

Council Meeting

Urgent Business Agenda

Tuesday, 26 August 2025

Civic Centre, 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale
and via Videoconference

Information for Councillors and the community

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nation peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands and waterways.

We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region.

We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.

COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

OUR COUNCILLORS

Billanook Ward: Tim Heenan
Chandler Ward: Gareth Ward
Chirnside Ward: Richard Higgins
Lyster Ward: Peter McIlwain
Melba Ward: Mitch Mazzarella

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Ryrie Ward: Fiona McAllister
Streeton Ward: Jeff Marriott
Walling Ward: Len Cox

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & DIRECTORS

Chief Executive Officer, Tammi Rose
Director Built Environment & Infrastructure, Hjalmar Philipp
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16. URGENT BUSINESS

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In accordance with Chapter 3 Rule 24 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

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COUNCILLOR MOTION - INCIDENTS OF ROAD STRIKE ON WELLINGTON ROAD - CR MCILWAIN

Ward(s) affected: All Wards;

The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

SUMMARY

Council is aware of a rise in wildlife road strikes along Wellington Road in Lyster Ward over the past year, highlighted by a Petition to Council that will continue to be investigated by Officers. This arterial road runs through the middle of wildlife habitat of high conservation value that is situated either side of the road from Rowville to Emerald. Wellington Road is a feeder road to suburbs that include designated growth areas between Berwick and Pakenham. There is already a high level of traffic on this road with population projections indicting that road use will continue to increase over the next decade. Therefore, possible actions to minimise wildlife road strike along Wellington Road, should include both immediate and long-term approaches.

At the Council Meeting 12 August 2025, the following motion was carried unanimously:

That Council

- 1) *Receives and notes the “Wildlife Fatalities along Wellington Road” petition in accordance with the Governance Rule and refers this petition to the appropriate officers for investigation and response.*
- 2) *Prepare a report to come to a future Council Forum before the end of October 2025.*

The current motion responds to the urgency of this matter by extending councils' response to the petition by enabling advocacy to the Victorian Parliament with reference to the Department of Transport which has authority over Wellington Road. The matter is urgent for two reasons: 1) there is immediate and substantial risk to wildlife and driver safety and, 2) the Victorian Parliament is currently holding an Inquiry into wildlife road strike in Victoria which is reporting in November this year. Given that the Inquiry has already made reference to the matter of Wellington Road this motion is timely.

COUNCILLOR MOTION

That Council

- 1. Requests that the Mayor write to the relevant Minister that the issue of a significant increase in the incidents of road strike on Wellington Road, be addressed as a matter of urgency, and steps be taken to minimise the deaths and injury of wildlife and the increased risk to driver safety.***
- 2. Recognises the long-term threat to wildlife and driver safety that increased road usage poses.***