



MINUTES

Tuesday 19 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We start today's meeting by acknowledging and paying respects to the *leterremairrener* 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

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1 PRESENT

1.1 Present

Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl
Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog
Cr Joy Allen
Cr Lynden Ferguson
Cr Richard Ireland
Cr Caroline Lerner
Cr Geoff Lyons
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
Manager Communications & Engagement	Simon Tennant
Personal Assistant to the CEO and Mayor	Kathryn Prince

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of absence: Cr Josh Manticas

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 21 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 21 April 2026 numbered 26/59 to 26/77 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute No. 26/78

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Larner

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 21 April 2026 numbered 26/59 to 26/77 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 Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

Perceived Interest - Cr Ferguson - Item 8.4 Submission - State Service Employee (Health) - leaving the room

Perceived Interest - Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog - Item 8.4 Submission - Connection with Department of Health - leaving the room

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at: 1.34pm

Concluded at: 2.10pm

Kate McIvor, Gravelly Beach

Statement: Fire hydrants. Marking of fire hydrants. I posed a question to this council in person on the 21st of January 2025. I was answered via an email in the requisite timing on the 31st of January 2025 that council stated: *"recognises the importance of these markers and has refined its process to ensure that the appropriate reinstatement has been completed."*

However, Loop Road hydrants are still not marked after roadworks two to three years ago. I spoke to Liam Cox, he is the Glengarry Fire Brigade Chief. He apparently sent a report through to TasWater and West Tamar Council on the 15th of May 2025. It was promised to be done on the 19th of May. It was not.

Liam Cox rang TasWater and West Tamar Council five to six months ago. From what I can gather, with Liam telling me, Long Plains Road has just been resealed, but no fire hydrant markers. Liam rang Robert Henderson, who is a volunteer in the Gravelly Beach Fire Brigade. He rang him regarding this in mid-March this year. So with that, they've still not been done.

I noticed that Gravelly Beach shop fire hydrant is also not marked after the roadworks. Now, the 10th of March 2026, this was promised to be done by TasWater.

Whose responsibility is the line marking of fire hydrants? From what I can gather now, it is West Tamar Council, as TasWater has relinquished that responsibility.

If West Tamar Council have it written in each work contract, why is each job then signed off as completed without the fire hydrant yellow markers with the blue cat's eyes close by placed and actioned? I counted one fire hydrant visible to my eye driving from my place at 398 Gravelly Beach Road to Exeter. One. The blue cat's eyes are either smashed off or gone completely. I see half of markers.

This is a safety hazard. A real safety hazard. And Liam has been—his email is reading like a transaction list, back and forth to TasWater to try to get something done. And all the time, apparently, since I was notified in an email which I have that it was not completed and never has been completed.

Question 1: I'd like to know whose responsibility it is, and why it hasn't been done, and if it has, why are jobs signed off when the fire hydrant markers are not painted on again?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *Katie, there's a lot of questions in there, so some of them I may take on notice in relation to Loop Road and Long Plains Road. I'll give you a general answer, but we'll come back if that's okay.*

In general, you did raise this question in '25, and so we've had a look at our contracts because prior to this financial year, TasWater were doing the hydrant marking. So it wasn't part of our contracts for us to do the hydrant marking. We would tell them where the reseals were occurring and they would go back and do that.

We've now, in the '25/'26 resealing process where it's been a reseal, we have got hydrant marking as part of our contract requirements. So that happens this financial year, and that's only for resealing.

So where, for example, Long Plains Road, if that happened two to three years ago, that would have been TasWater's responsibility. It's not so much that they've relinquished it, but we've taken responsibility for it in this financial year.

So in terms of those roads, I'll go back and answer those questions specifically, but the impact of your question in January '25 was for us to change how we actually contract those reseals, so that in '25/'26 our contractors are responsible for the hydrants. Before then, it is TasWater and we are actively working with them to try and get this sorted. I have been told that there is a TasWater project, I think, around auditing all of the markings across the state, so any of these will make sure are included through that process so that it can be closed off. So in part some of it is Council because we've taken it on, some of it is TasWater and should have been done, so we will chase them up in that instance as well.

Josephine Ford, Legana

Question 1: What I want to ask the Council is, why have I been charged for a waste disposal bin that I have not had for years? And which I actually returned to Council some years ago when they dropped it off again. I actually took it down to Council chambers and I actually put a note on the bin informing Council that I did not want this bin anymore as I have never used it.

I don't have waste, food waste. I have a compost, which—I am a vegetarian. And whatever waste, food waste I might have at different times, very rarely, I give it to my friend who has chooks.

But Council, for some reason or another, have continued, even though they know that I do not have the bin, they have continued to charge me, a pensioner I will stress, for a bin that I do not have, do not require. And I think Madam Mayor, I think when I brought it up quite some time ago, you told me that it was Council's policy for me to have a bin. Now, what has happened to my right as a person to have choice? What has happened to freedom of choice? I chose not to have the bin because I have no use for it. So as I said, why have I been forced, and I say forced, to pay for a bin that I haven't had for years?

Response: *Thank you for your question. There are quite a lot of issues in that question, so we will take it on notice.*

Vince Zupan, Legana

Statement: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors, staff, gallery. I don't do this very often, but I just want to speak in regard to the proposed childcare Centre at 2 Faye Court in Legana.

Now, where do I start? I looked at the planning application that I got off the West Council website. And throughout the report, there were many inconsistencies. On the front page, the development said that it had 10 parking spaces plus a disability spot. Then in another diagram in the report, it showed 12 parking spots. And then that was in the Pitt & Sherry report.

The Prime Design report showed six. But reading the Pitt & Sherry report, it also showed in the beginning of the report that there were five spots and one disability spot, and no staff parking. But a few pages later, it had one parking spot for six staff... six parking spots, plus one parking spot for every six attendees. So they are expecting 36, so that's six. So that showed 12. So we had 11, 6, and 12 in the same report. I don't know if I'm missing something there.

I grew up in Trevallyn, I went to school in Riverside High School, I lived in West Riverside. I've been living in Penguin for 11 years. And as we speak, I'm building a house at Brigalow Street. That will be our new home. I was looking for a nice quiet residential area. Everything was going fine, and then I see the development for the childcare centre at 2 Faye Court.

Now looking at the report I did measurements on it, and the wall is about 5 meters back from the footpath. And from the bottom of that to the top of the building is 6.3 meters. I just think the size of this building it's almost like a penitentiary.

But for a block that's 1,024 square meters, to put on this childcare centre, and you've got to have so much playground as well per number of kids. The actual parking spot is only six... five plus a disability spot. Yes, kids are going to be dropped off and picked up during the day at different times. But there's only enough room for one car to come in at each time. So if you're, if the staff, they're going to have to park somewhere, and people usually park as close as they can to work.

Brigalow Street and Faye Court are going to become really unsafe. Because if two cars park on either side, it becomes a one-lane road. So if people are pulling off into Brigalow to go into Faye Court to turn in, they won't even know if there's any free spots in there because you can't see it from the road. So if somebody's coming out, and they're coming in, well, what's going to happen? Somebody's either going to have to reverse back into the last free spot, or the other car on the road will have to reverse back. I just think that's very unsafe.

Also in the report, they show that they're having up to 36 children from pretty much ages zero up to five. And they said that they're going to have a staff... five... they're going to have five carers for up to 36 children. Now I looked at the legislation in Tasmania, and on the figure shown there, you're probably looking at eight staff. Because people will go to lunch, people will go to the toilet, or whatever. And also there's got to be people at the drop-off point for the parents to drop their kids off. So their having five staff for 36 is just not going to work. They do mention that the

counter staff person can be used to fill in, but that's still going to take it to six, but there's still meant to be eight.

Just before I got here, I went to Goodstart Early Learning Centre up in Techno Park. Now my children went there years ago. Now when I went there today, just an hour before I got here, they've got 120 kids there. But when they've got 120 kids, they've got 40 staff. So yes, the five staff is just unrealistic. This place has been running for 20 years, my kids went there, so that was all good.

Lastly, it's just the size. You've got a two-meter retaining wall, 1.8-meter fence, another 1.4-meter building, plus the roof, plus air conditioning. 6.7 meters. It's just in the wrong spot. Great business, wrong spot.

Response: *Thank you very much, and this matter will be assessed by our planners and it will come to the June Council meeting. Thank you.*

Graeme Hay, Beauty Point

Question 1: My first question is - I like to quote Oscar Wilde - "*once may be a misfortune, but twice begins to look like carelessness.*"

As we're not allowed to comment about the negative performance of West Tamar Council and their staff, maybe I'll leave it up to the Councillors and the staff to comment on, in the space of two days, two West Tamar Council vehicles were filled up with the wrong type of fuel. Who pays for that?

Response: *Is that your question, Mr. Hay? I'll take it on notice.*

Question 2: My second question might find rather strange. It's actually a comment, a compliment to Miss Allen and the Mayor. Who showed some empathy to a member of the public... [redacted from the audio in accordance with Regulation 43(8)(b) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures (Regulations) 2025].

And it was by the good fortune of the Mayor and Joy Allen who somehow managed to find accommodation for her. In fact, I'm informed that they went well beyond that and making an offer which she was very grateful for. Could the two Councillors explain to us lowlife and the general public and ratepayers, how you managed to organise in very short time appropriate accommodation for this lovely lady?

Response: *I will take that question on notice as well, Mr. Hay.*

Question 3: As you know I'm regularly banned from attending the Council. On claims that my questions are a psychosocial hazard to the Councillors and the staff.

Regardless, these questions that I ask, they're part of a democracy and free speech in communications. To continue use of the Work Safe Act by the General Manager to gag and ban attendance at public meetings, when the opinion of a very large number of people who have viewed the video recordings of the questions and rate them as fair and equitable, and reasonable questions under the circumstances.

Does the General Manager understand the claims of psychosocial damage? She is trivialising these claims and rejecting me from public meetings. In fact, to be absolutely precise because the tone and the style of my questions... and using the Act in such a trivial manner, does the General Manager hold the view that she actually is reducing the intent of the Act to deal with serious matters of abuse and psychosocial hazards in the workplace?

Response: *Mr. Hay, you should be directing your questions to me. I will take that question on notice as well and you will be responded to in the required time period.*

Frank Piscioneri, Legana

Statement: I totally support Vince what he's done here, but there is one area that hasn't been highlighted, and that is I'm actually the next-door neighbor to this new bit of infrastructure. And being in business most of my life and I'm certainly not one to object to development or progress, but I think that the parties concerned all need to be satisfied with what the construction's going to consist of.

And on that northeastern/western elevation of this new structure, is three meters from the boundary. And I've got a two-meter block wall and then a 1.8-meter colorbond fence, which is 3.8 meters right on my boundary and it sort of goes back with the elevation. But that blocks out 40% of my view, all the morning sun, and darkens between the two buildings and my place. And I would not have bought that block had I known that there was going to be a development of that size on my boundary all the way up to the full block.

And looking at the people that were involved with PDA, I know that she had a lot to do with the development of this proposal that was put forward by Pitt & Sherry. Um that they were the company that done all the surveying prior to the subdivision, so they were fully aware of what was happening all the way through this process obviously because they're part of this proposal that's been put forward.

So, and obviously so was TasLand. And TasLand never identified to me when I purchased that block, I tried to get that corner block and they wouldn't give it to me, but they never said why. And now I'm going to have this structure, 3.8 meters high on my boundary which is only going to be three meters from my house to that wall, all the way up that side, and I'm very concerned about the winter months and the darkness and not having access by any light whatsoever except in the middle of the day.

And I've been dealing with the people that are building it, and they never gave me any indication whatsoever what they were planning to do. So I think that I would like to, if the Council would even have a look at it, if they can redesign the fence. If this proposal goes ahead, then even if they change it to like a wrought iron structured fence so that it could still let a bit of light in and the sun in.

Response: *Well, what will happen Mr. Piscioneri, is that the application has been made to Council. It will be considered by the planning scheme. If there are any areas where that application doesn't comply, uh that will also be addressed by the planner. And it will come to Council for final decision.*

Paul Whiddon, Legana

Question 1: If we come next meeting to speak at the next meeting, about this Faye Court development, does that mean it's already gone through or do we need to speak now?

Response: *No, you, you certainly need to speak, but when the agenda comes out in June, there will be the recommendation of the planner to Council for that development application. Now, if I don't know what that recommendation is going to be because it hasn't been fully assessed yet.*

But you certainly may come in and speak to that particular agenda item next month. Or now. But once the recommendation is made, then it's up to Council to determine whether they accept that recommendation.

Statement: Okay, on Pitt & Sherry's report, they state the visual concern, turning into Faye Court westward bound, does not comply to the Australian Standard. They already state that now.

So that's one point. The other point is about this fence that's going up, that's not there now. Four-meter high fence, if you're coming out of Faye Court, you can't see the cars coming on your left, down the street. It's a T-junction, you have to give way. That's an issue.

Noise issue. They've stated that the air conditioners mounted on the roof, 40% of the noise will be dropped by ground absorption. 60% will be dropped by the ground absorption, 40% of the remainder will be by the fence. I can't see how they got that issue when the air conditioners are mounted on the roof above the height of the fence. Now if that's not taken into consideration by the Council now, then they're going to approve it for next meeting.

Response: *If you do have those sorts of technical concerns that you'd like to bring to Council, you can either put them in writing or you can come into the Council chambers and request to speak with one of our planners to ask for an answer to the questions that you may have.*

Question 2: I've done both, but I've got a letter back saying that they've received it. Does that then go to the Planning Commission prior to the approval?

Response: *No, the planning application is made to Council, it's assessed by our planners, and if it complies with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, the recommendation would be to pass it. If it doesn't comply, we would be recommended not to pass it.*

Question 3: But all the information that I have sent, and others have sent on technical issues regarding this application, where does that get addressed?

Director Planning & Development entered the meeting at 2.06pm

Response: (From the Director Planning & Development through the Chair) *Thank you. Just to reassure you that all the representations get considered by the planner when they do their assessment. So when the agenda comes out for the June meeting, you'll see there's a report in there and it will go through all of the matters that are raised in the representations and how that's addressed through the planning scheme and relevant to the assessment.*

So, for example sometimes they make recommendations about conditions from a representation or they'll say how it meets the planning scheme or not. So there'll be an assessment against all the matters that you've raised through representations.

Point of Order called by Cr Ferguson at 2.07pm

Ross Harrison, Legana

Statement: I'd just like to say that I'm very, very much against this development. And I think that the planners will give very, very serious consideration to setting a precedent here that would set a hell of a lot of my work over the last, I don't know, a lot of time, 1996 I started down there in Legana, and turned a dirty creek that ran all the way, all the way down from the commercial area, right down through the area that you see there now, donated all the public open space. And I'm very, very disappointed that it even got to this point.

And there won't be any doubt at all that I'll be putting every effort I possibly can into protecting this sort of thing from happening. It'll set a precedent as I said, for people to just put childcare centres wherever they want to in a residential area, which will be wrong, very wrong. I've got a list of reasons I put in a representation, and there's nothing more important to me as the main reason for objecting to this than the neighbours' loss of amenity and the adverse impact on the residential street character that I've built up over, the last 20, 30 years down there. And I'd be strongly asking council to do everything that they possibly can to not set precedents like this. I understand your point, Mayor. I've been around a little while. I know exactly what you're talking about. But there's a lot you can do also. Been around long enough to know that.

Response: *Thank you, Mr Harrison*

Director Planning & Development left the meeting at 2.10pm

5.2 Public Questions on Notice

All answers to questions on Notice have been prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, Kristen Desmond.

5.2.1 G Hay, Beauty Point

Question 1: I have sat back for 7 months, 6 of those months as a banned rate payer from attending WTC public meetings the basis that my questions are a psycho-social risk to the councillors and the Mayor, where most of those questions relate to council use of rate payers funds, clearly as example WTC minutes (April 2026) page 406 , budget estimates & recurring expenditure contained within the Budget Estimates document that I cannot find thus I have used this time to reflect on the direction of the West Tamar Council, given the three Interest rates, two more are expected by economists, TasWater rise over 20% for the next 4 years, fuel and transport costs, Insurance , electricity and even simple home internet & mobile prices rises, basic food and accomodation, rentals will rise with increase council rate rises if these are contemplated, the council appear to have by best estimated to have spent \$2million Dollars as discretionary expenditure that falls out-side of tradition council scope as in roads, garbage and services to rate payers, would it be fair to say the WTC have lost direction as its prime role is to service the rate payers needs first ?

Response: *I do not believe that it is fair to say that Council has lost direction as its “prime role is to service the rate payers needs first”. Local Government’s role is far wider than roads, rates and rubbish as can be seen by Section 20 of the Local Government Act 1993 and reproduced below:*

20. Functions and powers

- (1) In addition to any functions of a council in this or any other Act, a council has the following functions:
- (a) to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
 - (b) to represent and promote the interests of the community;
 - (c) to provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area.

Council is focused on providing services and infrastructure to its community in line with the community’s needs and the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

Question 2: Cost of living is the number one issue for rate payers, and in-fact almost every single Australian, last year only one Councillor, Rick Shegog asked the question asked as to “rate payers capacity to pay”, can the Council advise rate payers how they the Council assess the capacity of their rate payers to be continually burdened by rising costs and is WTC considering rate rises ?

Response: *Council is currently finalising its draft 2026/2027 budget, and the impact of any potential rate increases on ratepayers is always considered as part of that process.*

Question 3: The West Tamar Council now have set themselves us as a Corporate structure in the American style of titles & positions we now have a CEO (Once was a General Manger,) we have an assortment of Directors from Corporate & Community to People, Culture & Safety, based on 2023–24 data, the percentage of total rates and charges revenue in arrears in Tasmania has been trending upward, increasing from 5.7 %in 2018–19 to 10.7 % in 2023-24 and is expected to exceed 15% by 2027, why has the

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West Tamar Council avoided the appointment of a dedicated director who's sole responsibilities would be to Rate Payer welfare ?

Response: *Any additional executive position has not been considered to date nor is it contemplated in the near term.*

5.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

5.3.1 D Barr, Kayena

Our Ref: GO.COU.189

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6 May 2026

Di Barr
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Barr

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 21 April 2026

I refer to the question set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 21 April 2026, and now provide the following response:

Question 1: *My comment is about the recent survey that was sent out to, I believe, property owners. I'd like to commend the council for actually doing a survey. I have been quite critical of the lack of effective consultation in the community for West Tamar Council, but I have a couple of questions. One: what expertise did the council seek when developing the survey?*

In terms of the survey questions, these follow the same set of questions that had been developed by previous administrations at Council and used across a series of yearly Resident Opinion Surveys dating back almost a decade through to 2023.

Yours sincerely



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6 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.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil

8 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in April and May 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 13 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 21 April, 5 May and 12 May 2026.

Minute No. 26/79

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 21 April, 5 May and 12 May 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

8.2 CEO 2 - 3rd Quarter Performance Report - January to March 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [8.2.1] 3rd Quarter Performance Report - January to March 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the West Tamar Council 3rd Quarter Performance Report 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026; and
2. Provides public access to the report as part of Council's commitment to ongoing good governance.

Minute No. 26/80

DECISION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council:

1. Receives the West Tamar Council 3rd Quarter Performance Report 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026; 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 and Cr Sladden

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

8.3 CEO 3 - Visit Northern Tasmania - Partnership Agreement

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [8.3.1] VNT Funding Agreement - 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028
Signed

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with Tourism Northern Tasmania Inc (trading as Visit Northern Tasmania) for a new one (1) year Partnership Agreement for the 2026/27 financial year for the amount of \$50,996 plus CPI which includes both a regional and West Tamar Council specific Schedule.

Minute No. 26/81

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with Tourism Northern Tasmania Inc (trading as Visit Northern Tasmania) for a new one (1) year Partnership Agreement for the 2026/27 financial year for the amount of \$50,996 plus CPI which includes both a regional and West Tamar Council specific Schedule.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Lerner

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 7/1

8.4 CEO 4 - Submission to draft Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 13 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [8.4.1] Submission on the Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached submission to the draft Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Department of Health.

Cr Ferguson left the meeting at 2:22 pm

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog left the meeting at 2:23 pm

Minute No. 26/82

DECISION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached submission to the draft Public Health Amendment (Emergency Powers) Bill; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Department of Health.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

9 GOVERNANCE

9.1 Gov 1 - Appointments to the Delegations Review Committee

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog entered the meeting at 2:33 pm
Cr Ferguson entered the meeting at 2:33 pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Delegations Review Committee, for a term concluding at the close of nominations for the 2026 Local Government Elections:

- a) Cr Lynden Ferguson
- b) Cr Joshua Manticas
- c) Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog

Minute No. 26/83

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Delegations Review Committee, for a term concluding at the close of nominations for the 2026 Local Government Elections:

- a) Cr Lynden Ferguson
- b) Cr Joshua Manticas
- c) Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Special 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - April

REPORT AUTHOR: Youth Development Officer - Kirsten Howard

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [10.1.1] YAC Minutes - April 16 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 16 April 2026.

Director Corporate & Community entered the meeting at 2.36pm

Minute No. 26/84

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 16 April 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

10.2 Special 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - April

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [10.2.1] Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - 27 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 27 April 2026.

Minute No. 26/85

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 27 April 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Director Corporate & Community left the meeting at 2.41pm

11 DEVELOPMENT

11.1 Dev 1 - Environmental Health and Municipal Fees and Charges

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Planning & Development - Michelle Riley

REPORT DATE: 13 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [11.1.1] Environmental Health & Animal Control Fees & Charges
2026-27

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the following fees included as Attachment 1 for the 2026/2027 financial year under section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 87 of the *Food Act 2003*, section 185 of the *Public Health Act 1997* and section 80 of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Director Planning & Development entered the meeting at 2.41pm

Minute No. 26/86

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Larner

That Council approves the following fees included as Attachment 1 for the 2026/2027 financial year under section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 87 of the *Food Act 2003*, section 185 of the *Public Health Act 1997* and section 80 of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

11.2 Dev 2 - Proposed Street Names - Montague Park Stage 11 - 36 Jetty Road, Legana

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Planner - Patrick McMahon

REPORT DATE: 1 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve Option 1, adopting the name for Road 15 as Empire Drive and Road 16 as Smitten Street, and advise Place Names Tasmania accordingly.

Minute No. 26/87

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council approve Option 1, adopting the name for Road 15 as Empire Drive and Road 16 as Smitten Street, and advise Place Names Tasmania accordingly.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Director Planning & Development left the meeting at 2.48pm

12 CORPORATE

12.1 Corp 1 - Financial Management Strategy & Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2027 to 2035-2036

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Financial Officer - Jason Barker CPA

REPORT DATE: 23 April 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [12.1.1] LTFP & Strategy 2027-2036
2. [12.1.2] LTFP & Strategy 2027-2036 w/ Simple Markup

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Financial Management and Long-Term Financial Plan 2027-2036 as presented.

Director Corporate & Community entered the meeting at 2.48pm

Point of Order called by Cr Allen at 2.56pm

Minute No. 26/88

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council adopts the Financial Management and Long-Term Financial Plan 2027-2036 as presented.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Larner

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 7/1

Director Corporate & Community left the meeting at 3.00pm

13 COMMUNITY

Nil

14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

14.1 Asset 1 - Capital Works Project Budget Adjustments

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli

REPORT DATE: 13 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [14.1.1] CEO Approved Project Budget Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report under the *Local Government Act 1993 section 82(7)* noting the capital works project budget adjustments approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer.

Director Community Assets entered the meeting at 3.00pm

Minute No. 26/89

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Larner

That Council receives this report under the *Local Government Act 1993 section 82(7)* noting the capital works project budget adjustments approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Director Community Assets left the meeting at 3.04pm

15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

16 PETITIONS

16.1 Pet 1 - Petition Requesting Refusal of Planning Application

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers
REPORT DATE: 13 May 2026
ATTACHMENTS: 1. [16.1.1] Petition to West Tamar Council

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the tabling of the petition requesting “*that West Tamar Council wholly refuse approval of Application No. PA2025327*”; and
2. Consider any action to be taken during the 16 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Minute No. 26/90

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council:

1. Note the tabling of the petition requesting “*that West Tamar Council wholly refuse approval of Application No. PA2025327*”; and
2. Consider any action to be taken during the 16 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

17.1.1 Cr Lyons - Motion on Notice regarding rezoning along Acropolis Drive

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Planning & Development - Michelle Riley

REPORT DATE: 11 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [17.1.1.1] Western Highway Precinct - Legana Town Centre and Township Structure Plan
2. [17.1.1.2] Legana Town Centre and Township Structure Plan Map
3. [17.1.1.3] Comparison of assessment categories

Minute No. 26/91

Director Planning & Development entered the meeting at 3.11pm

MOTION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Allen

That the West Tamar Council review the Legana Town Centre Structure Plan to investigate the possibility of having an Urban Mixed Use zoning of the Southern area extending North of Acropolis Drive on the West side of the West Tamar Highway, to an area adjacent to the light industrial zone on the Eastern side of the West Tamar Highway or extending further North to Bridgenorth Road.

VOTING

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 7/1

Director Planning & Development left the meeting at 3.27pm

17.1.2 Cr Shegog - Motion to Rescind Minute No. 26/44 regarding ALGA attendance

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 7 May 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

MOTION

That Council:

1. rescind the motion of Council, Minute No. 26/44 of the March Council meeting in regard to the attendance of 4 Councillors at the 2026 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra between 23-25 June 2026, and
2. that Council agree to only send the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to the ALGA NGA.

Minute No. 26/92

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council:

1. rescind the motion of Council, Minute No. 26/44 of the March Council meeting in regard to the attendance of 4 Councillors at the 2026 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held in Canberra between 23-25 June 2026, and
2. that Council agree to only send the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to the ALGA NGA.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

17.2 Motions without Notice

Minute No. 26/93

MOTION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council moves a motion of condolence for Robert (Bob) Richardson.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

18.1.1 Cr Larner

Question 1: What are the names and membership numbers of the seven groups and specific local communities targeted for consultation on the Legana Recreation Masterplan?

Response: *All information regarding consultation of the community and sporting groups in relation to the Legana Sports and Community Recreation Plan was provided as an attachment in the April Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.*

Question 2: In the interests of transparency and community expectations, what are the exact consultation questions and answer options used in the community engagement for the Legana Recreation Plan?

Response: *All information regarding consultation of the community and sporting groups in relation to the Legana Sports and Community Recreation Plan was provided as an attachment in the April Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.*

Question 3: Given West Tamar municipality's dispersed 'hyper-ageing' population, inflating cost pressures and that nearby Launceston City will soon be building a new major sports centre, how can Council justify funding a youth-focused sports and function facility (including bar) in Legana when our communities have competing priority needs for basic multi-use community infrastructure like safe footpaths, roads, stormwater, playgrounds, toilet blocks, seating and shelter?

Response: *It should be noted, Councillor Larner, that you are a member of Council and as such have been involved in workshops in relation to this decision. In fact, you were at the Council meeting when the decision was made. Therefore, you are aware of the reasons for Council's decision. There are competing priorities and it is Council's responsibility to balance these via the decisions it makes at the Council table.*

Council has in this instance workshopped options, carefully considered the financial implications, considered the needs of the community and come to a decision to support this important intergenerational investment. The supporting business case for this investment was provided in the April Ordinary Council Agenda and is publicly available.

I would also like to clarify the demographics of the West Tamar Municipality as I do not believe that your assertion of a 'hyper-ageing' population is entirely correct.

The latest REMPLAN demographics for the West Council municipality show the median age of our residents is 45 years. This figure has remained unchanged since 2016. The percentage of residents aged 60 years or older is 31 per cent while the number of residents aged 40 and under is almost 43 per cent of the population.

Legana has long been regarded as one of the fastest growing regional centres in Tasmania with a further 7,000 new residents expected by 2045.

As evidence of that, Legana's population grew by 17 per cent between 2016 and 2021. Further on average Legana has a younger profile than other areas of the West Tamar with 59.43 percent of the Legana community aged under 50.

It is also disingenuous to suggest that the proposed recreational infrastructure is completely "youth-focused". Sporting and community facilities such as the one approved are used by a wide range of age demographics.

I further note that the Local Government Act 1993 sets out a Council's Functions and Powers in Section 20 as reproduced below:

20. Functions and powers

- (1) In addition to any functions of a council in this or any other Act, a council has the following functions:
- (a) to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
 - (b) to represent and promote the interests of the community;
 - (c) to provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area.

The decision of Council to approve the Legana Sports and Community Recreation Plan and the commencement of preparatory work for stage one delivery fulfills Council's function to provide for the Health, Safety and Welfare of its community. It is core business of Council to investigate and approve infrastructure investments like this one.

18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

Cr Larner

Question 1: Can we have a percentage breakdown of the March residents' opinion survey including key feedback and concerns in time for the June council meeting, the annual capital budget?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *There was a confidential discussion this morning about whether that information will be made public or not. I understand it's coming back to workshop in June, so I will leave it for Council to provide me with guidance at the June workshop.*

Question 2: I understand Council's wish to leave a long-term legacy in the Legana recreation multi-court club rooms and function centre, to serve Legana and that it is important to get it right.

The current 20 to 40 million stage proposal with the 10 million in grants appears to lack - and I have the business case here - strong evidence of local demand - that's in the NTDC report - to lack a clear operating model, and to lack proper assessment of costs, cost recovery, and return to Council.

It also highlights that the West Tamar master plan report identifies an extreme risk - that's the terminology - of misalignment between the project brief and stakeholder expectations with the available budget. A number of local or out-of-area stakeholder sporting groups appear to be expecting their own revenue-raising opportunities, which is commercialisation, or non-negotiable high-cost facilities provisions.

The newly built Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub in Mowbray at a cost of \$62.5 million now includes 11 indoor multi-purpose courts using grants of \$46.3 million from the Tas Government, \$15 million from the Federal Government. Those nearby facilities, a 16 km drive from Legana, already meet much of the need. The overall argument is that Council's priorities for the whole municipality may lie elsewhere over the next 20 years and that the project should be reconsidered carefully for now.

Question two. Can Council reconsider the detail of the 235 page business case for the Legana sports and recreation precinct...

Point of Order called by Cr Shegog at 3.40pm

Question 3: What are the numbers and employee roles of our internal council officials who comprise the project working group to brief the architects and stakeholder groups of the expected scope of this project and how long have they been working on it? Thank you.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *I'll take that on notice, Cr Larner.*

Cr Allen

Statement: I have some questions from the youth committee, the YAC committee. So each meeting as we talked about earlier, the youth are asked if they want to bring something to Council. So this time they've asked the following questions.

Question 1: Can a bin be provided near the bottle depot at Windsor? Or a skip bin? Because they feel that everyone's just throwing the bottles and things that don't belong in the bin over there, the deposit bin, and throwing the rejected pieces.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *We will have a look at it. What we have found is when there were bins by the recycling machine, there were significant amounts of rubbish being left. It overflowed. We increased our level of service and it didn't make a difference. Since they've been removed, and I am down here quite often, the level of rubbish is actually probably 90% reduced. So we'll continue to monitor, but in fact, the difference it's made to that area by removing the bins has had a significantly positive impact. And the decision to do that was also done in seeking feedback from other councils and again their success in dealing with the rubbish that had been left behind was actually to take the rubbish bins away.*

Question 2: Can we please push the government for traffic lights at Forest Road? Now I did explain to them that it wasn't anything to do with Council, but they felt they would like us to push for there to be traffic lights there.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *So there is the West Tamar corridor work that's being undertaken. There's a plan there and that does, I understand, include lights at Forest Road. My understanding is that will occur. It did go out for community consultation. We can certainly try and get an update from the Department of State Growth on where that is up to, but my understanding was that was a plan of the government as part of the Western corridor work.*

Statement: They would like to commend Council for the footpaths that have been put in Beaconsfield, and saying how happy they are to be able to push their skateboards, whatever, to the street or to the skate park, so they're happy with that.

Question 3: And would Council consider talking to Manion's bus service about a bus service in the summer on a regular basis to Greens Beach? Which would be lovely but it needs to be on notice.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *I'll take that one on notice.*

Cr Ferguson

Question 1: Yeah, just earlier in the workshop, just, I asked if we could please contact the Department [of State Growth] regarding the works on the highway at Legana. I think it's just probably timely that community get an update on the timeline and expected stages. Some excellent work happening there. It's absolutely great. But I think we just need to know probably what to expect in the next coming months.

18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

18.3.1 Cr Ferguson - Questions from 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Question 1: Yes, thank you. I've just got some that have come through Youth Advisory—thanks—through and also Councillor Allen sent these to me. I'll forward them on at some point, but just to read them out, they'll be on notice. So, bus stop opposite Jo's on the West Tamar Highway, Riverside, they—that's been identified, they really need a seat and shelter, it's being used by children, so the bus stop opposite Jo's Takeaway.

Response: *Officers will contact the Department of State Growth to enquire as to whether the Department has any intentions of installing a shelter in this location in the near future. If not, Council could determine to approve funding for a shelter, noting ongoing maintenance and renewal responsibility would lie with Council, with approval to be obtained from the Department prior to undertaking any work within the West Tamar Highway corridor.*

Question 2: And these, at look, these are not criticisms, they're just things that the group have brought to Council's attention. So, Tailrace Park, the basketball court they believe needs repaving, and they've also put forward that, hey, is there any potential for that being a full court at Tailrace? You know how it's got the half court and then the grass? Yep. And bike track—bike track, Gravelly Beach, they've highlighted that they think that would be good for casual riders. So, I'll get more information on that, but it's a question about whether that could be put into our planning. And the underpass—

Response: *The repaving and potential expansion of the basketball court surface at Tailrace would be a capital works project and Council could consider this project for inclusion in the 2027/28 financial year program. Officers can prepare information for Council workshop discussions in the lead up to the budget approval process in early 2027.*

Question 3: Yes. And so, and there was about improvements, so we're just wanting if we can get an update through - the YAC Council officer was putting together some sort of group with the school and us. And the footpath outside the Ophir Hotel in Beaconsfield is very uneven, needing repair. So, they've received a complaint from someone in a wheelchair. So I'll go back and talk to them about Snap Send Solve

Response: *Council's operations team identified the section of uneven footpath as a failed patch within a driveway crossing. Following reports of a trip hazard being reported and in the absence of any action by the property owner on the crossing, Council completed the necessary repair work on 17 March 2026.*

18.3.2 Cr Shegog - Questions from 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Question 1: Just a couple of things, to Dino probably more so: have we commenced the Riverside pool investigations in relation to the suitability of the lining, re: the infrastructure under the pool?

Response: *Officers have prepared a scope of work and request for fee proposal document that has been issued to consultants for consideration. An update on consultant selection and program will be provided to Council at an upcoming Workshop.*

Question 2: I've also had some residents from Riverside inquiring about the SAP (Special Area Plan) in their area as far as where we're at as far as getting to a point where we're coming back to Council to discuss where we can lift SAPs?

Response: *Consultants have been appointed to provide technical input into the development of a potential Specific Area Plan and Local Provisions Schedule amendment for parts of Riverside. This technical advice is due to be completed mid-2026.*

18.3.3 Cr Larner - Questions from 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Question 1: How many annual man-hours or FTEs are dedicated to maintenance of Riverside's Windsor Park gardens and sports grounds?

Response: *Based on current allocations, the resources undertaking maintenance of the Windsor Park gardens and associated sports fields includes five operational staff. It is noted that these resources are also required to undertake maintenance of sports fields in other locations across the municipality. Council has 14 sports fields which require varying levels of service for maintenance depending on their classification. Across the 2024/25 financial year, the equivalent number of FTE based on employees and labour hire allocating time to work at the Windsor gardens and fields was 5.15.*

18.3.4 Cr Manticas - Question from 21 April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting

Question 1: Whilst staying focused on Kelso, it's been raised that the stormwater drain that goes out into the beach is still sort of blocked and clogged. And I wasn't too sure, I remember we were going to liaise somewhere with Parks and Wildlife, I thought.

Response: *Council's operations team has undertaken maintenance work to clear the stormwater drainage outlet north of the Kelso boat ramp. Council inspects this outlet on a monthly basis, with interim inspections also undertaken given the frequency of blockages at different times of the year.*

19 INTO CLOSED MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That, pursuant to Regulation 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 21 April 2026

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 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.

Leave of Absence Requests

3.1 Confidential 1 - Leave of Absence Request – Cr Ireland

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(i) requests by councillors for a leave of absence.

Corporate & Community

8.1 Confidential 1 – Renewal of Lease

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

Community Assets

9.1 Confidential 2 – Potential sale of public land

This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

Minute No. 26/94

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That, pursuant to Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at 3.46pm to discuss the following items:

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Council resolved to move out of Closed Session at 4.18pm.

21 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.19pm.