



MINUTES

Tuesday 19 August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We start today's meeting by acknowledging and paying respects to the Ieterremairrener and pangerninghe Aboriginal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today.

Council pays its respects to their Elders past and present and acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders here today.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Attendees are reminded that Council Meetings are a place of work for staff and Councillors. Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities as an employer and as host of this public forum, by ensuring that all present meet expectations of mutually respectful and orderly conduct. It is a condition of entry to this meeting that you cooperate with any directions or requests from the Chairperson or Council officers.

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1 PRESENT

1.1 Present

Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl
Cr Joy Allen
Cr Lynden Ferguson
Cr Richard Ireland
Cr Caroline Larner
Cr Geoff Lyons
Cr Josh Manticas
Cr Rick Shegog
Cr Julie Sladden

1.2 In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer	Kristen Desmond
Director Corporate & Community	David Gregory
Director Community Assets	Dino De Paoli
Director Planning & Development	Michelle Riley
Director People, Culture & Safety	Richard Heyward
Executive Assistant to the CEO	Eleanor Moore
Governance Officer	Tom Chalmers
Manager Communications & Engagement	Simon Tennant
Chief Financial Officer	Jason Barker
Team Leader - Planning	Krstyna Ennis

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

2.1 Appointment of Councillor to preside at Meeting

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 8 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl to preside at the meeting for the period of the ballot to elect a Deputy Mayor.

Minute No. 25/88

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council appoints Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl to preside at the meeting for the period of the ballot to elect a Deputy Mayor.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas, Cr Shegog and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

2.2 Election of Deputy Mayor

DECLARATION

That the result of the ballot for the office of Deputy Mayor is as follows:

Cr Joy Allen 4 votes

Cr Rick Shegog 5 votes

The new Deputy Mayor is declared to be Cr Rick Shegog.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 15 July 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 July 2025 numbered 25/80 to 25/87 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute No. 25/89

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 July 2025 numbered 25/80 to 25/87 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

4 LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

Nil

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at: 1.50 pm

Concluded at: 2.03 pm

Don Sutherland, Beauty Point (on behalf of Peter Hodges, Beauty Point)

Statement: In the recent Tasmanian Supreme Court decision of *Lowe vs Beauty Point Tasmania Pty Ltd and Beauty Point Trading Pty Ltd*, the judge quoted in detail the letter from Council to the Beauty Point Trading company of January the 15th this year that also included a notice of intention to issue an enforcement notice. In effect, the Council's letter and its accompanying notice advised the company that it had committed an offence under the Land Use Act. Further, as noted specifically by the judge, the Council advice made it clear to the company that it did not intend to have anyone evicted from the site because of that breach. However, what has become clear, is that the company cannot replace any resident who leaves with a new resident, and that, in effect, current residents cannot now on sell their lease and property for the future.

Question 1: Given that, what specific steps has the Council taken, before and since January the 15th 2025 to explain that correspondence and the decision about it to the residents, and to ascertain from them the possible ramifications of it for residents and their families.

Response: *We'll take that question on notice Mr Sutherland and reply to it in the statutory time period.*

Question 2: During my residency at my permanent home in the Beauty Point Tourist Park, I sought the help of the Council to resolve a long standing problem, over six years, with the management regarding flooding arising from inadequate drainage at my site by letter on the 18th April 2023, and a meeting at the Council offices on May 5th 2023, with two senior staff members. Despite its acknowledged powers to issue compliance notices, and my engineer's advice provided to Council, why was the Council unwilling and/or unable to inspect the site and assess my concerns.

Response: *I'll take that question on notice as well, Mr Sutherland.*

Question 3: The Supreme Court decision in the *Lowe* case says that the relationship between the owners of the park and the residents is in the form of a lease. What implications does that lease arrangement have for the powers and policies of the Council to conduct inspections and assess concerns or matters of concern by residents, like flooding, pursuant to its powers and responsibilities under the land use and local government laws and its own vision statement?

Response: *And again, I take that question on notice. Thank you, Mr Sutherland.*

Geoff Dickinson, Beauty Point

Statement: Congratulations to those who are not elevated to Deputy Mayor. As for the nominee, may the responsibilities of mixed agency sit squarely on your shoulders. You're now "Second Shebang Shegog". I have asked Council before, what kind of mugs are we? I address you today concerning Council's biggest asset, West Tamar Council's shareholding in TasWater. I urge Council to instigate an owner's revolt to proposed increases in TasWater's charges for the five years starting next year. I suggest this Council, as representatives of the water rate payers, to intervene and oppose rates increases predicted to be over 40% over the 2026 – 2030 forward period. Yes, I said 40%, unless AI is lying to me.

This year's increase of 3.5%, that's enough...Enough is enough!

Response: *Mr Dickinson, you've got 10 seconds left to make your point.*

Cr Shegog moved an extension of time, seconded Cr Larner

Response: *I'll allow you another 60 seconds, Mr Dickinson.*

Statement: OK, well let's look at some general principles. Accountants, or worse, are there to compile costs and cook the books. Managers and engineers are there to manipulate and massage the minions. Directors are there to dine on the fare of their perceived and projected importance. The work output from the kitchens fed through various contractors, both prime and convenient. The cockroaches of the kitchens, the consultants, leave enough breeding patterns to ensure the cockroaches are never eliminated and are replaced with more expensive ones continually. TasWater for Tasmanians, not mainlanders or Texas big thinking.

Question 1: Are you going to do something?

Response: *Thank you very much, Mr Dickinson, as you know, every Council has a representative that represents its Council with TasWater and our representative is Cr Richard Ireland. We certainly are going to become involved in the discussion.*

Statement: Well, I have an issues management plan if anyone wants to talk with me about it.

Response: *Thank you very much.*

Malcolm Henry, Exeter

Point of order called by Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog at 2.00pm

Statement: I left Tasmania in 1988 for the sole reason that it was still rubbish living here. Nothing gets done, the place has gone backwards. The West Tamar now would be ten times worse than what it was when I left. Before it was a thriving community, now it's a backward... a nothing. It's gone backwards like forty years. We need to go ahead. You cannot stop progress. Progress is something that needs to be done, if you don't go ahead it's going to end up just the same, it's going to end up like Alice Springs and places like that. I tried to do the right thing, I come back here, I invested \$2.5million in the West Tamar. We tried for 3½ years to get some plans through, they keep changing the rules, West Tamar Council. They changed rule three times, changed the planner, different planner, I've begged and grovelled on the damn floor for these people to sort

of tell me what they want. I did the right thing, I changed the drawings to two bedrooms not three bedrooms, then...

Response: *Mr Henry, you've got ten seconds left to close.*

Cr Ferguson moved an extension of time, seconded Cr Allen.

Response: *We'll give you another minute, Mr Henry.*

Question 1: Why don't you want the West Tamar to go ahead?

Response: *I'm afraid I don't agree with you, with what you're saying, because if you look at the way the West Tamar has grown, it's the fastest growing municipality in Northern Tasmania.*

Statement: Maybe for the Legana district, but it's not the greatest growing in Beaconsfield or Beauty Point, it's going backwards.

Response: *That's your view and you're entitled to it, Mr Henry.*

Statement: I'm sixth generation Tasmanian.

Response: *We take what you say on notice.*

6.2 Public Questions on Notice

Nil

6.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

6.3.1 C Swan, Paper Beach

Our Ref: GO.COU.178

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5 August 2025

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Dear Ms Swan

Response to Question on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 15 July 2025

I refer to the question set out below which was taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 15 July 2025 and now provide the following response:

Question 1: *I'd like to raise the Swan Point area roads and footpaths again. Previously I've been told that in the financial year, which is this financial year, there'll be work done down in our area. I would like to please have the detail, and the start and finish schedule of what work is to be done.*

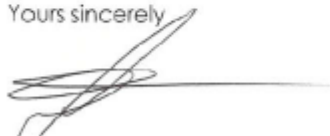
Council's previous correspondence to you in relation to the sealing of Paper Beach Road noted that the road is due for sealing in the near future, but after an assessment of sealed pavements in recent weeks, it is not proposed to reseal Paper Beach Road in the 2025/26 sealing season. There are other roads in the network that are of higher priority at the present time. But please note that Paper Beach Road remains on our list of roads to reassess for sealing.

Following your question, Council's Operations staff carried out an inspection of roads in the area including Paper Beach, Swan Point and the foreshore roads, and has identified maintenance work that will be undertaken in the week commencing 11 August 2025.

This work will include placement of shoulder gravel material and repair of sealed pavement edge breaks. Council will continue to monitor pavement condition as part of its routine maintenance inspections.

Please note Council has not approved any funding allocation for the development of new footpaths in the area.

Yours sincerely



Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DECLARATION

"I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to Council with this agenda:

1. the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation;
2. where any advice is given directly to council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person; and
3. a copy or written transcript of the advice received has been provided to council."



Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"Notes: Section 65(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* requires the General Manager to ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council (or a council committee) is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation. Section 65(2) forbids council from deciding any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering that advice."

At West Tamar Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*. For the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer means General Manager for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

8 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Councils are a planning authority. Each council acts as the planning authority for their municipality. In this role, councillors consider development applications and make administrative decisions that are based on the council's planning scheme. While councillors are obliged to consider the community's views, this does not mean they can vote in favour of those views while fulfilling the role of a planning authority. Councillors must make planning decisions based on whether a planning application is consistent with the local planning scheme, even if members of the community object to the planning proposal.

8.1 Plan 1 - PA2023172 - Residential - Multiple dwellings x 3 - 21 Beatty Street, Beauty Point

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Planner - Patrick McMahon

REPORT DATE: 29 July 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [8.1.1] Plan 1 - Attachment 1 - Location Plan
2. [8.1.2] Plan 1 - Attachment 2 - Proposal Plans

Team Leader - Planning entered the meeting at 2.04pm

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2023172 be determined as follows:

- (a) The requested variations do not comply with the relevant performance criteria and are not supported;
- (b) Matters raised by the representors have been considered and do not alter the assessment against the Scheme or the recommendation; and
- (c) That the application for Residential – Multiple Dwellings (3 new dwellings), by Malcolm Henry, for land at 21 Beatty Street, Beauty Point, CT 55715/76 be **REFUSED** on the following grounds:
 - (i) The proposal does not satisfy Clause 8.4.1 Performance Criteria P1, as the proposed density is not compatible with the density of existing residential developments in the surrounding area and does not provide a significant social or community benefit;
 - (ii) The proposal does not satisfy Clause 8.4.3 Performance Criteria P2, as the proposed private open space for Units 1 and 3 is inadequate, due to not being conveniently located in relation to the living area and/or not being orientated to take advantage of sunlight; and,
 - (iii) The proposed development cannot be reasonably conditioned to comply with the Performance Criteria or applicable standards.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Moved: Cr Manticas

That application PA2023172 be approved as it demonstrates compliance with performance criteria demonstrating significant social and community benefit and the private open space in line with previous Council decisions subject to the following conditions:

ENDORSED PLANS

1. The use and development must be substantially in accordance with the following endorsed documents, except where modified below:
 - (a) Endorsed plans by Plans to Build, Dated 17/01/2025. Reference 22018; Excluding A03 alternate site plan.Any other development and/or use, or substantial intensification of the approved use, may require separate assessment and a fresh application should be submitted to Council.

TASWATER

2. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA2023/00703-WTC) attached.

FENCING

3. Any front fencing, on or within 4.5m of the front boundary, must be:
 - (a) Limited to 1.2m in height; OR
 - (b) Up to 1.8m in height, with any part over 1.2m in height at least 50% transparent.

WINDOW SCREENING

4. Screening must be provided between any habitable room windows on the western facade of the dwellings and the shared internal driveway.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (MAJOR $\geq$ 250m²)

5. Prior to the commencement of works (including vegetation removal), a construction management plan must be submitted detailing how soil and water is to be managed during the construction process to prevent the escape of soil and sediments beyond site boundaries. This plan must clearly set out the property owner's obligations for erection, inspection and maintenance of all control measures approved. The management plan must include the following:
 - (a) date and author;
 - (b) property boundaries, location of adjoining roads and other public land if any, impervious surfaces, underground services and existing drainage, contours, approximate grades of slope, directions of fall, north point and scale;
 - (c) general soil description;
 - (d) location and types of all existing vegetation, location and amount of proposed ground disturbance, limit of clearing, grading and filling and the proposed location of soil, sand, topsoil and other material stockpiles;
 - (e) critical natural areas such as drainage lines, cliffs, wetlands and unstable ground;
 - (f) location of vegetation to be retained and removed;
 - (g) location of stabilised site access;
 - (h) initial and final contours, location of watercourses, surface drainage and existing stormwater infrastructure;
 - (i) stormwater discharge point, if proposed;
 - (j) location of all proposed temporary drainage control measures;
 - (k) construction details;
 - (l) location and details of all proposed erosion control measures;
 - (m) location and details of all proposed measures to minimize dust generation and emission beyond the site boundaries;

- (n) location and details of all proposed sediment control measures;
- (o) a statement of who is responsible for establishing and maintaining erosion and sediment control measures;
- (p) site rehabilitation or landscaping/revegetation program;
- (q) estimated dates for start and finish of the works including installation sequence of different erosion and sediment controls;
- (r) any information required to address soil, water and dust control measures required to accommodate staging of the proposal; and
- (s) outline of the maintenance program for erosion and sediment controls. This must include weekly inspection as well as before and after every rain event and a reporting schedule to Council.

Works must not commence prior to the approval of the Construction Management Plan by the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate. The approved plan must be implemented with the commencement of works on site and maintained during construction to ensure soil erosion and dust are appropriately managed to reasonable maintain the amenity of adjoining and nearby properties and public land. A copy of the approved Construction Management Plan must be on the site at all times. All on-ground workers must be aware of and understand the plan.

COMMENCED DEVELOPMENT STOP

Where development has commenced on site and then stops for two weeks or more, interim stormwater, erosion and dust control measures must be installed and maintained on site to ensure overland flows do not become a nuisance to adjoining properties or Council's infrastructure until work recommences. The measures must include weekly inspections and reporting to Council as well as before and after every rain event to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate. This may require a revision of the approved Construction Management Plan – any changes must be approved by the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate.

VISITOR PARKING FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

- 6. Prior to the commencement of the use, the visitor parking on common property must be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans and clearly delineated for visitor use through signage or other physical means.

STAGED MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

- 7. Where development is to be staged, the following works must be completed prior to sealing of the strata plan:
 - (b) Common property – all common property proposed in the strata plan must be completed, including construction of driveway, parking and access areas, landscaping, mailboxes, bin storage areas and utilities connections;
 - (c) Each strata lot – for developed individual strata lots containing a building, all building works, landscaping, utilities connections, parking and driveways must be completed; and
 - (d) Each strata lot – for vacant individual strata lots or any balance lot for future strata division, access and utilities connections (including provision for future lots within a balance lot) must be completed prior to sealing of the staged strata plan.

VEHICULAR CROSSING

- 8. Prior to the commencement of the use, the existing site crossover must be removed and replaced with a crossover at least 4.5m wide, for a distance at least 7m from the kerb line on Beatty Street.
- 9. The new crossover is to be constructed in accordance with Council's current urban driveway standard, TSD-R09. The new crossover is to be positioned so the driveway apron has at least 1m clearance to the existing power pole in the verge.

10. Works in the road reserve shall not commence until a *Driveway Application Form* has been submitted to Council and approved by the Road Authority.

STORMWATER WORKS

11. Stormwater works must include the provision of a stormwater connection from the site into the kerb, in accordance with LGAT Standard Drawing TSD-SW29, to drain the development site.
12. On-site stormwater detention is required to limit the peak rate of piped stormwater from the site into the kerb connection, with the following design requirements:
 - (a) The detention system must: be in accordance with AS3500.3, be designed by a suitably qualified person under the Occupational Licensing Act 2005, and have a maintenance schedule in accordance with the Building Act 2016;
 - (b) The maximum permissible site discharge is to be no more than the equivalent flow from the undeveloped site during the 20% AEP storm. The detention system must be sized to store flows from the developed site up to the 2% AEP storm.
 - (c) The plans, calculations, and engineering drawings are to be submitted to the Stormwater Authority for approval prior to submitting the plumbing permit application. On completion, an “as constructed” plan with levels is to be submitted, complete with a certification that the storage and adjacent floor levels have been constructed in accordance with the approved design.

Permit Notes

- A. This Permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for PA2023172. You should contact Council for advice about any other use of development, as it may require separate approval.
- B. This Permit does not imply any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted.
- C. This Permit takes effect after:
 - (a) the 14-day appeal period expires; or
 - (b) any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or
 - (c) any agreement that is required by this Permit pursuant to Part 5 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or
 - (d) any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
- D. If the applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to S61 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and wishes to commence the use or development for which the Permit has been granted within the 14-day appeal period, the Council must be notified in writing. A copy of the Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.
- E. A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more

information see the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal website www.tascat.tas.gov.au.

- F. This Permit is valid for two (2) years from the date of approval (or any other date under note B. as applicable) and will thereafter lapse if the use or development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted subject to the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* as amended, by a request to Council.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That application PA2023172 be determined as follows:

- (a) The requested variations do not comply with the relevant performance criteria and are not supported;
- (b) Matters raised by the representors have been considered and do not alter the assessment against the Scheme or the recommendation; and
- (c) That the application for Residential – Multiple Dwellings (3 new dwellings), by Malcolm Henry, for land at 21 Beatty Street, Beauty Point, CT 55715/76 be **REFUSED** on the following grounds:
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 - (ii) The proposal does not satisfy Clause 8.4.3 Performance Criteria P2, as the proposed private open space for Units 1 and 3 is inadequate, due to not being conveniently located in relation to the living area and/or not being orientated to take advantage of sunlight; and,
 - (iii) The proposed development cannot be reasonably conditioned to comply with the Performance Criteria or applicable standards.

VOTING

For: Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland and Cr Larner

Against: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

LOST 3/6

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2.20pm

The Chair resumed the meeting at 2.29pm

MOTION

Minute No. 25/90

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That application PA2023172 be approved as it demonstrates compliance with performance criteria demonstrating significant social and community benefit and the private open space in line with previous Council decisions subject to the following conditions:

ENDORSED PLANS

1. The use and development must be substantially in accordance with the following endorsed documents, except where modified below:
 - (a) Endorsed plans by Plans to Build, Dated 17/01/2025. Reference 22018; Excluding A03 alternate site plan.Any other development and/or use, or substantial intensification of the approved use, may require separate assessment and a fresh application should be submitted to Council.

TASWATER

2. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA2023/00703-WTC) attached.

FENCING

3. Any front fencing, on or within 4.5m of the front boundary, must be:
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WINDOW SCREENING

4. Screening must be provided between any habitable room windows on the western facade of the dwellings and the shared internal driveway.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (MAJOR≥250m²)

5. Prior to the commencement of works (including vegetation removal), a construction management plan must be submitted detailing how soil and water is to be managed during the construction process to prevent the escape of soil and sediments beyond site boundaries. This plan must clearly set out the property owner's obligations for erection, inspection and maintenance of all control measures approved. The management plan must include the following:
 - (a) date and author;
 - (b) property boundaries, location of adjoining roads and other public land if any, impervious surfaces, underground services and existing drainage, contours, approximate grades of slope, directions of fall, north point and scale;
 - (c) general soil description;
 - (d) location and types of all existing vegetation, location and amount of proposed ground disturbance, limit of clearing, grading and filling and the proposed location of soil, sand, topsoil and other material stockpiles;
 - (e) critical natural areas such as drainage lines, cliffs, wetlands and unstable ground;
 - (f) location of vegetation to be retained and removed;
 - (g) location of stabilised site access;

- (h) initial and final contours, location of watercourses, surface drainage and existing stormwater infrastructure;
- (i) stormwater discharge point, if proposed;
- (j) location of all proposed temporary drainage control measures;
- (k) construction details;
- (l) location and details of all proposed erosion control measures;
- (m) location and details of all proposed measures to minimize dust generation and emission beyond the site boundaries;
- (n) location and details of all proposed sediment control measures;
- (o) a statement of who is responsible for establishing and maintaining erosion and sediment control measures;
- (p) site rehabilitation or landscaping/revegetation program;
- (q) estimated dates for start and finish of the works including installation sequence of different erosion and sediment controls;
- (r) any information required to address soil, water and dust control measures required to accommodate staging of the proposal; and
- (s) outline of the maintenance program for erosion and sediment controls. This must include weekly inspection as well as before and after every rain event and a reporting schedule to Council.

Works must not commence prior to the approval of the Construction Management Plan by the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate. The approved plan must be implemented with the commencement of works on site and maintained during construction to ensure soil erosion and dust are appropriately managed to reasonably maintain the amenity of adjoining and nearby properties and public land. A copy of the approved Construction Management Plan must be on the site at all times. All on-ground workers must be aware of and understand the plan.

COMMENCED DEVELOPMENT STOP

Where development has commenced on site and then stops for two weeks or more, interim stormwater, erosion and dust control measures must be installed and maintained on site to ensure overland flows do not become a nuisance to adjoining properties or Council's infrastructure until work recommences. The measures must include weekly inspections and reporting to Council as well as before and after every rain event to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate. This may require a revision of the approved Construction Management Plan – any changes must be approved by the Director of Infrastructure and Assets or their delegate.

VISITOR PARKING FOR MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

- 6. Prior to the commencement of the use, the visitor parking on common property must be constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans and clearly delineated for visitor use through signage or other physical means.

STAGED MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

- 7. Where development is to be staged, the following works must be completed prior to sealing of the strata plan:
 - (b) Common property – all common property proposed in the strata plan must be completed, including construction of driveway, parking and access areas, landscaping, mailboxes, bin storage areas and utilities connections;
 - (c) Each strata lot – for developed individual strata lots containing a building, all building works, landscaping, utilities connections, parking and driveways must be completed; and
 - (d) Each strata lot – for vacant individual strata lots or any balance lot for future strata division, access and utilities connections (including provision for future lots within a balance lot) must be completed prior to sealing of the staged strata plan.

VEHICULAR CROSSING

8. Prior to the commencement of the use, the existing site crossover must be removed and replaced with a crossover at least 4.5m wide, for a distance at least 7m from the kerb line on Beatty Street.
9. The new crossover is to be constructed in accordance with Council's current urban driveway standard, TSD-R09. The new crossover is to be positioned so the driveway apron has at least 1m clearance to the existing power pole in the verge.
10. Works in the road reserve shall not commence until a *Driveway Application Form* has been submitted to Council and approved by the Road Authority.

STORMWATER WORKS

11. Stormwater works must include the provision of a stormwater connection from the site into the kerb, in accordance with LGAT Standard Drawing TSD-SW29, to drain the development site.
12. On-site stormwater detention is required to limit the peak rate of piped stormwater from the site into the kerb connection, with the following design requirements:
 - (a) The detention system must: be in accordance with AS3500.3, be designed by a suitably qualified person under the Occupational Licensing Act 2005, and have a maintenance schedule in accordance with the Building Act 2016;
 - (b) The maximum permissible site discharge is to be no more than the equivalent flow from the undeveloped site during the 20% AEP storm. The detention system must be sized to store flows from the developed site up to the 2% AEP storm.
 - (c) The plans, calculations, and engineering drawings are to be submitted to the Stormwater Authority for approval prior to submitting the plumbing permit application. On completion, an "as constructed" plan with levels is to be submitted, complete with a certification that the storage and adjacent floor levels have been constructed in accordance with the approved design.

Permit Notes

- A. This Permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for PA2023172. You should contact Council for advice about any other use of development, as it may require separate approval.
- B. This Permit does not imply any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted.
- C. This Permit takes effect after:
 - (a) the 14-day appeal period expires; or
 - (b) any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or
 - (c) any agreement that is required by this Permit pursuant to Part 5 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or
 - (d) any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.

- D. If the applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to S61 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and wishes to commence the use or development for which the Permit has been granted within the 14-day appeal period, the Council must be notified in writing. A copy of the Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.
- E. A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant. For more information see the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal website www.tascat.tas.gov.au.
- F. This Permit is valid for two (2) years from the date of approval (or any other date under note B. as applicable) and will thereafter lapse if the use or development is not substantially commenced. An extension may be granted subject to the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* as amended, by a request to Council.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

Team Leader - Planning left the meeting at 2.37pm

9 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in July and August

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 13 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 15 July and 5 August 2025.

Minute No. 25/91

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 15 July and 5 August 2025.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Larner

CARRIED 8/1

9.2 CEO 2 - 4th Quarter Performance Report - April to June 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 11 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [9.2.1] Draft 4th Quarter Report - April to June 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the West Tamar Council 4th Quarter Performance Report 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025; and
2. Provides public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

Minute No. 25/92

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Receives the West Tamar Council 4th Quarter Performance Report 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025; and
2. Provides public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

9.3 CEO 3 - Partnership with West Tamar Landcare - Goat Track Upgrade

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 14 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [9.3.1] Detailed proposal for walking track Exeter Council Reserve

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to work in partnership with West Tamar Landcare to upgrade the existing walking trail from Glen Ard Mohr Road through the local reserve to connect the Exeter Gravelly Beach Trail to the West Tamar Highway and the Exeter Township.

Minute No. 25/93

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to work in partnership with West Tamar Landcare to upgrade the existing walking trail from Glen Ard Mohr Road through the local reserve to connect the Exeter Gravelly Beach Trail to the West Tamar Highway and the Exeter Township.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Lerner

CARRIED 8/1

10 GOVERNANCE

10.1 Gov 1 - Councillor Committee Representation

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 11 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorse the following list of committee representatives to serve for the remainder of the term of this Council:

	Positions Available	Councillor Appointed
Council Committees		
Audit Panel	1	Cr Julie Sladden
Advisory Committees		
Youth Advisory Council	1	Cr Joy Allen

Minute No. 25/94

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. endorse the following list of committee representatives to serve for the remainder of the term of this Council:

	Positions Available	Councillor Appointed
Council Committees		
Audit Panel	1	Cr Julie Sladden
Advisory Committees		
Youth Advisory Council	1	Cr Joy Allen

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VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

10.2 Gov 2 - New Policy - Dispute Resolution Policy

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 11 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [10.2.1] W T- HR M 67.00 - Dispute Resolution Policy - August 2025 - DRAFT
2. [10.2.2] W T- HR M 67.00 - Dispute Resolution Policy - August 2025 - DRAFT - Track Changes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Dispute Resolution Policy as presented, effective 19 August 2025;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 67.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of December 2026.

Minute No. 25/95

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Dispute Resolution Policy as presented, effective 19 August 2025;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 67.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of December 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

11 DEVELOPMENT

Nil

12 CORPORATE

12.1 Corp 1 - Capital Budget Carryovers & Amendments August 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Financial Officer - Jason Barker CPA

REPORT DATE: 7 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [12.1.1] Capital Budget Amendments Excluding Carryovers Aug 2025
2. [12.1.2] Proposed Additional Capital Carryovers & Amendments Aug 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council pursuant to section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the 2024/2025 capital carryovers and amendments into the 2025/2026 estimates.

Chief Financial Officer entered the meeting at 3.11pm

Minute No. 25/96

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council pursuant to section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the 2024/2025 capital carryovers and amendments into the 2025/2026 estimates.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

Chief Financial Officer left the meeting at 3.15pm

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Comm 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - July 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye

REPORT DATE: 7 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.1.1] Youth Advisory Council - Minutes - 3 July 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 3 July 2025.

Director Corporate & Community entered the meeting at 3.15pm

Minute No. 25/97

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Larner

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 3 July 2025.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.2 Comm 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - July 2025

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye

Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 8 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.2.1] Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - 21 July 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee held a meeting on 21 July 2025.

Minute No. 25/98

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee held a meeting on 21 July 2025.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.3 Comm 3 - Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye
Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 8 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. holds the West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony (dinner) on Monday 26 January 2026 at the Tailrace Centre in Riverside;
2. sponsors a family fun day at the Riverside Pool on the declared public holiday; and
3. holds a competitive Australia Day community event grant round for events in the municipality

Minute No. 25/99

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. holds the West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony (dinner) on Monday 26 January 2026 at the Tailrace Centre in Riverside;
2. sponsors a family fun day at the Riverside Pool on the declared public holiday; and
3. holds a competitive Australia Day community event grant round for events in the municipality

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.4 Comm 4 - West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards - Nominations and Assessment Process

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye
Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 6 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.4.1] 2025 26 West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards Guidelines Nomination Form

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Seek nominations in the following categories:
 - a. Citizen of the Year
 - b. Young Citizen of the Year
 - c. Community Event of the Year, and
 - d. Community Group of the Year.
2. Endorse an internal Assessment Panel with Council making a final decision at its closed November Ordinary Meeting (option 2). The panel will be formed by the following members:
 - Mayor
 - CEO
 - Team Leader - Community Services
 - Community Development Officer

Minute No. 25/100

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. Seek nominations in the following categories:
 - a. Citizen of the Year
 - b. Young Citizen of the Year

- c. Community Event of the Year, and
 - d. Community Group of the Year.
2. Endorse an internal Assessment Panel with Council making a final decision at its closed November Ordinary Meeting (option 2). The panel will be formed by the following members:
- Mayor
 - CEO
 - Team Leader - Community Services
 - Community Development Officer

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.5 Comm 5 - Youth Mayor Program 2026 Eligibility

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye

REPORT DATE: 6 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.5.1] Youth Mayor Position Description 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Extends the existing Youth Mayor Program to allow a Youth Mayor who is a student in years 7-12 when serving their term (applications are open for students in years 6-11).

Minute No. 25/101

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council endorses option one and reviews the grade range of the Youth Mayor in 2026.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.6 Comm 6 - Community Grant Application - Legana Tennis Club

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye

Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 6 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.6.1] Application - Legana Tennis Club
2. [13.6.2] Matrix Evaluation - Legana Tennis Club

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves the Legana Tennis Club Community Grant Application for the All Access Light Solution Project to the value of \$2,354.00.

Minute No. 25/102

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council:

1. Approves the Legana Tennis Club Community Grant Application for the All Access Light Solution Project to the value of \$2,354.00.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

13.7 Comm 7 - Community Grant Application - Beaconsfield House

REPORT AUTHOR: Team Leader - Community - Elizabeth Nye
Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 6 August 2025

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.7.1] Application - Beaconsfield House
2. [13.7.2] Matrix Evaluation - Beaconsfield House

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves the Beaconsfield House Community Grant Application for the Seniors Day Out Project to the value of \$1,350.00.

Minute No. 25/103

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. Approves the Beaconsfield House Community Grant Application for the Seniors Day Out Project to the value of \$1,350.00.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

Director Corporate & Community left the meeting at 3.51pm

14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

Nil

15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Nil

17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

17.1.1 Cr Manticas - Motion regarding Greens Beach Road and Kellys Lookout Road

MOTION

That Council:

1. **Engages a qualified traffic or road engineer** to prepare a report on the intersection of Green's Beach Road and Kelly's Lookout Road;
2. **Ensures that the report includes an analysis of crash history data**, site conditions, and any other relevant traffic information;
3. **Requests that the report provide recommendations for improved safety measures** that would be reasonable and appropriate given the assessment findings; and
4. **Receives the report at a future Council meeting**, with the findings and recommended actions presented for Council's consideration.

Minute No. 25/104

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council:

1. **Engages a qualified traffic or road engineer** to prepare a report on the intersection of Green's Beach Road and Kelly's Lookout Road;
2. **Ensures that the report includes an analysis of crash history data**, site conditions, and any other relevant traffic information;
3. **Requests that the report provide recommendations for improved safety measures** that would be reasonable and appropriate given the assessment findings; and
4. **Receives the report at a future Council meeting**, with the findings and recommended actions presented for Council's consideration.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

17.2 Motions without Notice

MOTION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That West Tamar Council suspend the inclusion of the Acknowledgement of Country in printed Council Meeting Agendas pending a review and formal decision of Council regarding its inclusion.

Minute No. 25/105

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That the motion be deferred with the intent that this is deferred until the next workshop for discussion during the workshop.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ireland, Cr Lerner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Cr Lyons

Abstained: Cr Ferguson

CARRIED 7/2

Minute No. 25/106

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Mayor Cr Holmdahl

That the West Tamar Council acknowledge and pay respect to our former Councillor and Senator, Mr John Watson, who passed away recently.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larnier, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9/0

18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Cr Manticas

Question 1: Has the Council at any time used ratepayer funds to cover, reimburse, or contribute towards legal or other costs incurred by a councillor in defending a personal Code of Conduct complaint? If so can you provide further details?

Response: *In June 2023 Council received an invoice for an insurance deductible of \$5,500 that was subsequently paid by Council. Council at that time had received legal advice that the Mayor would be covered by Council's insurance policy in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint.*

Question 2: Has the Council at any time provided administrative, research, drafting, or any other form of assistance to a councillor in relation to their defense of a personal Code of Conduct complaint? If so, what assistance was provided and under whose authority?

Response: *Council Officers did provide some administrative assistance to the Mayor in relation to the above Code of Conduct complaint, as was considered appropriate by the previous General Manager.*

Question 3: Does the General Manager acknowledge that section 28ZN of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that all costs associated with a Code of Conduct complaint are to be met by the parties involved and are not to be funded by the Council?

Response: *Section 28ZN requires the complainant in a Code of Conduct complaint, and the councillor against whom the complaint is made, to bear their own costs relating to the investigation and determination of the complaint.*

Question 4: Does the Council have an adopted policy that expressly prohibits the use of ratepayer funds or Council staff resources for the personal benefit of councillors in connection with Code of Conduct complaints? If so, when was it last reviewed? If not, why does such a policy not exist?

Response: *No – The Chief Executive Officer is currently developing a policy that clearly sets out Council Officers' responsibilities in a Code of Conduct complaint that involves a Councillor.*

Question 5: Has the Council ever sought repayment from a sitting councillor for ratepayer funds used in connection with a personal Code of Conduct complaint? If so, please provide the date of such request or resolution, the amount sought, and whether repayment was received in full.

Response: *Yes, a request to repay the insurance deductible of \$5,500 was made on 20 June 2025. As of 14 August 2025, the amount has not been repaid.*

Cr Sladden

Question 1: What clinical safety protocols are implemented during school-based immunisation sessions conducted by Council including

- Verifying consent forms and medical history (such as allergies or previous vaccine reactions);
- Preparing and checking emergency medical equipment (e.g., epinephrine, resuscitation equipment);
- Monitoring recipients for adverse events post-vaccination and responding to any such events.

Response: *Council has engaged Authorised Nurse Immunisers (ANIs) to administer the vaccines. Tasmanian Immunisation Program Guidelines and the Australian Immunisation Handbook are required to be followed in the administering of vaccinations.*

A new electronic vaccination program, Vitavo, has been implemented this year which includes consent processes from a parent or guardian, including pre-screening questions about previous reactions or allergies or relevant medical conditions. The digital platform clearly shows where consent has been given and for which vaccines.

All students are observed for 15 minutes following vaccination for any adverse reactions including anaphylaxis. An anaphylaxis kit is taken to each vaccination session and there are specific protocols if an anaphylaxis reaction occurs under the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

The ANIs and Council staff that attend a schools-based immunisation program have current First Aid Training in resuscitation.

Question 2: Which clinical standards, guidelines, or legal authorisations govern the delivery of immunisations in school settings under Council's jurisdiction? For example, are there requirements for the immuniser to be authorised under Tasmanian regulations, trained in paediatric CPR, and registered with AHPRA?

Response: *The Department of Health authorises nurse immunisers. To gain authorisation as an ANI the following documentation is required and must be submitted with the initial authorisation application:*

- *APHRA Registration Certificate.*
- *A certificate of competence in paediatric and adult CPR as per [Australian Resuscitation Council \(ARC\) guidelines](#) attended in the last 12 months.*
- *A certificate of completion from a HESA accredited immunisation training program, undertaken within the last three (3) years. If longer than three years, the applicant must have recently been practicing as an Authorised Immuniser*

in another State administering vaccines, under the National Immunisation Program, to all age groups (infants, children and adults).

- [A Skills Assessment Record – Clinical practicum](#) with evidence of ten (10) individual vaccination encounters if a practicum was not included as part of the immunisation training program completed.

An annual authorisation process also applies.

Question 3:

Where can the community find more detailed information on these practices - such as publicly available policies, guidelines, or procedural documents?

Response:

There are a number of relevant standards and guidelines for the delivery of school-based immunisation programs which are available publicly on the internet including:

Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015 (Registered 7 October 2021)

National Health Act 1953

Archives Act 1983

Personal Information Protection Act 2004

Poisons Act 1971

Public Health Act 1997

Registration to work with Vulnerable People Act 2013

Right to Information Act 2009

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Poisons Regulations 2018

Director of Public Health Program Approval (annual)

DoH Guidelines for Providers Employing Nurse Immunisers in Vaccination Programs (Current edition)

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (Registration Standards and Professional Codes and Guidelines)

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

National Guidelines: Australian Immunisation Handbook

National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for Five

Tasmanian Guidelines: Tasmanian Immunisation Program Guidelines for authorised nurse and midwife immuniser

National and State Immunisation Program Schedules

Question 4:

In March the Council passed a motion that the Chief Executive Officer:

1. write to the Minister for Transport requesting a review of both the classification of the road from rural to urban, and a commensurate reduction in the speed limit of the West Tamar Highway to 80 km/h between Riverside and the Acropolis Drive roundabout; and
2. write to the Minister for Infrastructure requesting a smoother asphalt road seal be applied to the South bound 2 km section of the West Tamar highway, from Acropolis Drive to the Tamar Wetlands entrance.

Could you please provide any formal response received from the State Government as a result of this correspondence.

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Response: The following responses were received from the Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure in May and provided to Councillors at the time:

Ms Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer
West Tamar Council
Email: kristen.desmond@wtc.tas.gov.au

09 MAY 2025

Dear Ms Desmond *Kristen,*

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2025 regarding a reduction in speed limit for the West Tamar Highway between Riverside and Legana.

The Department of State Growth has advised me that a speed review for the West Tamar Highway between Legana and Riverside was a recommendation of the West Tamar Highway Corridor Strategy (Launceston to Beauty Point). As a result, in 2024 the traffic engineering team performed a review of the current speed limit and, considering multiple factors, which are laid out below, the Department decided not to recommend a speed limit reduction to the Commissioner of Transport.

The Department has advised me that they have received a large amount of correspondence from the community with the vast majority being against a speed reduction in this area.

The three-kilometre section of road between Acropolis Drive, Legana and Cormiston Road, Riverside is quite flat and relatively straight. There are no curves that cannot be traversed at the posted speed. This means that sight lines are clear for properties that have direct access to the highway. Regarding direct access there are relatively less direct property accesses compared to other sections of the highway, with residences and businesses located further back from the roadway. There are also no facilities on the eastern side of the highway through this section, which results in fewer pedestrians crossing. While cycling groups often use this section of road, overall, the level of use by vulnerable road users is low.

There are also multiple safety features already in place through this section of highway, including a central median with a safety barrier to separate the four lanes of traffic, marked turning lanes to keep vehicles clear of other traffic when turning off the highway, and a good road surface due to being resealed in 2022. The Department has informed me that this resurfacing work was completed to reduce the noise levels following noise assessment tests and feedback from residents. Further, the Minister for Infrastructure has advised that this was a 7mm sprayed seal, rather than the 14mm aggregate referred to in your letter. This seal performs similarly to dense asphalt surfacing in terms of reducing noise. Switching from the 7mm seal to the dense asphalt will only improve the noise variation by two decibels, which is not usually discernible to human ears. If this section was to be replaced with dense asphalt surfacing, there would be no other performance benefits and the cost of the works would be very high.

The Department has advised me that the work and measures outlined above have resulted in only eight crashes over the last five years that resulted in injuries, none of which were serious. The total of reported total crashes for this stretch of highway over five years is 34, with the majority resulting only in property damage. For a road with traffic volumes of the West Tamar Highway, this number is very low.

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Regarding the classification of the road, the Department has advised there is no classification system for specifically designating roads as rural or urban on the State Road Network. The terms rural and urban are often used when describing a road to highlight the environment it is passing through. The classification of rural or urban would not factor into the department's recommendation regarding whether to reduce a road's speed limit.

While the findings from the Department's assessment of this section of the West Tamar Highway do not support your requested changes at this time, it is important to understand that speed limits are regularly reviewed as road conditions and circumstances change. I trust this information clarifies the situation at this time.

Yours sincerely



Eric Abetz MP
Minister for Transport

cc Kerry Vincent MP, Minister for Infrastructure

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Ms Kristen Desmond
CEO, West Tamar Council

6 MAY 2025

kristen.desmond@wtc.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Desmond

I write in response to your letter in relation to the Council's motion on the West Tamar Highway, Riverside to Acropolis Drive, Legana.

I am aware of the concerns raised by the West Tamar Liveability Group with all levels of Government and while I will not comment on the speed limit component of the Council's resolution, I am pleased to respond to your Council's request for an asphalt seal on this part of the Highway.

Resurfacing work was completed in this area in December 2022 to reduce the noise levels following noise assessment tests and feedback from residents. This was a 7mm sprayed seal, rather than the 14mm aggregate referred to in your letter. This seal performs similarly to dense asphalt surfacing in terms of reducing noise. Switching from the 7mm seal to the dense graded asphalt will only improve the noise variation by two decibels, which is not usually discernible to human ears. If this section was to be replaced with dense asphalt surfacing there would be no other safety or performance benefits and the cost of the works would be very high.

I understand from your letter you will write to the Minister for Transport in relation to the classification of the road from rural to urban. There is no classification system for specifically designating roads as rural or urban on the State road network. The terms rural and urban are often used when describing a road to highlight the environment it is passing through. In Tasmania, the default speed limit through areas described as rural is 100 km/h. However, this does not mean a 100km/h speed limit is only used in rural areas, or a road with a 100 km/h speed limit is classified as a rural road. Rural roads generally have minimal direct accesses and houses are usually set back some distance from the edge of the road. The West Tamar Highway between Acropolis Drive and Cormiston Road fits this description, with most properties being set back from the Highway and are accessible by other roads that intersect with the Highway.

In light of the information above and given the need to prioritise the allocation of limited public funds to the State road system, I do not intend to request the Department replace this section of the West Tamar Highway with asphalt.

Yours sincerely



Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure

Question 5: *[Referring to Questions on Notice printed in May 2025 Agenda relating to Herbicide use and a No Spray Register] I request the answers to these questions be made publicly available.*

Response: *The questions were answered in a confidential Workshop Report to Councillors printed in their agenda for the June Pre-Meeting Workshop. The responses are now reproduced below:*

Can the General Manager provide a report outlining:

1. The types of herbicides currently used by Council (including glyphosate), and the frequency, volume, and typical locations of application in public spaces;

It is paramount that all effective and safe weed management options are available for Council's land management operations to avoid environmental damage, loss of biodiversity and loss of community assets and amenity. Council operates a seasonal weed spraying program to control weeds in our public spaces, recreation areas and streets.

The timing of treatment is considered carefully, dependent on the particular area to be sprayed and during times of minimal or no contact with members of the community. Council takes advantage of still weather conditions and less busy times of the day to undertake spraying which means the community may occasionally see operations being undertaken at night or in the early hours of the morning.

For our sports fields, Council uses two types of selective herbicide (Dicamba M and Contra M Duo) for eradication of broad leaf weeds. There are typically two (2) applications per year at a rate of 6.5 litres per hectare. Over a 12-month period Council would use approximately 130 litres of these selective herbicides across the municipality. Signage is erected at our sports field during spraying operations and grounds closed for use as appropriate for the withholding period of the product applied.

The community may often see spraying operations in progress at our sports fields, but this is predominantly for the application of liquid fertilisers. These are applied every 4 to 6 weeks depending on the needs of the ground. Organic soil and plant enhancing fertilisers used such as Seasol and MP Roots do not require any withholding time and are safe for public to go onto the surface immediately after spraying. Signage is erected during spraying operations.

For the spraying of roadside vegetation, Council and its contractors are only using those glyphosate products that are registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and are applied by trained competent staff in accordance with label instructions, which complies with the Tasmanian Government Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places. This activity is seasonal and includes spot spraying in kerbs, footpaths and parklands (low quantity) as well as mobile spraying of road shoulders to maintain road safety and protect our infrastructure. Council's contractor uses approximately 500 litres per annum of glyphosate product within the municipality.

2. The current safety procedures in place for Council staff applying herbicides, including use of personal protective equipment, training requirements, and risk management processes including whether glyphosate is on the WH&S risk register;

A number of our operations staff have undertaken training in use of chemicals to obtain a ChemCERT accreditation. The SDS (safety data sheet) for each chemical used by our teams outlines the PPE (personal protective equipment) that must be used when handling, mixing and applying. This may include respirators, gloves and disposable overalls. When applying herbicide from a tractor mounted spray unit officers may not use a respirator as the cab of the tractor is fitted with special filters. The use of PPE will come down to the specific chemical being used and how it is applied.

Council has SOPs (safe operating procedures) in place to guide officers in the use of chemicals, and our Take 5 safety process also provides the opportunity for officers to review and identify hazards on their jobs on a daily basis or as their workflow may change during the day.

Our Hazard/Risk register for the Parks team does not include glyphosate specifically, however refers to weed infestations as the hazard needing management.

3. How the public is currently notified of herbicide spraying, and whether Council has considered the implementation of mandatory signage or other public notifications before or after spraying;

In line with the Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places, where practicable, the spray supervisor will inform the public of the planned spray operations through the use of signage or other suitable means available.

Council's commercial operator, who holds a commercial operator licence and valid certificate of competency, displays signage on the front and back of the spray vehicle to alert road users and the public of the activity in progress. A contact phone number is also displayed should the public wish to enquire about the spray operation. Spraying will be stopped if a member of the public, or other third party, approaches the area being sprayed.

4. Whether Council has explored, or would consider, the development of a formal "No Spray Register" to allow residents to opt out of herbicide application near their property, and whether Council is investigating alternatives to glyphosate-based herbicides in response to health and environmental concerns.

Council is progressing a formal "No Spray Register" to be compliant with the Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places. Property owners who request that Council desist from spraying public land in front of their properties must prepare a proposed pest control plan detailing how they intend to control the problem themselves. The plan must be approved by Council and be carried out in a timely manner. If the issue is not dealt with satisfactory, the Council may resume responsibility for the maintenance of the land using chemical products if necessary.

Council officers review global advice on chemical treatments with the most recent advice from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). APVMA is responsible for regulating these chemicals in Australia and is globally renowned for its comprehensive, rigorous, science and evidence-based assessments and has concluded that glyphosate products are safe to use provided they are used in accordance with the label instructions.

In 2016 APVMA comprehensively reviewed the International Agency for Research on Cancer report and found no grounds for glyphosate approved uses to be reassessed.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency reaffirmed the safety of glyphosate finding it is not a carcinogen. Their Glyphosate Proposed Interim Decision found there are no risks to public health when glyphosate is used in accordance with its current label.

We are constantly reviewing alternative methods to reduce or eliminate the need of chemicals as well as routinely reviewing our programs to ensure they are meeting contemporary community expectations.

18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

Cr Larner left the meeting at 4.13pm

Cr Ireland left the meeting at 4.14pm

Cr Ireland entered the meeting at 4.16pm

Cr Allen

Question 1: Looks like the basketball ring has been built at the RSL park, and I thought the position was a bit strange right beside where the parents sit under the shade shelter with the basketball court right beside it?

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) There were a number of consultations that occurred with young people and others, including our staff, and that was deemed the most appropriate place.*

Question 2: I went to park at the back of the library the other day and noted that you can't get round off Biloo St, it's all blocked off. The idea was that people could park around there and come out near the library, but Council has blocked the entrance into the back of the library from Biloo St.

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) I'll take that one on notice, Cr Allen.*

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Statement: Just to thank Council for their support in the election for Deputy Mayor, and for Joy and Geoff for nominating as well.

Cr Ferguson

Question 1: One for infrastructure, I just had a query from YAC regarding Forest Rd, whether there were any plans for a roundabout at West Tamar Highway and Forest Rd, and at the other end, if there's any plans on that intersection at Salt, how that's being planned for in the future.

Response: *(From the Chair) That particular issue, the only place where I've seen it come up as a matter is when State Growth initially announced the proposal for a bridge across the Tamar, and there were three options in it, and one of them was coming down Forest Rd and there would be a light there and the idea was that you'd come down and go straight over to the other side, that's the only time I've ever heard of that being mentioned as a possibility.*

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) We'll take it on notice.*

Question 2: They asked about the bus stops, the designation for funds, and wondered whether the wetlands area, one of the students asked if there were any plans for a bus stop and shelter being put there with the funds that we were potentially applying for with the State Government. In previous years we had grants, I don't know if you had a schedule of where we were going to be sponsoring or getting grant money for bus stops.

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) We'll take that one on notice as well.*

Cr Lyons

Question 1: In terms of Forest Rd and also Barnes Hill, I think somehow State Growth got to us that they don't need to buy land. We raised the question of how much land they needed and they should be buying houses, if you're going to have a roundabout at Forest Rd, and a two-lane highway, if you're trying to turn north and come up the road it's going to be very difficult. I still think we should be pushing the State Government to do something about Barnes Hill potential link with Forest Rd, but we should continue to ask for Barnes Hill to be fixed.

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) We'll come back to you.*

Mayor Cr Holmdahl

Question 1: While we're talking about road safety issues, can we have an update about Exeter, what is the latest situation?

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) We have published the response from the Department of State Growth in the next section of the agenda in responses to previous questions on notice, on page 256 of your agendas, which is the last one that we've received, and essentially it's while they're in caretaker they won't be saying anything.*

Cr Manticas

Question 1: I've raised it informally but I think that it's good to get a more formal response. There's been a number of people now that have contacted me in regards to geese at Legana, and the droppings, and so rather than ask a specific question if the Council could be indulging to me and just provide an update of what we've been able to ascertain?

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) Apologies, Cr Manticas, I did have an answer but I haven't been able to send it out to all Councillors yet. In relation to those geese, initially the question was that whoever owns them needs to pen them up. They are wild geese that have lived in the orchards, and continue to live and breed in the orchards, so it's not that someone has to take control of housing them because the orchards is their home. What we're looking at is what maintenance solutions we may be able to do in terms of additional cleaning and upkeep of footpaths. In terms of what we do with them, and I've seen commentary by the community as well on a range of things. If you capture them and take them away, they're just going to come back. It's about how do we get a growing urban area to live somewhat harmoniously with geese that have been living there as well, but we'll continue to provide some updates. It's not an easy one because it's not about getting any one person to take responsibility for animals they own, because they are wild geese that were there before the houses were built.*

Question 2: My other question relates to our youth programs that we administer as a Council. A community member has said we do really well in the space of catering to 10 – 17 year

olds, but would like to have more information about what's available for those aged 0 – 10, and those aged 18 – 25.

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) I will take that on notice and come back to you with an answer, bearing in mind that Council does not provide childcare, so those types of services there won't be significant numbers for the 0 – 5 age category but we will come back with what services we do offer.*

Question 3: Especially from Greens Beach to Beaconsfield, I notice white spray paint on the edges of the bitumen, occasionally a pothole is marked with a bit of white paint, somebody raised the issue with me and naturally I just said well it's pretty clear they've been identified, it shouldn't be too long until someone comes and does something. To get absolute clarity, can we highlight the process that we take from identification to then scheduling, and how we actually look after it just in case I've given the wrong information?

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) There's a number of things happening with our Operations Manager who is scheduling this work, we can come back to Council and take you through the process.*

Cr Sladden

Statement: I just wanted to provide comment on the Cape Barren geese, I'm pretty sure back in the 1970s and 80s, I'm pretty sure it was classified as endangered, I have a stamp somewhere attesting to that, so it's amazing the wonder of nature when you allow it to do its thing. Now it looks like the Cape Barren geese have recovered to abundance.

Question 1: I was speaking to a member of the gallery earlier today and it reminded me about the Live Streaming, I was just wondering if we can have an update on where we are with that please.

Response: *(From the CEO through the Chair) You certainly can. You may well see around you the blue tape on the floors, that is getting ready for the work that needs to occur. Live Streaming, if everything goes to plan, should occur at the September meeting,*

18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

Cr Allen

Question 1: I've been asked by a ratepayer, Mr. Robert Long, who could not attend today to bring this up. Robert lives on the corner of Kelly's Lookout Rd and Greens Beach Rd in Beaconsfield. There have been 8 accidents there since Christmas and it appears that cars are coming up Kellys Lookout Rd and are not giving way to those coming along Greens Beach Rd. I have spoken to our engineer (Director Community Assets) about this and he will follow it up but I just wanted it on record that it needs addressing at that intersection.

Response: *A traffic engineering consultant has been engaged by Council and a review of the intersection undertaken to discuss options for improvement. Preliminary findings have been presented to Council Workshop and officers will proceed to finalise a scope of work statement and cost estimate for the recommended treatment, which includes pavement surface improvement and installation of islands.*

Cr Shegog

Question 1: Last meeting I brought up about Legana, near the cricket ground, there's a boggy area there where Hangry As are parking their van. I've just sent Councillors and officers a picture, it's still like a big mud patch, I'm just wondering if (Director Community Assets) could organise a works truck to dump a load of blue metal. I know we have long-term plans but that's not going to happen in the next month or so.

Response: *Additional rock material has been placed in low spots in vicinity of where the food van is parking next to the Legana Cricket Ground. Officers are assessing options to install a connection point for food vans at the back of the footpath on the eastern side of Tatana Way.*

Mayor Holmdahl

Question 1: We spent quite a bit of money creating a little plaza in that part of Legana, I have never seen anybody using it. Is there any reason why food trucks couldn't park there where there's seating and some nice landscaping, is there any reason why that couldn't happen?

Response: *Council officers will undertake an assessment of alternate areas having regard to safety, availability of infrastructure, and other relevant considerations to inform potential updates to the list of permitted locations defined in Council's Mobile Food Vendor Policy and prepare a report for a future Council Workshop.*

Mayor Holmdahl

"Excerpt from June 2025 Minutes

Question 1: *Now that I live in Exeter, and I bump into the local residents, the biggest concern that they have is the very, very poor process that the State Growth Department's undertaking to deal with traffic in Exeter, and every second person I come across complains about the process itself, about the ideas that State Growth is planning to implement and have asked can we please let the government know that they're not happy?*

Response: *(From the CEO through the chair) At this stage, we've received nothing from the Department of State Growth in terms of the next phases of progress around traffic management in Exeter proper, so what we can do is we could write to State Growth to receive an update on where they're up to and whether there's been any changes to the plans. At this stage, given community consultation, as I understand it, didn't close very long ago, we haven't actually seen what impact, if any, that's had so I would suggest writing to State Growth asking for an update in this instance, I don't think it's worth writing to the Minister given we're in caretaker mode, so we're happy to reach out to the Department and see where it's up to and we can provide a briefing at next workshop for you.*

Statement: *I would agree with that as long as the response can be circulated to the community because they're the ones that are asking for the answers.*

Response: *(From the CEO through the chair) Happy to take it on notice and then it will be printed in next month's agenda."*

Response reproduced below:

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Mr Dino De Paoli
Director Community Assets
West Tamar Council
wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr De Paoli

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2025 regarding the Exeter Pedestrian Crossing project.
I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

This project is currently in the concept design phase and the first round of public consultation ran from mid-March 2025 until June 2025. During this time, we considered all feedback and have incorporated changes to the design where possible.

The Tasmanian Government has entered caretaker mode until the outcome of the State Election on 19 July 2025 is known. As such, we paused further planned public consultation and stakeholder engagement that was scheduled to occur during June and July 2025. The aim of this second round of consultation was to share the revised concept design with the community and demonstrate how the feedback received in initial consultation has been incorporated into the design.

We value Council's ongoing feedback and intend to meet with Council once we have briefed the incoming government on progress with the project. The project team expects to be in contact in early August 2025 to arrange a meeting to discuss the revised concept design, next steps for the project and any further queries or concerns.

We are also happy to meet with the Ageing Committee who have sent through a separate request to meet and discuss the project.

We are currently reviewing the speed limit through the township and will provide an update on this when the project team next meet with you. I note that any changes to speed limits on the State Road Network need to be approved by the Commissioner for Transport after a supported application by us as the road owner if we determine that a reduced speed limit is appropriate. It is worth noting that we need to balance the needs of both local road users and through traffic on this section of Category 2 are 3 State Road through Exeter, so until the speed limit review is complete I am not in a position to advise of the outcome, and it may also depend on the pedestrian design option adopted.

Please note that Simon Reading, who you've previously engaged with, is currently on extended leave and our Project Manager is now Ben Lehner, who can be contacted by email at Ben.Lehner@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or telephone on (03) 6165 5183 for more information.

Yours sincerely



Elspeth Moroni
A/General Manager, State Roads

18 July 2025

19 INTO CLOSED MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That, pursuant to Section 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at ...pm to discuss the following items:

Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Closed Meeting held 15 July 2025

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Section 40(6). At the next closed meeting, the minutes of a closed meeting, after any necessary correction, are to be confirmed as the true record by the council or council committee and signed by the chairperson of the closed meeting.

Minute No. 25/107

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Allen

That, pursuant to Section 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at 4.26 pm to discuss the following items:

Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Closed Meeting held 15 July 2025

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Section 40(6). At the next closed meeting, the minutes of a closed meeting, after any necessary correction, are to be confirmed as the true record by the council or council committee and signed by the chairperson of the closed meeting.

VOTING

For: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Lyons, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

That Council:

1. Moves out of Closed Meeting at 4.40pm; and
2. endorses those decisions made while in Closed Meeting; and
3. the information remains Confidential unless authorised to be released at the Chief Executive Officer's discretion

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.41pm.