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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.

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1 PRESENT

1.1 Present

Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl
Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog
Cr Lynden Ferguson
Cr Richard Ireland
Cr Caroline Lerner
Cr Geoff Lyons
Cr Josh Manticas

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	Amy Le Gassick
Manager Communications & Engagement	Simon Tennant
Governance Officer	Matt Morgan

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of absence: Cr Julie Sladden
Apology Cr Joy Allen

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 16 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2026 numbered 26/95 to 26/111 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute No. 26/112

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2026 numbered 26/95 to 26/111 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

Cr Manticas item 17.1 - I've made a personal representation in the planning application referred to in Cr Larner's motion, as such as Cr Larner's motion attempts to alter the planning pathway I am unable to debate merits

Cr Larner item 17.1.1 - Pursuant to clause 6(a) of Part 2 of the Code, I disclose the following facts, being the nature of my interest in this matter:

- (a) I have lodged a personal representation opposing the progression of the Firmus AI Factory Bell Bay proposal in its current planning framework;
- (b) that representation reserves the right to be heard as a subsequent hearing of the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, contingent on further information regarding the cumulative effects of the project;
- (c) I have separately requested the Minister to declare the project a major project under section 60C of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (Tas), on the grounds of cross-municipal effect on the West Tamar municipal area; and
- (d) I am listed as the mover of item 17.1.1 on the agenda for this meeting, a Notice of Motion seeking urgent State/Ministerial intervention in respect of the Firmus Data Centre proposal

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at: 1:36pm

Concluded at: 2:05pm

Cush Allison, Port Sorell

Question 1: With the AI data centre opening up, the community response—I was the coordinator of a meeting at West Tamar where 200 people attended. I also attended the Exeter meeting where 150 people attended in your municipality. There is lots of questions asked there being asked by the community.

Are the councillors aware and informed of the health impacts—direct health impacts—of the EMF (electromagnetic field), the LNF (low-noise frequency), and specifically the ELF (the extreme low frequency), within a 12 km radius of any of the associated infrastructure that is proposed with the AI data centres, including substations, transmission lines, and wind turbines? Thank you.

Response: *I'm sure you're aware that the data centre is going to be located in the George Town Municipality. So, the George Town Council would be required to take into consideration all of the concerns of the ratepayers in George Town. This isn't an issue that the West Tamar Council can make a statement about, because it's not in our municipality and it won't be coming to us for assessment.*

Question 2: With all due respect, Ms. Mayor, I did mention 12-kilometre radius and the associated infrastructure, which includes the transmission lines and substations, which are in West Tamar's Municipality?

Response: *I heard that, but it's still not an issue that the West Tamar Council will be considering. The George Town Council will take all of those issues into account.*

Question 3: Thank you, but can I get that in writing as well?

Response: *Yes, we have your address, and we'll answer you that way.*

Point of Order Called by Cr Lerner at 1:39pm

Graham Hay, Beauty Point

Statement: I see a small number of the West Tamar Councillors spending what I believe an extraordinary amount of time in dealing with matters in George Town. Something to do with an AI centre. Could we not see the councillors spend their time and effort in dealing and looking after the welfare of the ratepayers of West Tamar, please?

Response: *Thank you, Mr Hay.*

Question 1: The West Tamar Council last month increased the rates again. It appears with complete disregard of the capacity of ratepayers in the shire or the council area to pay. You seem to be ignorant of the fact that Tasmania has the highest unemployment rate of any state and getting worse—300 jobs lost in the last two

weeks. It's got the lowest economic growth in Australia. As you probably all know, credit growth is being reduced, and that appears and will lead to what obviously is going to be a credit squeeze and possibly a recession. In the last quarterly report, delinquency rates in payment of rates to the West Tamar Council are approaching 25%. What plan has the Council got in place when delinquency rates—payment of rates—becomes considerably higher, in fact, will be a record for the late payment of rates? What's the Council's plan?

Response: *Mr. Hay, I'll take that question on notice, but I will just advise you that the Council does have a hardship policy where ratepayers who do have hardship in meeting the cost of the rates can negotiate with Council. But the rest of your question, I will take on notice.*

Question 3: The third question relates again to what appears disregard to reasonable use of ratepayer funding. There's been a large amount of ratepayer funding paid as grants to private enterprises in the West Tamar Council area. These are, I remind you, private enterprises—not semi-government or government institutions, or organisations that support the community—private enterprise. As these private enterprise companies' close shop or go broke, will the ratepayers have their funds returned?

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

Joanna Grey, Exeter

Statement: I would like to comment on a matter recorded in the council agenda, a motion about the referral of AI factory approvals regarding a request that a major project declaration be pursued so that a comprehensive, independent assessment panel can be appointed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission to thoroughly evaluate the cumulative regional impacts on water, energy, noise, and community amenity. While there is not a proposal before this Council—I fully accept that—it is only a matter of time.

It might also be noted that the existing application with the George Town Council will actually affect people living on this side of the Tamar River. It would be a wise thing to get ahead of this issue. It has become of major concern to the general public and business people, as seen from the meetings and petitions with regard to the lack of appropriate consultation, legislation, and regulation when dealing with these AI factory applications.

I attended the last meeting at the George Town Council chambers as an observer, and it became apparent that the questions being asked in relation to concerns to do with this development were not covered. To sum up the responses, it was that the questions didn't fit the regulations and guidelines. Therefore, no answer was required within the council remit. Surely this alone indicates that there needs to be specific, robust, targeted regulation to apply to these AI factory projects to protect the general public and businesses.

Most of us are concerned about the amount of water and energy used. We are already having increases in cost for both. There is also a noise issue associated with these factories. There are concerns about additives in the water and how this will affect our agriculture. Spills happen even in closed loop.

The massive stacks emit an incredible amount of heat. According to the *Spotlight* program, reports of over 150 degrees. There are concerns over the environment and climate change. It would be good if we could learn from the overseas experience and warnings. The public is making moves against these giants as we debate.

In summary, I'd like to point out that everyone from the council level to parliament level—state and federal—are the ones charged with making these decisions. Public moneys pay public servant wages. Surely we can expect that public concerns shape those decisions. The people who elect councils and politicians to make these decisions will be affected by AI factory development for a very long time. Whether you're a supporter or against these AI factories, the regulation is just not fit for purpose to protect the ordinary people and businesses. I can safely say from the public's point of view—and probably the businesses, too—this isn't going to go away.

Question 1: When an AI development proposal is submitted to the West Tamar Council, is the Council aware of the scale of community concern, and will you, as our representatives, base your actions on those concerns?

Question 2: Are you aware that the communities and businesses here in Australia and overseas are increasingly successful in legal challenges to these AI factories? Thank you for your time in this most important matter.

Response: *Thank you for your questions and for the speech beforehand. As I have stated previously, this issue is a matter for the George Town Council. If you believe that proper process wasn't followed in the council meeting that you went to, you should raise that issue with the Director of Local Government, of the Department of Local Government. With regards to your questions, they have been taken on notice, and they'll be responded to. We do have your address, and we'll respond in the required timeline.*

M Fletcher, Beauty Point

Question 1: I did ask you in my three questions—which you have replied to, or at least Kristen has replied to—regarding what research, investigation, or consultation you have been doing regarding the AI centres. As you can see from the questions today, it's a matter of concern. And I know that you are concerned, because you have been to some of the meetings with Firmus.

I would like to ask you what your overall view is of this, because the effect will actually affect us on the West Tamar. There's a possibility, a very high possibility, it will affect us visually, it will affect us in the noise value, and other factors. So, I know you are doing some listening. Would you be prepared to look into this further with regards to the residents in the West Tamar Council, and perhaps reassure them that you're keeping a close eye on what is happening and what the effects on our community could be?

Response: *I can't answer your question. I think it's fair to say that everybody around this table is trying to get as much information as they can, but the whole point is that regardless of what we might think of this—and as the Chair of this meeting, I can't give you an opinion—it is a matter for the George Town Council. You are entitled to make representation to the George Town Council with your concerns. You're*

entitled to go to the council meeting and speak the way you are here. But the West Tamar Council has no position on this, because it's not a matter that we can become involved in.

Question: That was a little bit parallel to my question. My question was: Would you be doing any consultation and research—not that you would have a position on this, but to overlook some of the... to address some of the concerns that the people in your constituency are experiencing?

Response: *We are doing... I'm certainly doing a lot of reading, and Councillor Larner passed a paper around today, so I think we're as well informed as we can be. And I did go to—and my councillor colleague, Deputy Mayor Rick Shegog and Councillor Josh Manticas and Councillor Lynden Ferguson also went along—we went along to talk to our ratepayers to see what their views were.*

I can't say to you that we can do anything about this. The concerns that you have have to be taken to the George Town Council, and those matters will be assessed. There'll be all sorts of environmental requirements also, I suspect, but we can't get involved formally in any kind of debate about this issue.

Statement: I understand your position, but as representatives of the constituency here in West Tamar, it would be useful to know that you are negotiating, either as Councillor Larner has mentioned, to look after the interests of the people here.

Response: *Thank You.*

Heather Knyn, Rowella

Statement: I'm speaking today as a ratepayer of the West Tamar Municipality regarding the proposed data centre at Long Reach, which is currently in the process of approval with the George Town Council. My appeal to the West Tamar Council is to formally request the Premier and Cabinet of the Tasmanian Government to consider the Firmus application proposal DA2026/9 and related infrastructure as a project of state significance.

I'm not sure whether you can actually do that, but that's what I would like you to do as a council. Obviously, you have no ability to talk to George Town about the planning, as it's their council, and every council is separate, and I completely understand that. But this is one way that possibly as councillors representing us, you could help us move that process to a greater, higher level.

There are many reasons why the Council should request the Premier and Cabinet to take over this process. Firstly, the noise pollution and the detrimental effects it may have on human health, highlighted in many of the studies in my submission that I sent to George Town, which I emailed all of you separately.

Secondly, even though Rowella and surrounding areas have industrial sound in its proximity, this sound is intermittent. So, we do know that we are going to have sound from wood chipping, the boats coming in—we know that, we accept that, but we know that it's going to end, whereas the data centre is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

So not only will the decibel be the level that we can hear, infrasound, which is 50 megahertz or less and cannot be heard by the human ear, has been shown to

cause anxiety, depression, lethargy, vertigo, dizziness, and a constant pressure on your body. And it cannot be blocked out by windows and doors—it passes through those. So, it's like having pressure on you all day and all night.

Thirdly, the effects to wildlife. Numerous studies have been done on the detrimental effects to birds—it affects the inner ear of the bird; bees—there's a study showing that bees freeze at the hive when they come to do their dance, which tells them where to get their food. The infrasound, which we can't hear, makes them freeze, so they cannot tell the rest of the hive where to go for their food; and livestock as well. And all of this is readily available on Google Scholar.

Fourthly, a new study from Oxford University, which I emailed to you all on Friday, is the heat island effect. This heat bloom that arises from a data centre and how it changes the local climate to within a 10-kilometre radius. This may affect all the great vines growing in the area. And I've actually spoken to Go Farm from the big vineyards on Auburn Road. I have a call in with Costa, who are partly financing that, and an email currently waiting for a reply from Driscoll's, who are also partly financing that large orchard.

Fourth, the possible effect on tourism on the West Tamar Municipality, who have recently received the Gold Award for our area, which we were all very proud of. Speaking of the Rowella area in which I live, I think of a time when a group of tourists come along, have a lovely glass of wine, a lovely cheese board, and 276 diesel engines are tested for two hours—let alone the constant hum that they will have while they're sitting there trying to enjoy their glass of wine.

What could the possibilities of this scenario do to tourism in our area? Would bad reviews on TripAdvisor be detrimental not just to the wineries, but all the other businesses that rely on our tourism industry in the West Tamar? Word quickly spreads on the internet, and all the funding and moneys that we've spent on tourism to this region will be compromised.

Move to give Ms Knyn an extra 1 minute

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Carried unanimously 7:0

Thank you, very kind. I don't really have any questions, but I do have sort of like some questions just to bring up. All these issues and many more issues raise a number of questions. Firstly, does George Town Council have the resources and the manpower to research definitively the effects of this planning application? That's a serious question. And are the current regulations and legislation that this application is being judged upon be comprehensive enough to ensure the safety of surrounding residents?

The Prime Minister has just announced the Office of AI, established in the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the 15th of July, which will coordinate across Australian Government agencies to design and legislate the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) standard and unlock AI training in Australia. These standards will include mandatory requirements for large AI data centres, including setting standards for energy and water with strong copyright protections. We need to slow

down this process to allow the Federal Government's new department under the Prime Minister to put forward.

Cr Larner requested a further 3 minutes for Ms Kynan to speak.

Rejected by Mayor on the grounds an extension had already been provided.

We need to slow down the process to allow the Federal Government's new department under the Prime Minister to put forward their protective legislation, and by asking the West Tamar Council to appeal to the State Government and to determine the project as a project of state significance will give us time to investigate on all levels the Firmus project.

Response: *Thank You.*

David Duncan, Legana

Statement: Madam Mayor, I'd like to withdraw my opportunity to ask a question at this time. It's my second council meeting. My first one, I brought my Class to a meeting like this, and we did the "No Straw" campaign, as you would remember. Today is my first to attend a general council meeting before I stand for election for the West Tamar Council, and I just wanted to see what today brought from the users as well. So, thank you for the opportunity.

Response: *Thank you for attending.*

Uta Weidemeier, Beauty Point

Statement: Good afternoon, Madam Mayor, everyone in the room. Thank you for attending.

I'm here in support of our very courageous residents, as we just heard everyone was presenting really well their concerns in regards to the AI data centre. And I also have my concerns, and I have raised that with George Town Council in writing, and they are having a meeting on the 26th, 28th, perhaps a little bit later in the month to determine whether the data centre would be approved or not.

So my strongest concern, why I also saw various residents from the West Tamar in these recent meetings we had in the region, my very strong concern is in regards to the water handling of the AI data centre. And I know it's a matter of the George Town Council, and we heard from other residents their concerns, so I'd just like to reinforce this, taking this opportunity, that everyone be aware.

They are proposing that the water will be recycled, cleaned perhaps internally with chemicals, but then the vapour—90% of the water will be released via vapour, and that's not a concern only for the George Town region, it's for the West Tamar as well, as vapour, as we know, goes just about anywhere, everywhere. And we know from medical research that it takes 20 or 30 years sometimes for things to be recognised in the public.

So, my strongest concern here is if this data centre is approved and being allowed to vent 90% of their water what they use in a recycled fashion in their system,

potentially dosed with various amounts of chemicals, that that will just evaporate, but then condensate in people's lungs at worst, or in their food, in the the region for any crops. There was a lady pointed out the dance of the bees would be affected by the low-frequency noise, but also the water. I think that's a very, very important point.

And I was hoping to ask whether West Tamar Council would support a specifically assigned researcher to investigate those concerns, whether there's any support available from West Tamar Council towards the George Town Council to help us being safe—not only in West Tamar, but also in the east.

Response: *I actually think that the George Town Council is going to be required to ensure very, very strict monitoring of all the water, the vapours, the noise. That will go through a very stringent assessment process, and it would be better if the George Town Council raised that issue. Again, it's something we as a council can't get involved in.*

Statement: Okay, but I wanted to just be present here, listening in. I'm going to go to the George Town Council meeting. I sent my submission there as well, and I'd like to thank you for anything you do to keep us all safe here.

Response: *Thank you. And if I can just add to it that on a previous project that was once planned for the West Tamar on the other side, but it was going to affect West Tamar, there were very, very strict monitoring guidelines that were imposed on the proponent. That project thankfully didn't go ahead, but I think that all of the issues that you raised, you need to convince the George Town Council that they should be doing that.*

Statement: I'd just like, in closing, like to say the last project which I think we all know we talk about, which was proposed for the East Tamar region, the George Town Council referred me to the EPA. So I submitted at that time a 20-page submission to the EPA, and luckily that project was not approved.

Response: *Thank you very much.*

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 M Fletcher, Beauty Point

Question 1: What research, investigations, or independent assessments has the West Tamar Council undertaken or reviewed to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed AI Data Centre on the residents of the West Tamar municipality? Please identify the studies, reports, or expert advice that informed Council's assessment.

Response: *West Tamar Council is not the Planning Authority for the application and has not undertaken or commissioned assessment of the proposal.*

Question 2: Has the West Tamar Council consulted, or does it intend to consult, with other potentially affected local councils – including Georgetown Council, Meander Valley Council (which includes Wesley Vale), the City of Launceston – and relevant Tasmanian Government agencies regarding the proposed Firmus AI Data Centre? If so, what issues have been discussed, and how will those discussions inform the Council's decision-making?

Response: *No, the application is required to undergo public exhibition under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 with the Application to be determined by George Town Council.*

Question 3: Has the West Tamar Council assessed the potential impacts of the proposed Firmus AI Data Centre on the residents of the West Tamar municipality? Specifically, has the Council undertaken or reviewed assessments of:

- Potential health impacts;
- Visual impacts on surrounding communities and landscapes;
- Noise impacts, including the potential for noise to carry across the Tamar River; and
- Any other environmental or amenity impacts?

If such assessments have been completed, will the Council make them public?

Response: *No, West Tamar Council has no jurisdiction in assessing or determining the application.*

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5.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

5.3.1 G Hay, Beauty Point

Our Ref: GO.COU.191

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26 June 2026

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Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026

I refer to the questions set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 16 June 2026, and now provide the following responses:

Question 1: *There are three questions I'd like the council to address today. They relate to expenditure of ratepayers' funds. The answers to these questions was refused, stating that public question time is not a platform for making statements, which is directly contrary to what the Mayor just stated.*

Or asking questions that relate to the personal — confidential personal or legal matters of the council. Therefore, none are able to answer the questions. My question wasn't about legal matters; it was about the expenditure of legal fees of ratepayers' funds in dealing with code of conduct complaints that are on the public record.

As was the case with the Mayor who was pursued vigorously, and with her understanding of transparency and the function of government, she admitted that she used ratepayers' funds - which she was unaware of the law and legislation - and gladly refunded those funds.

Why can't the management of the West Tamar Council offer the same degree of integrity that we saw from the Mayor when it comes to expenditure of ratepayers' funds?

Response: Council takes the stewardship of public funds with the utmost seriousness.

All Council expenditure is governed by strict financial management protocols and the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1993.



To ensure transparency and integrity, Council's financial statements and expenditure processes are not only overseen by the Council's Audit Panel, but are also independently audited by the Tasmanian Audit Office every financial year. The outcomes of these rigorous assessments are published in our Annual Report, which is fully accessible to the public on our website.

If you have specific, documented evidence of financial mismanagement or a lack of integrity regarding a particular project, you are encouraged to submit it formally through our official complaints process so it can be investigated thoroughly.

Question 2: *All right, for clarity this afternoon, I've previously raised statements are banned, apparently, by the management of the council.*

Would the Mayor please clarify that statements in writing are not acceptable, but statements verbally are acceptable, or both statements, whichever method, are acceptable to the council?

Response: The procedures for submitting questions to Council on notice are outlined in the Council Meeting Engagement Policy, which is available to view on the Council's website. Under the provisions of Questions on Notice, members of the public can submit up to three (3) written questions to the CEO, which will be answered in the agenda and published at the next Ordinary Council Meeting. In terms of making statements to Council, they can be made during the Council meeting during Public Questions without Notice, which provides members of the public up to five (5) minutes to make one (1) statement and/or up to three (3) questions. There is no provision in the Policy for written statements (on notice).

Question 3: *I've read with considerable interest today's agenda in relation to rate rises. Is anybody around this council chamber, I'm sure the attendees will be aware, there's records more to me than private insolvencies; consumer confidence is at a 40-year low, as with business confidence; youth unemployment in Tasmania exceeds 12%; Tasmania has the highest rate of unemployment; very large employers in this state are being propped up by the socialist government in Canberra for the purpose of keeping people employed.*

Your own records show that your delinquencies for rate payment of rates are approaching 25%. The consensus among respected economists in Australia state, and what would appear obvious to most people, that we're either entering an era of recession or stagflation.

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When will this council, appears to be left-wing, pull its head in and stop wasting ratepayers' money?

And why the hell have you got ratepayers'—two years' rates, in two years in a row going well above inflation?

Is it not time that the council get back to core activities and service the ratepayers instead of grandiose schemes?

Response: During Budget discussions held earlier in the year, Council placed significant importance on managing a number of competing priorities when setting the municipal rates. These included maintaining a robust level of capital investment across the municipality as well as being fiscally responsibly by maintaining an underlying surplus each year. The reality is, costs continue to increase across the board, with this year's rate increase of 4.9 per cent below the Hobart CPI figure of 5.1 per cent.

Council takes its responsibility of striking a balance between keeping rate increases to a minimum and being in a position to continue to deliver quality services to our community very seriously and will continue to do so in line with the organisation's Long Term Finance Plan.

Yours sincerely



Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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5.3.2 C Swan, Swan Point

Our Ref: GO.COU.191

Enquiries: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
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26 June 2026

Cheryl Swan
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Dear Ms Swan

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026

I refer to the questions set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 16 June 2026, and now provide the following responses:

Question 1: *Good afternoon. As you know, I've been attending Council Meetings best part of 10 years now, and I've often raised the issue of lack of footpaths in areas such as Paper Beach, Swan Point.*

I've only had a brief look at the budget for this coming year, but I couldn't find anything in there for footpaths in older areas like Paper Beach and Swan Point.

I'm just wondering why are those areas being neglected when large, proposed developments that are not basic infrastructure are given priority, such as a further expansion of the Gravelly Beach Foreshore development that's already just had millions spent on it?

Why are areas that been established decades before such an area even existed, prior to land reclamation, why are areas such as what I have just talked about being neglected?

Response: Council considers many capital works project requests from the community during the development and approval of its budget each financial year. Council needs to assess the merits of each project against multiple criteria and unfortunately not all requests can be approved for funding. Council is committed to improving footpath amenity for the community in older, developed areas, as can be seen through the recent work in Beaconsfield.

Question 2: *The other issue that I'd like to raise is the speed limits on various roads. Paper Beach Road is notorious for people taking the lives of the poor native animals regularly.*



Every week, there's more and more and more animals on the side of the road, in the ditch, on the middle of the road.

And yet, even though it's been asked before, the speed limits and notification that, you know, there's wildlife in the area is not being addressed.

It's a safety issue, not just for the poor animals, but for us humans as well.

Response: Council does note the concerns raised in relation to road safety and the impact on wildlife. Council officers assess requests for the installation of wildlife warning signs on a case by case basis. Consideration is given to the traffic volumes on any road, the number of animal strikes that may be occurring and also whether there are any threatened species frequenting that area, eg. Tasmanian devils.

Question 3: *And also through Gravelly Beach, we have this wonderful new foreshore area, but there's no reduction in the speed limit and especially when there's events and there's people parking on the opposite side of the road to the already provided car parking space, it is quite dangerous for families, youngsters, and people driving through to negotiate pedestrians as well as safely negotiating cars coming and going in that area. I've raised these issues time and time and time again, and I'm just fobbed off and the issues are never addressed.*

I'm just wondering, isn't it time some of these issues were actually appropriately addressed?

Response: Council officers have, in recent weeks undertaken monitoring of traffic on Gravelly Beach Road. The data from this monitoring will be assessed to inform any upcoming application by Council to the Transport Commission seeking a review of the posted speed limit

Yours sincerely



Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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5.3.3 P Kearney, Lanena

Our Ref: GO.COU.191

Enquiries: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Phone : (03) 6323 9300

June 2026

Peter Kearney
[REDACTED]

By E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kearney

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026

I refer to the questions set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 16 June 2026, and now provide the following responses:

Question 1: *Dark Mofo has opened, over 45,000 entries over 4 days. The Hobart chair of business, Edwin Johnstone, said the festival "put Hobart on the map." Small Business Council's Robert Mallett said the event was "immeasurably important to Hobart" - those are quotes from the Mercury.*

I believe Hobart is very successful at being highly parochial. That's okay, because we've got an obligation to fight for our community in our region. I have a slogan that I sort of live by:

"If you don't fight, you lose." I also believe that the North is being done over.

What leadership is the council providing to change this situation?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer has been included in a newly formed Regional Leadership group convened by the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, that is tasked with looking at attraction opportunities for conferences and events into the North of the State. This leadership group includes the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Launceston Council and Chief Executives of TICT, Business Events Tasmania, Visit Northern Tasmania and Launceston Airport. Council through its participation in this group is taking a leading role in ensuring that the North does and can attract high-quality events.

Question 2: *Next question: I have been told that today a council person will be inspecting maintenance requests for the building at the Exeter childcare centre that's currently owned by the council to see if the requests for maintenance are valid under the terms of the lease.*



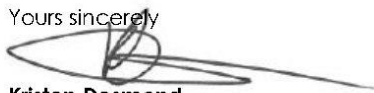
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Has that visit occurred?

Response:

The inspection of the Exeter Child Care Centre was undertaken on Thursday 18 June 2026.

Yours sincerely



**Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

5.3.4 V Zupan, Legana

Our Ref: GO.COU.191

Enquiries: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Phone : (03) 6323 9300

26 June 2026

Vince Zupan
[REDACTED]

By E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Zupan

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2026

I refer to the questions set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 16 June 2026, and now provide the following responses:

Question 1: Under the West Tamar Planning Scheme, they said, okay, there's six parking spots, there's six staff.

Okay, so if the centre gets the go-ahead two things can happen. With the six staff, which is five carers and one admin, there's no way that they'll be able to run 30 to 36 kids. I've done heaps and heaps of sums on this. So, there's two things going to happen. The state government's going to say, "All right, you've got your five staff, but you can have 24, 25, 26 kids." Now, the second outcome is that they hire more staff so that they can look after safely the 30 to 36 kids.

I have the question for the council: if the childcare centre, if they choose the first outcome, is there any recourse if they hire more staff?

Does this go against the West Tamar Council planning scheme, which says they have to have six staff?

Response:

The Planning Authority refused the Planning application for Educational and Occasional Care (Childcare Centre).

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

Council is now sitting as 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.

7.1 Plan 1 - PA2026070 - Residential: Outbuilding at 35a Ecclestone Road, Riverside

REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Statutory Planner - Eric Smith

REPORT DATE: 10 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [7.1.1] Plan 1 PA2026070 35a Ecclestone Road Riverside location Plan (2)
2. [7.1.2] Plan 1 - P A 2026070 35 a Ecclestone Road, Riverside submitted plans

Team Leader - Planning entered the meeting at 2:06pm

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2026070 be determined as follows:

- (a) the requested variations comply with the relevant performance criteria and be supported;
- (b) matters raised by the representor have been considered but do not alter the assessment against the Scheme or the recommendation; and

That the application for Residential – Outbuilding (Retrospective), by M Cubitt, for land at 35A Ecclestone Road, Riverside Lot No.2 on Plan No. 183011 be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

ENDORSED PLANS

1. The use and development must be substantially in accordance with the following endorsed documents:
 - (a) Plans submitted to Council by the applicant on 28 May 2026 (as attached to this permit). 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.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

2. Soil, water and dust must be managed on the site during construction to:
 - (a) prevent the escape of soil and sediments beyond site boundaries; and
 - (b) direct water runoff to a lawful point of discharge without causing nuisance for neighbours.

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 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 Community Assets or their delegate.

OUTBUILDINGS

3. The use of outbuildings is not permitted for human habitation and is limited to residential storage and related domestic activities only.

Permit Notes

Notations

- A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for PA2026070. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council.
- B. This permit take 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.
- C. This permit is valid for two (2) years only from the date of approval and will thereafter lapse if the 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.

Other Approvals

- D. This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted.

Appeal Provisions

- 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.

Permit Commencement

- F. If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 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 period, the Council must be so notified in writing. A copy of Council's Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That application PA2026070 be determined as follows:

- a. the requested variations comply with the relevant performance criteria and be supported;
- b. matters raised by the representor have been considered but do not alter the assessment against the Scheme or the recommendation; and

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Team Leader - Planning left the meeting at 2:10pm

8 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in June and July

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 16 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Point of order called by Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog at 2:11pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 16 June 2026 and 7 July 2026.

Minute No. 26/114

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 16 June 2026 and 7 July 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.2 CEO 2 - Draft Terms of Reference - Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 10 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [8.2.1] WT TORxx 00 Frankford Hall Committee Terms of Reference MMM 2026 DRAFT
2. [8.2.2] W T- HR M 75.00 Governance of Special Committees Policy April 2026
3. [8.2.3] WT- HRM 75.01 - Financial Guidelines for Special Committees - MMM 2026 DRAFT
4. [8.2.4] Frankford Hall Survey Flyer
5. [8.2.5] 2026-01 - Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - Extract Minute 267

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, pursuant to section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. Adopts the Terms of Reference for a Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee as presented, effective 21 July 2026;
2. Endorses the proposed timeline for the formation of a new Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee as presented;
3. Allocates a new Terms of Reference number of 5.00;
4. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
5. Approves a review date of July 2028.

Minute No. 26/115

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council, pursuant to section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. Adopts the Terms of Reference for a Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee as presented, effective 21 July 2026;
2. Endorses the proposed timeline for the formation of a new Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee as presented;
3. Allocates a new Terms of Reference number of 5.00;
4. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
5. Approves a review date of July 2028.

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

8.3 CEO 3 - 2026-2036 Community Strategic Plan

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 21 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [8.3.1] WTC Strategic Plan Strategy Analysis Report
2. [8.3.2] WTC Consultation Synthesis Report
3. [8.3.3] WTC Strategic Findings Report
4. [8.3.4] WTC Community Plan Consultation Analysis
5. [8.3.5] WTC Community Strategic Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026-2036 Community Strategic Plan as presented;
2. Makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. Ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. Provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm

Meeting resumed at 2:36pm

MOTION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded:

That Council:

1. Notes that on 16 June 2026 it resolved unanimously (item 17.1.1) to release the summary results of the May 2026 Residents Opinions Survey, a community survey which was immediately superseded by consultation for Draft Community Structure Plan 2026-2036 (CSP)
2. Notes the ratification decision on CSP and Annual Plan 2026-2027 is in current meeting agenda and that the Annual Plan must refer to Strategic Plan 2022-2026.
3. Council elections occur in October 2026 and with the potential change in Councillors at that time, in addition to expressed community concerns about the 'generic' AI generated CSP document, without reference to current Residents Opinion Survey ("Pulse") Results Release
4. Improved transparency of community sentiment requires immediate release of "Pulse Survey" results, by settlement cluster.
5. Deferral of ratification for CSP until after Council election date with included deferral on decision to ratify the Annual Plan, currently reliant on reference to provisions of Structure Plan 2022-2026, until date after and subsequent to post-election ratification of Community Structure Plan 2026-2036

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Minute No. 26/116

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026-2036 Community Strategic Plan as presented;
2. Makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. Ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. Provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Larner

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 6/1

8.4 CEO 4 - 2026-2027 Annual Plan

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 21 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [8.4.1] WTC 2026-2027 Annual Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026/2027 Annual Plan as presented;
2. Makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. Ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. Provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

Minute No. 26/117

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026/2027 Annual Plan as presented;
2. Makes a copy available for inspection at Council's Beaconsfield and Riverside Offices and the Windsor Community Precinct;
3. Ensures an electronic copy is available on Council's website; and
4. Provides a copy to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.

VOTING

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

Against: Cr Larner

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 6/1

9 GOVERNANCE

9.1 Gov 1 - West Tamar Council Audit Panel Minutes

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 15 April 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [9.1.1] Audit Panel Minutes 24 March 2026 UNCONFIRMED v2
2. [9.1.2] Audit Panel Minutes 29 June 2026 UNCONFIRMED
3. [9.1.3] Audit Panel - Minutes 24 March 2026 CONFIRMED

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 24 March 2026 and the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 29 June 2026.

Minute No. 26/118

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council receives and notes the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 24 March 2026 and the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 29 June 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.2 Gov 2 - West Tamar Council Audit Panel Annual Report 2025-2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 8 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [9.2.1] WTC Audit Panel - Annual Report 2025-2026
2. [9.2.2] WTC Audit Panel - Performance Self-Assessment 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives for information the Audit Panel Annual Report 2025-2026 and Annual Performance Self-Assessment 2025-2026.

Minute No. 26/119

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council receives for information the Audit Panel Annual Report 2025-2026 and Annual Performance Self-Assessment 2025-2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.3 Gov 3 - West Tamar Council Audit Panel Annual Work Plan 2026-2027

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 8 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [9.3.1] WTC - Audit Panel - Annual Workplan 2026-2027

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the adoption of the 2026-2027 Annual Work Plan as presented.

Minute No. 26/120

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council approves the adoption of the 2026-2027 Annual Work Plan as presented.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

9.4 Gov 4 - New Election Period Policy

REPORT AUTHOR: Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers

REPORT DATE: 8 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [9.4.1] W T- HR Mxx.00 - Election Period Policy - MMM 2026 - (Tracked Changes 2 July 2026)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Election Period policy effective 21 July 2026;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 55.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of June 2030.

MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Election Period policy with section 6.4 - Media, being removed effective 21 July 2026;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 55.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of June 2030.

VOTING

For: Cr Ferguson

Against: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Lyons and Cr Manticas

Abstained: Nil

LOST 1/6

10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Special 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - June 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Youth Development Officer - Kirsten Howard

REPORT DATE: 3 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [10.1.1] Youth Advisory Council Minutes - 11 June 2026

Director - Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 3:26pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026.

Minute No. 26/121

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

10.2 Special 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - June 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

REPORT DATE: 1 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [10.2.1] Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - 22 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 22 June 2026.

Minute No. 26/122

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 22 June 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

10.3 Special 3 - Rowella Hall Committee - Nomination of Members

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting Team Leader Community Services - Eleanor Moore

REPORT DATE: 13 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with the WT-HRM 75.03 Rowella Hall Terms of Reference endorses the appointment of the following nine (9) people as Community Members (pending nomination of Office Bearers) of the Rowella Hall Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee:

1. Amanda Cooper
2. Andrea O'Halloran
3. Charmaine Campbell
4. Danny Penney
5. Gemma Pullen
6. Ian Blayden
7. Josephine Rowe
8. Peter Dawson
9. Tina Swain

Minute No. 26/123

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Larner

That Council in accordance with the WT-HRM 75.03 Rowella Hall Terms of Reference endorses the appointment of the following nine (9) people as Community Members (pending nomination of Office Bearers) of the Rowella Hall Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee:

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2. Andrea O'Halloran
3. Charmaine Campbell
4. Danny Penney

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 21 July 2026**

- 5. Gemma Pullen
- 6. Ian Blayden
- 7. Josephine Rowe
- 8. Peter Dawson
- 9. Tina Swain

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Director Corporate and Community left the meeting at 3:46pm

11 DEVELOPMENT

11.1 Dev 1 - Submission to State Planning Provisions - Draft amendment 01-2026 - Secondary Residence

REPORT AUTHOR: Principal Strategic Planner - Tiffany Heys

REPORT DATE: 7 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [11.1.1] Draft submission on Draft Amendment 01 2026 Secondary Residence (2)

Director - Planning and Development entered the meeting at 3:46pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the submission on the Draft Amendment 01-2026 – State Planning Provisions - Secondary Residence included as Attachment 1; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Minute No. 26/124

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Endorse the submission on the Draft Amendment 01-2026 – State Planning Provisions - Secondary Residence included as Attachment 1; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Director Planning and Development left the meeting at 3:50pm

12 CORPORATE

12.1 Corp 1 - Proposed Funding Agreement - Just Cats Tasmania Inc

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory
REPORT DATE: 13 July 2026
ATTACHMENTS: 1. [12.1.1] Funding Proposal - Just Cats Tasmania Inc

Director - Corporate and Community entered the meeting at 3:51pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a Funding Agreement with Just Cats Tasmania Inc. which includes the following conditions:
 - a. An allocation of \$12,000 for the 2026/27 financial year increased by 3% each subsequent financial year for the duration of the Funding Agreement;
 - b. Just Cats Tasmania Inc. is excluded from applying for any further West Tamar Council funds, including any Grants, for the duration of the Funding Agreement; and
 - c. Just Cats Tasmania Inc. provide an annual acquittal and activity report by 31 August each year relating to the previous financial year; and
 - d. Funding be used for programs and services that directly support cat management and animal welfare outcomes that benefit the West Tamar municipality.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to sign the Funding Agreement once terms satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer are agreed.

Minute No. 26/125

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Lyons

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a Funding Agreement with Just Cats Tasmania Inc. which includes the following conditions:
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 - b. Just Cats Tasmania Inc. is excluded from applying for any further West Tamar Council funds, including any Grants, for the duration of the Funding Agreement; and
 - c. Just Cats Tasmania Inc. provide an annual acquittal and activity report by 31 August each year relating to the previous financial year; and

- d. Funding be used for programs and services that directly support cat management and animal welfare outcomes that benefit the West Tamar municipality.
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to sign the Funding Agreement once terms satisfactory to the Chief Executive Officer are agreed.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship Request - Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

REPORT DATE: 13 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.1.1] Sponsorship Request - Australian Three Peaks Race

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Express in-principle support for the Australian Three Peaks Race commencing from Beauty Point in 2027.
2. Approve a financial contribution of \$10,000 as a Host Region Partner.
3. Provide in-kind support, subject to detailed planning and a cost cap of \$2,500.
4. Request a detailed event operations plan from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania outlining infrastructure, traffic, waste, and activation requirements.
5. Engage with Visit Northern Tasmania and local tourism operators to maximise regional benefits.
6. Receive a further report once operational requirements and costs are confirmed.

Minute No. 26/126

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council:

1. Express in-principle support for the Australian Three Peaks Race commencing from Beauty Point in 2027.
2. Approve a financial contribution of \$10,000 as a Host Region Partner.
3. Provide in-kind support, subject to detailed planning and a cost cap of \$2,500.
4. Request a detailed event operations plan from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania outlining infrastructure, traffic, waste, and activation requirements.
5. Engage with Visit Northern Tasmania and local tourism operators to maximise regional benefits.
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 21 July 2026



VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

13.2 Comm 2 - Sponsorship Request - Transplant Games

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory
Acting Team Leader Community Services - Eleanor Moore

REPORT DATE: 13 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [13.2.1] Sponsorship Request – Volunteer Thank You BBQ 2026
Australian Transplant Games

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve a \$5,000 cash sponsorship to Transplant Australia to support the Volunteer Thank You BBQ associated with the 2026 Australian Transplant Games.
2. Acknowledge the hosting of the football competition within the West Tamar municipality at Windsor Park.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise sponsorship arrangements and recognition opportunities with Transplant Australia.
4. Receive a post-event summary outlining outcomes and attendance associated with the Volunteer Thank You BBQ.

Minute No. 26/127

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Ireland

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VOTING

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

Against: Cr Larner and Cr Manticas

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 5/2

Director - Corporate and Community left at 4:12pm

14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

Nil

15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Cr Larner presented a petition on behalf of a ratepayer to the CEO for assessment. Assessment of the petition will be in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Point of order called by Cr Ferguson at 4:13pm

17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

17.1.1 Cr Larner - Motion on urgent intervention request for Firmus Data Centre

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 21 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Cr Larner left the meeting at 4:15pm

Cr Manticas left the meeting at 4:15pm

MOTION

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the unprecedented scale of the proposed 288MW Firmus Technologies Data Centre at Long Reach {DA 2026/29} and its significant environmental, acoustic, and grid-capacity implications for the broader Tamar Valley region.
2. Direct the Mayor to write an urgent letter to the Minister for Housing and Planning (The Hon. Kerry Vincent MP) requesting that the State Government immediately declare the project a Major Project under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.
3. Requests that a Major Project declaration be pursued so that a comprehensive, independent assessment panel can be appointed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission to thoroughly evaluate the cumulative regional impacts on water, energy, noise and community amenity.

Point of Order was called by Cr Deputy Mayor Shegog at 4:16pm

MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A MOVER

Cr Larner returned to the meeting at 4:20pm

Cr Manticas returned to the meeting at 4:20pm

17.1.2 Cr Manticas. Notice of Motion - Elector Poll for Weekly Garbage Collection

REPORT AUTHOR: Executive Assistant - Matt Morgan

REPORT DATE: 14 July 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

MOTION

1. Council support an elector poll to be run in conjunction with the 2026 Local Government Elections, asking the question - *"Do you support weekly rubbish collection, excluding FOGO and recycling?"*
2. Council authorises the CEO to liaise with the Commissioner to run an elector poll to coincide with the 2026 Local Government Elections

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

VOTING

For: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog and Cr Manticas

Against: Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner and Cr Lyons

Abstained: Nil

LOST 2/5

17.2 Motions without Notice

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm

Meeting resumed at 4:51pm

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Write to the Ministers for Planning and Environment to ask whether Tasmania's current planning and environmental laws are fully equipped to assess modern, high-tech, emerging industries and whether in their view introducing clearer statewide standards would provide greater certainty for communities, councils, and developers.

Minute No. 26/128

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved: Cr Larnier

That Council:

1. Notes that on 16 June 2026 it resolved unanimously (Item 17.1.1) to release the summary results of the 2026 Residents and Ratepayers Opinion Survey;
2. Notes that, as at the date of this meeting, those results have not been published;
3. Requests the General Manager to publish the survey results summary by settlement cluster on Council's website within 14 days of this meeting; and
4. Requests the General Manager provide a written report to the next Ordinary Meeting setting out the reasons for the delay in publication since 16 June 2026 resolution.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Moved: Mayor Cr Holmdahl

Title: Welcoming and supporting the Sikh Community in West Tamar

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the official opening of **Gurdwara Sat Sangat Sahib**, the Sikh Community Centre in Grindelwald, as a significant milestone for the Sikh community and the broader West Tamar municipality.
2. Recognise the valuable contribution that Sikh residents have made, and continue to make, to the social, cultural and economic life of the West Tamar, including through volunteering, education, local business and community service.
3. Express its disappointment at the racist and hateful comments made online following the opening of the Gurdwara, together with the reported vandalism of the site shortly afterwards.
4. Reaffirm that racism, religious intolerance and threats of violence have no place in the West Tamar community and that all residents deserve to feel safe, respected and welcome.
5. Request that the CEO:
 - write to the Akaal Sikh Society Launceston Inc. expressing Council's support and solidarity;
 - investigate opportunities for Council to work with the Sikh community on multicultural and community-building initiatives;
 - liaise with Tasmania Police regarding any practical measures that may assist in ensuring community safety around the Gurdwara; and
 - report back to Council on any actions Council can take to strengthen community cohesion and support culturally and linguistically diverse communities within the municipality.

Mayor stepped down from the Chair at 5.06pm

Deputy Mayor took the Chair at 5.06pm

Minute No. 26/129

DECISION

Moved: Mayor Cr Holmdahl

Seconded: Cr Lyons

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Deputy Mayor stepped down from the Chair at 5.11pm

The Mayor resumed the Chair at 5.11pm

18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil.

18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

Cr Ferguson

Question 1: Just for noting – I've actually already been up to liaise with the manager, but, was just interested in getting an update from State Growth on the Riverside connections or crossings that were concept plans. We're interested in getting an update on that.

Response: *Thank you.*

Question 2: The other thing I discussed was the Exeter tip, just some feedback about some difficulty in navigating it and whether Council have considered the layout and what can be done to make it easier to navigate.

Response: *Thank you*

Cr Shegog: Can I just have an update from Dino on the pedestrian bridge at Stony Brook, please?

Response: (From the Director Community Assets, through the Chair) *At this point in time, we're still gathering information. We hope to have an update in the next two weeks.*

Cr Larner

Question 1: Just asking for an update on Council's, deliberations over the Arts—the Arts Group. I think there was some talk about the Exeter Hub and whether that has progressed.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair). *Thank you, Councillor Larner. We are moving into consultation phase with that in terms of talking to the key tenants at the Hub, and then it'll go more broadly than that. So that is still moving.*

Question 2: I attended the Rowella Hall Committee in Councillor Shegog's absence, and there was a presentation from one of the local vineyard operators who was asking, with the Festival of Halls coming up—I think January, they said—whether Council might consider support for—he's an entrepreneurial guy that had been to see his show.

So, he specialises in liaising with the community as to what their stories are, so there's that living history, and it certainly goes with, the hall, you know, centenaries and all. Then he presents it as quite a humorous show, and it's very entertaining, and it's good humour, you know, I've recently had good fortune of hearing, a resident of George Town concerning the industrial hub—his family and, local experience of what the Bell Bay precinct meant.

And his stories are very vivid, and it would be a lovely thing to do, on behalf of the hall. So, I'm just wondering, has there been any feedback on that, Councillor Shegog?

Response: Mayor - *I'll just make one point, and then I'll pass it over to the CEO. The Festival of Small Halls is a business, and they come along and they book the small halls in the community. I believe that you have to pay to attend, but an issue that Councillor Manticas brought up the last time support for this particular project came up was that they've got a good balance.*

(From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *What I can say, Councillor Lerner, is we've received no formal request. If, there is something like that, there is either sponsorship or community grants processes, and I would be encouraging anyone who wants to look at that to go through that process.*

18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

18.3.1 Cr Sladden Question From 16 June 2026

Question 1: I have a question about the slide at the pool. I notice it's been taken down, and I was just wondering about the progress and do we have an ETA on when it might be finished?

Response: *Councils contractor will begin remobilising to site on Tuesday 23 June, to deliver the reconditioned slide components and re-erection of the slide is forecast to occur over the following two to three days.*

18.3.2 Cr Manticas Question From 16 June 2026

Question 1: Is the responsibility of spraying and cleaning out the roadside drains also the responsibility of Department of State Growth (DSG) and the State with regards to that stretch of road? If so, could we get an e-mail address published by way of a response here that community members can email directly their concerns with DSG?

Response: *The Department of State Growth is responsible for the maintenance of the open drains between Beaconsfield and Beauty Point townships in respect to spraying and cleaning out. Council has been undertaking maintenance work on the pathway between the townships to rectify issues with encroaching vegetation and trip hazards. The Department of State Growth Transport Services contact phone number for customer enquiries is 1300 139 933, or an on-line form can be completed at the following webpage link: [https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/contact us/make-an-enquiry-about-a-state-road](https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/contact-us/make-an-enquiry-about-a-state-road).*

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 16 June 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 Request

3.1 Confidential 2 - Leave of Absence Request – Cr Geoff Lyons

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.

Late Items

4.1 Motion to accept Late Item Report 6.1 Chief Executive Officer's Performance Report 2025/2026

Office of the Mayor

6.1 Late Item – Chief Executive Officer's Performance Report 2025/2026

This report will be submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council.

Notice of Motions

12.1 Motion of Notice – Cr Shegog – Confidential Motion regarding Naming of Memorial Park.

Minute No. 26/130

DECISION

Moved: Cr Lyons

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That, pursuant to Regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Council close the meeting to the public at 5.17pm to discuss the following items:

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VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Council resolved to move out of Closed Session at 5:45pm.

21 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 5.45pm