastructure Plan, developed under our Community Managed Facilities Strategy, for community consultation.*

**COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

*That Council approves public release of the attached draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan, Community Infrastructure Plan and Sporting Infrastructure Plan, developed under our Community Managed Facilities Strategy, for community consultation.*

**CARRIED**

## 13.2. THE WEDGE MASTERPLAN ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ARTS AND CULTURE

#### PURPOSE

For Council to appoint the nominated community representatives to The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group, as detailed in the attached confidential report, 'The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group Membership'.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Appoint the nominated community representatives to The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group, as detailed in the attached confidential report, 'The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group Membership'.***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment 'The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group Membership' and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Community & Culture on 20 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicants can be made public.***

##### **COUNCILLOR BYE / COUNCILLOR MAHER**

##### ***That Council:***

- 1. Appoint the nominated community representatives to The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group, as detailed in the attached confidential report, 'The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group Membership'.***
- 2. The information contained in the confidential attachment 'The Wedge Masterplan Advisory Group Membership' and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the General Manager Community & Culture on 20 August 2021 because it relates to the following grounds: f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020, except that once this recommendation has been adopted the name of the successful applicants can be made public.***

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor announced the successful applicants as Stella Ramage, Melesa Eldred and Darren McCubbin.*

## 14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 14.1. DRAFT MARINE AND COASTAL STRATEGY SUBMISSION

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

#### PURPOSE

For Council to endorse a submission to the draft Marine and Coastal Strategy.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council endorse the attached submission to the draft Marine and Coastal Strategy.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

*That Council endorse the attached submission to the draft Marine and Coastal Strategy.*

**CARRIED**

## 15. FURTHER GALLERY AND ONLINE COMMENTS

*Gallery comments are an opportunity for members of the public to raise any particular matter they wish. This allows those in the gallery to speak directly to Councillors but is not a forum designed for open discussion or debate. We will listen respectfully to what you have to say and make the commitment that if your query requires a written response, we will advise you that a response will be forthcoming, and a copy of that response will be circulated to all Councillors.*

*This is not a forum for members of the public to lodge complaints against individuals, including Councillors and staff, particularly as that individual gets no public right of reply to any matter raised. We take complaints seriously, and in line with the guidance from the Victorian Ombudsman and the local Government Inspectorate, we request that any specific complaint against an individual be put in writing. This way, your concern can be properly dealt with while ensuring fairness to all parties concerned.*

*If you wish to speak, we remind you that this part of the meeting is being recorded and broadcast on our website. Council's official Minutes will record that you have spoken to Council and the subject you spoke to Council about but will not record specific comments. We ask you to state your name in full, where you are from, and you have three minutes.*

ONLINE COMMENTS - NIL

FURTHER GALLERY COMMENTS - NIL

Meeting declared closed at: 3:38pm

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