



WELLINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## RESOLUTIONS IN BRIEF ORDINARY MEETING

**To be read in conjunction with the Council Meeting Agenda 21 March 2023**

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

### OFFICERS PRESENT

David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer  
Clem Gillings, General Manager Community and Culture  
Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services  
Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment  
Sam Pye, Acting General Manager Development  
Hayley Furlong, Governance and Council Business Officer  
Kimberley Salleh, Coordinator Communications and Media

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## 1. APOLOGIES

NIL

## 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT/S OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR MAHER declared a general conflict of interest at Item 17.1 Gippswide Kerbside Joint Waste Procurement - Collection And Transport/Residual Waste due to a conflict of duty.

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

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

**ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

#### PURPOSE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 March 2023.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 March 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR WOOD / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

*That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 March 2023.*

**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

NIL

## 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

**COUNCILLOR BYE** acknowledged the Sale Music Festival held on Sunday 12 March 2023. He thanked the committee for their efforts in putting the event together and noted the great success of the free family event.

He also highlighted his walk alongside Tony Pearce, Chair of the Emergency Services Foundation, for the fundraiser "*Tony's Trek*" on Thursday 16 March 2023. Tony is walking 1440 kilometres (Melbourne, through Gippsland and back again) to raise awareness of the mental health impacts that natural disasters have had on emergency service personnel. Councillor Bye noted the support Tony has received on his journey has been amazing and wished Tony congratulations and the best of luck.

Councillor Bye acknowledged the Maffra Mardi Gras event held on Saturday 18 March 2023. He noted the hard work put into the event and large number of patrons who attended. The successful day saw \$63,446.64 raised to be put back into the community. A big thank you to such a small committee for organising such a big event.

Lastly, Councillor Bye attended the Gippsland Regional Sporting Complex on Sunday 19 March 2023 to support the Veteran's Badminton Tournament. This is the fourth year the event has ran and with 26 teams of eight people, it was the highest participation year so far. A big thank you to the committee who organised the tournament.

## 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. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT

### 10.1. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

**ACTION OFFICER: COUNCILLOR IAN BYE**

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i>	
<b>COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR MAHER</b>	
<i>That the Mayor and Councillors report be noted.</i>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

#### 1 FEBRUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY

1 February	TAFE Gippsland partnership meeting, Sale	Mayor Bye and David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer attended
2 February	Committee for Wellington meeting, Sale	Mayor Bye attended
	Launch of the Rotary Club of Maffra Mardi Gras, Maffra	Mayor Bye and Cr Ripper attended
	Smart Farm Power – Wilandra Farms conference session, Sale	Cr McKenzie and Cr Crossley attended
	Wilandra Farms – On farm session, Clydebank	Cr Crossley attended
	Gelliondale Wind Farm meeting, Alberton West Reserve	Cr McKenzie attended
4 February	Day @ The Port celebration, Sale	Cr McKenzie attended
6 February	Yarram Historical Society meeting, Yarram	Cr McKenzie attended
8 February	Star of the South Community Advisory Group meeting, Yarram	Cr McKenzie attended
9 February	Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone Project's Community Advisory Group meeting, Sale	Mayor Bye attended
10 February	MAV Councillor Leadership Conference: Power of Your Leadership Legacy, Melbourne	Mayor Bye, Cr Tatterson and Cr McKenzie attended
	Emergency Relief Centre Exercise session, Sale	Cr Wood attended
	Devon North RSL wreath laying service, Devon North	Cr Stephens attended

14 February	Wellington Renewable Energy Forum, online	Mayor Bye, Cr McKenzie, Cr Crossley and Cr Stephens attended
16 February	SEATS Executive 2 day conference meeting, New South Wales	Cr Tatterson attended
	Agricultural Research Results Dinner, Bairnsdale	Cr McKenzie attended
	Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone Project's Community Advisory Group Project area line drive, Rosedale	Mayor Bye attended
17 February	One Gippsland – Mayoral Induction and Board meeting, Morwell	Mayor Bye and David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer attended
	SEATS Executive two day conference meeting, New South Wales	Cr Tatterson attended
18 February	Heyfield Timber Festival Closing Memorial Ceremony, Heyfield	Cr Ripper attended
22 February	North Gippsland Country Women's Association Annual General meeting, Briagolong	Cr Tatterson attended
	Wellington Shire Youth Council Induction, Sale	Cr Wood and Cr Ripper attended
23 February	Heyfield Wetlands Viewing Platform Grand Opening, Heyfield	Cr Ripper attended
	Business Boost Reference Group meeting, online	Cr Maher and Cr Wood attended
	Wellington Municipal Emergency Management Plan meeting, online	Cr Crossley and Cr Wood attended
24 February	The Wedge 2023 Season Launch, Sale	Cr McKenzie, Cr Wood and Cr Ripper attended
25 February	2023 Loy Yang B Gippsland Swimming Championships, Sale	Mayor Bye attended
28 February	GRSC User Group meeting, Sale	Mayor Bye attended

**COUNCILLOR IAN BYE**  
**MAYOR**

## 11. DELEGATES REPORT

NIL

## 12. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### 12.1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

**ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

RECOMMENDATION	
<i>That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.</i>	
<b>COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD</b>	
<i>That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.</i>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	

#### 1 FEBRUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY

1 February	Attended a Joint Stage/Local Government Monthly CEO Forum.  TAFE Gippsland Partnership meeting, Sale. In attendance was Mayor Bye.
2 February	Attended a Smart Farm Power – Wilandra Farms conference, Sale. In attendance were Cr McKenzie and Cr Crossley.  Attended Committee for Wellington's monthly General meeting, Sale. In attendance was Mayor Bye
3 February	One Gippsland CEO meeting.  Discussion regarding Offshore Wind with Ms Sara Rhodes Ward, Department of Jobs Precincts and Regions
6 February	Attended a Gippsland New Energy Coordination Group meeting.
8 February	Met with Equis representative Mr Adam Terrill to discuss Offshore Wind.
9 February	Met with Committee for Wellington subcommittee representatives Mr Simon Johnson and Mr Josh Singh.
10 February	Attended the Gippsland Regional Plan Leadership Group meeting, Traralgon.
13 February	Attended the Quarterly Gippsland Regional Partnership meeting, Morwell.
14 February	Wellington Renewable Energy Forum, online. In attendance were Mayor Bye, Cr McKenzie, Cr Crossley and Cr Stephens.

	Met with ESSO Australia representative Mr Andrew Murphy.
16 February	<p>Attended a Destination Gippsland Board meeting, Traralgon.</p> <p>Met with Gippsland Climate Change Network representative Mr Darren McCubbin to discuss New Energy conference.</p> <p>Met with Orsted representative Mr Andrew Ho to discuss offshore wind energy.</p>
24 February	<p>Met with Gippsland Water representative Mr Danny McDonald, Sale.</p> <p>Rural Councils Victoria Committee meeting.</p> <p>Attended The Wedge 2023 Season Launch, Sale. In attendance were Cr McKenzie, Cr Wood and Cr Ripper.</p>
27 February	Attended the Gippsland Community Leadership Program Graduation and Launch, Sale

### 13. GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

#### 13.1. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS REPORT

##### **ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

##### **OBJECTIVE**

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received for the period 27 February 2023 to 12 March 2023.

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

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 February 2023 to 12 March 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR WOOD**

*That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillor records for the period 27 February 2023 to 12 March 2023.*

**CARRIED**

### 13.2. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

##### PURPOSE

For Council to note and receive the minutes and endorse the actions of the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023.

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

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### *That Council:*

1. *Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 as attached; and*
2. *Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

**COUNCILLOR MCKENZIE / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

##### *That Council:*

1. *Note and receive the minutes from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 as attached; and*
2. *Endorse the actions from the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 7 March 2023 as detailed in the attached minutes.*

**CARRIED**

### 13.3. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CEO EMPLOYMENT AND REMUNERATION POLICY

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

##### PURPOSE

For Council to approve and adopt the revised CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy, as attached and as required under section 45 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council approve and adopt the revised CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy, as attached and as required under section 45 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

*The CEO left the Chamber at 6:12pm*

*The CEO returned to the Chamber at 6:14pm*

**COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY**

***That Council approve and adopt the revised CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy, as attached and as required under section 45 of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**CARRIED**

#### **13.4. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES**

##### **PURPOSE**

To receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 23 February 2023.

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

NIL

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That:***

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit and Risk Committee 23 February 2023 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit and Risk Committee Minutes of 23 February 2023;***
- 2. Council appoint Chris Badger as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee; and***
- 3. The information contained in the confidential document Audit and Risk Committee Minutes of 23 February 2023 of this Council meeting agenda and designated confidential under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020 by the Chief Executive Officer on 6 March 2023 because it relates to the following grounds: e) legal privileged information; and g) private commercial information; be designated confidential information under Section 3(1) Confidential Information of the Local Government Act 2020.***

**COUNCILLOR STEPHENS / COUNCILLOR TATTERSON**

***That:***

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes in brief of the Audit and Risk Committee 23 February 2023 (as attached) and the confidential attachment Audit and Risk Committee Minutes of 23 February 2023;***
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**CARRIED**

## 14. GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

### 14.1. MONTHLY PLANNING DECISIONS - JANUARY 2023

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

##### PURPOSE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of January 2023.

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

NIL

##### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 January and 31 January 2023.*

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI**

*That Council note the report on recent Planning Permit trends and Planning Application determinations between 1 January and 31 January 2023.*

**CARRIED**

### 14.2. WELLINGTON RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPACT AND READINESS STUDY

#### ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

##### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the 'Wellington Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study, January 2023' (the 'Study') included in Attachment 1.

For Council to advance the high priority implementation actions included in Attachment 2.

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

NIL

##### RECOMMENDATION

***That Council:***

- 1. Adopt the 'Wellington Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study, January 2023' (the 'Study') included in Attachment 1; and***
- 2. Advance the high priority implementation actions included in Attachment 2.***

**COUNCILLOR MAHER / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

***That Council:***

- 1. Adopt the 'Wellington Renewable Energy Impact and Readiness Study, January 2023' (the 'Study') included in Attachment 1; and***
- 2. Advance the high priority implementation actions included in Attachment 2.***

**CARRIED**

## 15. GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### 15.1. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 February 2023 and to consider the recommendations from that meeting.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

NIL

#### RECOMMENDATION

##### *That:*

1. *Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 February 2023;*
2. *The unnamed road off Swing Bridge Drive, Sale:*
  - i. *be named Eliza Lane in recognition of the only female bridge keeper of the Swing Bridge; and*
  - ii. *be advertised, and if no negative responses are received within 30 days, then apply to the Registrar of Geographic Names to formalise the name;*
3. *For the subdivision off Lyons St, Rosedale:*
  - i. *the names Radiata and Billet be approved; and*
  - ii. *the names Pinaster and Monterey be approved, subject to Geographic Names Victoria giving in-principle support to use these names due to similar names already in use in the district; and*
  - iii. *the developer designate appropriate road types in accordance with the naming rules.*

#### COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR WOOD

##### *That:*

1. *Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 14 February 2023;*
2. *The unnamed road off Swing Bridge Drive, Sale:*
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- vi. ***the developer designate appropriate road types in accordance with the naming rules.***

**CARRIED**

## 16. 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 -

**KIRRA BOTT, SEASPRAY:** spoke about the proposed Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone (GREZ) project, she noted the importance for community consultation and requested Council consider ensuring the community is involved in the process.

**GWEN MACNEE, STRADBROKE:** read out the letter addressed to Wellington Shire Council and Councillors in relation to the Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone (GREZ) project. She highlighted the importance of underground transmission lines to be installed where feasible. An additional document with signatures attached was provided to the Acting General Manager Development, Sam Pye.

The Mayor noted that a formal response will be provided to Gwen in relation to her letter.

The CEO noted that he and the Mayor recently met with VicGrid and confirmed that Council would be making a submission of its own.

Meeting declared closed at: 6:39pm

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

## 17. IN CLOSED SESSION

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

*That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider matters under Section 66(5)(b) as defined by Section 3(1) being:*

*g) Private commercial information*

**CARRIED**

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**IN CLOSED SESSION**

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*Item 17.1 Gippswide Kerbside Joint Waste Procurement - Collection And Transport/Residual Waste was considered in closed session.*

**COUNCILLOR ROSSETTI / COUNCILLOR STEPHENS**

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

**CARRIED**