West Tamar COUNCIL

AGENDA

Tuesday 20 October 2026
Ordinary Council Meeting

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15 October 2026

TO ALL COUNCILLORS

Dear Councillor

I wish to advise that an Ordinary meeting of the West Tamar Council will be held at the Windsor Community Precinct, 1 Windsor Drive, Riverside on Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 1:30 pm.



Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer

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1 PRESENT

1.1 Present

1.2 In Attendance

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence: Cr Josh Manticas

Leave of Absence: Cr Julie Sladden

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 15 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**2.1.1**] 2026-09 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - Unconfirmed

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 15 September numbered 26/151 to 26/164 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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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 Larner
Cr Josh Manticas
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
Personal Assistant to the CEO & Mayor	Kathryn Prince
Senior Technology Officer	Brentley Woods
Technology Officer	Angus Pilon
Marcus Grantham	Manager Community Development
Krstyna Ennis	Team Leader - Planning
Millie Van Est	Youth Mayor

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence: Cr Geoff Lyons

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2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 18 August 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 18 August 2026 numbered 26/131 to 26/150 as provided to Councillors be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute No. 26/151

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 18 August 2026 numbered 26/131 to 26/150 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 Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

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3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

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4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

Cr Larner, other interest - **Item 8.3 CEO 3 Submission to Government Inquiry into AI Data Centre in Tasmania**. *This follows my previously declared non-pecuniary interest concerning the proposed Firmus Technologies data centre at Long Reach development assessment pathway and my related community representative advocacy seeking Ministerial consideration of Major Project status for that proposal. This is a direct subject matter connection to data centre and AI infrastructure developments in Tasmania* - Left the room.

Cr Allen, other interest - **Item 13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship Request World Street Eats Beaconsfield** - *Rotary Club part of organising event* - Left the room

Cr Manticas, pecuniary interest - **Item 7.1 Plan 1 - PA2026154 - Resources Development Egg Production - 52 Gibbs Street, Beaconsfield** - *I own the neighbouring property of this application and was the original owner of this land prior to selling it to the applicant* - Left the room.

Cr Shegog, other interest - **Item 14.1 Asset 1 - Rowella Hall Master Plan** - *Rowella Hall Master Plan* - Left the room

The following interests were declared at the commencement of Item 16.1 Petition Regarding Road Safety in Exeter:

Cr Larner, other interest - **Item 16.1 Petition Regarding Road Safety in Exeter** - *In community representative capacity I signed the above named public petition and made count of number of signatories. Community member Ann Brumby has made complaint of report of councillor taking photos to more easily count number of signatories. A reasonable person may therefore perceive, on balance, that I had a non-pecuniary interest int this item* - Left the room

Cr Allen, other interest - **Item 16.1 Petition Regarding Road Safety in Exeter**- *Signed petition* - Left the room

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5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at: 1.40pm

Concluded at: 1.57pm

Anthea Collier, Kayena

Question 1: A question from the community on the purpose of the NTDC and the success that it has had to date.

Response: *NTDC is a cooperative group of the Northern Councils of Tasmania, and the purpose of NTDC is to promote and advocate the issues that are relevant to the greater northern area—those eight councils. We are all members of NTDC, and we know that both State and Federal governments prefer to work with regional bodies, especially with major capital projects. We have proved that with the advocacy of this group, we have had very, very good successes, where in the past it's always been much more difficult. And especially when you consider the resources that a small Council like, for example, Dorset may have, to have that united push on behalf of their project is always very, very beneficial.*

Cheryl Swan, Paper Beach

Statement: As most of you know, I've been attending these meetings, the majority of them for almost a decade now. Time and time again raising issues of public safety, whether it be trees down, potholes in the road, lack of footpaths, the road conditions, lack of pedestrian crossings in Exeter.

I find it quite interesting that now we're coming up to a local government election, suddenly the biggest issue being raised is the Exeter pedestrian crossing. After all the advocating of not just myself but others, suddenly certain members in this Council and community are really jumping on the bandwagon. I can only hope we finally get the results we need in a decent pedestrian crossing for visitors and locals alike using the area, and can safely know where they can cross the road in Exeter. It's only one issue of road safety and people safety in our community, but I'm really, you know, fingers crossed. I'm not holding my breath, but fingers crossed we might finally, after decades - not just this decade, decades - finally get a result that we truly have been seeking for. I've talked to three Premiers, two Infrastructure Ministers, and every sitting Bass electorate Member—not just Local government, not just State government, Federal government on this issue. Finally, finally I would like to see a conclusion and a result and some decent action to get this issue fixed. That's it.

Response: *I can assure you that all of the councillors around this table are as committed to having that problem fixed. I don't agree with your premise that they're only asking questions now because there's an election on, because the inference was there, Ms. Swan. And I think that we are working as a team to try and get the best possible result because, like you, we're as frustrated with the time it's taking to resolve this problem.*

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D. Barr, Kayena

Question 1: My comment and then following up question is about some government conventions. It's quite common for National, Provincial, State, and Local Governments to go into a caretaker period before elections. This is not a mandatory thing in Tasmanian legislation, but many councils in Tasmania do do so. And I was just wondering if the West Tamar Council has considered that in the past, and if not, you know, what are the reasons why you've decided not to go into caretaker mode.

Response: *We'll take that question on notice.*

D. McInnes, Kayena

Question 1: Agenda item number 16, the petition re: road safety at Exeter. As required under the *Local Government Act*, the petition has been tabled. Tabled with the signatures of those who have filled out the petition being redacted. And that petition is now on the public record.

However, *prima facie*, in redacting only the signatures, it would appear that the Council is in breach of the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*, because the names and addresses of those people are now on the public record. Under the Act, names and addresses are considered to be personal information. As a public authority, the Council is a personal information custodian of any personal information that comes before it. And as such, you have to adhere to the 10 personal information protection principles contained in the Act - the PIP Act, the *Personal Information Act*. I am now going to quote the requirement under principle number four concerning data security: 'A personal information custodian must take reasonable steps to protect the personal information it holds from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification, and disclosure.' You have disclosed that personal information. Therefore, *prima facie*, you are in breach of the Act.

I then would say to you, you could have avoided this problem if you had redacted the names and addresses. I put to you that section 58 of the *Local Government Act* requires the tabling only to provide evidence of said petition. So the issue could have been avoided, as I said. Now obviously you have some level of privacy concerns because you have redacted the signatures. So I ask the question: Has the council obtained legal advice on privacy considerations before tabling the petition? If yes, what was that advice that provided sufficient comfort to you to redact only the signatures?

Response: *I will actually get the CEO to respond to your question.*

Response: *(From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) In relation to the redaction of the signatures, they were redacted because we didn't want to have potential fraud occur, because they're in a public agenda and people can see signatures, and that's a fraud risk, which is why they've been redacted.*

In terms of the petition, when members of the public are signing a petition that is going to be tabled publicly in a Council meeting, our understanding is that in fact people expect that to be tabled and made public.

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So we're not doing disclosure without people understanding what would occur; we're absolutely in line with people understanding that part of the petition. Particularly a petition like this, where they were seeking potentially a compulsory public meeting to be held, so we had to get 5% of the elector base, to the point where people were putting names and addresses and ticking whether they are an elector or not.

So I would politely disagree with your interpretation of that because I think in this particular instance, there is an expectation of privacy of those people who are signing a public petition.

Statement: Well respectfully, I argue that's a grey area. And you're assuming that people are expecting their details to be made public. As I said, you could have avoided the problem through redaction, but you didn't. I have raised this issue with the Ombudsman already, and they are of the opinion that it is unclear at this stage and could warrant investigation.

Anne Brumby, Exeter

Statement: Following the recent Council roadshow in Exeter, I raised concerns about the traffic and pedestrian issues affecting our township. While the pedestrian crossing on Main Road has not made things better, my broader concern is the overall traffic management - or lack of it - along Main Road between the Frankford Highway and Glen Ard Mohr Road.

My hope is that Council will hold a public meeting so that residents can openly discuss these concerns and contribute to finding practical solutions. To demonstrate the level of community interest, I organised a petition with the assistance of Deputy Mayor Rick Shegog. Together we visited businesses along Main Road asking if they would display the petition. Every business we approached was very supportive and agreed to do so, with the exception of the Post Office, which understandably was unable to participate due to Federal regulations. I also took the petition to Beaconfield, Beauty Point, Gravelly Beach, and surrounding areas. Deputy Mayor Shegog and I spent time on Main Road speaking with residents, listening to their concerns, and inviting them to sign the petition. In a relatively short period, we collected almost 700 signatures. While I understand that this number does not obligate Council to hold a public meeting, I believe it represents a significant level of community support for a town the size of Exeter and demonstrates that these issues are important to local residents.

I was disappointed, however, to learn that one Councillor was reportedly visiting businesses and photographing people's signatures and addresses on the petition. Whether intended or not, businesses told me they felt uncomfortable and subsequently removed the petition from public view. I believe this may have reduced the number of signatures we would otherwise have collected.

Today, I respectfully ask Council to formally receive the petition and, more importantly, to facilitate a public meeting so residents have the opportunity to voice their concerns directly. I appreciate that Main Road is a State government road and not under the direct responsibility of West Tamar Council. However, it is the responsibility of Council to advocate on behalf of its community. I believe our residents deserve the opportunity to be heard. As part of that discussion, I would

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like consideration given to options such as roundabouts at each end of the Main Road shopping precinct, the installation of pedestrian traffic lights within the centre of the shopping centre, and a review of the existing pedestrian refuge islands, which many residents believe have created additional traffic issues rather than improving safety. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Response: *Thank you very much, Ms. Brumby, and I can tell you that it is an agenda item on today's meeting that a public meeting be held. But I can also tell you that we, as a Council, have been - I would say at least 10 to 12 years - lobbying the Federal government for the exact changes that you brought up: roundabouts, speed reduction, and an official crossing.*

So, we are hoping that the petition that you took around, and I thank you and the Deputy Mayor very much for doing that, we hope that that will have an impact on the State government to consider what we've been talking about for the last 10 years.

Louise Smith, Legana

Question 1: Could Council possibly place a defibrillator at Outreach Drive? Because we cannot get over the road to get the defibrillator from the supermarket. It's too far.

Response: *We have had that conversation on the phone, and we are just wondering where the best location for it would be. We think it's probably going to be somewhere like the childcare centre and the church area, and we are working on it at the moment. So we did take great note of your phone call, and we agree with you that it wouldn't be a hard thing to do.*

Question 2: There's one other thing. The concrete barrier that's now there, could we get someone to paint it similar to what they have at Sheffield, you know, the murals?

Response: *That's probably an issue that you'd have to raise with the State government because the West Tamar Highway is a State road, and all of the infrastructure on that road is the responsibility of the State government. But I can tell you that when that wall was put up, it has been painted with a special substance that deters, or can't be graffitied on. So I'm not quite sure how they'd go about that, but that is an issue that you would have to raise with one of your State members, somebody like Michael Ferguson or Jo Palmer. We unfortunately can't help you in this instance.*

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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 B Brown, Legana

Question 1: Further to the resolution of Council at item 17.1.1 [*of the August Council Ordinary Meeting Agenda*], what options are available to Council to progress a shared walking and cycling path in the West Tamar Highway corridor between the Tamar Island Wetlands and the Acropolis Drive roundabout?

Response: *Council has not yet discussed the options that may be available to progress a shared path within the West Tamar Highway between Tamar Island and Acropolis Drive. Council continues to have regular conversations with Building Tasmania officers in relation to a number of improvement projects within the Highway corridor, which include the pathway link between Riverside and Acropolis Drive. Subsequent to the Council resolution (Minute No.26/145) and letter sent to Building Tasmania in relation to this topic, Officers will discuss the response received with Council at a future Workshop.*

Question 2: Does the work referred to in the officer's comments for item 17.1.1, described as investigating and proposing potential alignments for two sections of trail linking Legana to the Tailrace precinct, cover the section between the Tamar Island Wetlands and the Acropolis Drive roundabout?

Response: *The two sections of trail mentioned in the officer's comments section of Item 17.1.1 from the August Council Ordinary Meeting refer to section 8.19 of the West Tamar Trails Strategy (Legana Foreshore Trail – 10.8km) and section 8.21 (Riverside Foreshore Trail – 7km). The work undertaken to date does not include the Highway corridor path upgrade from Acropolis Drive to the Tamar Wetlands.*

Question 3: On what date was the letter required by the resolution at item 17.1.1 sent?

Response: *31 August 2026*

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5.2.2 C Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: Following the detection of H5 avian influenza in Tasmania, what arrangements currently exist within the West Tamar municipality for reporting, assessing, collecting, transporting and safely disposing of sick or dead birds and other potentially infected wildlife found on council-managed beaches, foreshores, parks, roads and other public land? Please identify the respective responsibilities of West Tamar Council, NRE Tasmania and Council's waste contractors, including what residents should do when a carcass has been reported but is not collected by the state authorities.

Response: *The West Tamar Council has no responsibilities with regard to the outbreak of 'bird flu' in Tasmania. That sits solely with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (**The Department**), which is the statutory authority in this case. The Council's role is purely to inform its community of the steps that the Department is taking, to warn of the risks and to pass on relevant information to the public, which it continues to do through its social media channels. Council has also taken steps internally to advise its staff on the correct procedures for notifying the department of any potential cases, as well as advice on the correct handling of any sick or dead birds or animals.*

Question 2: Has West Tamar Council prepared, or sought from NRE Tasmania, a documented local operational plan for responding to multiple or mass wildlife deaths associated with H5 avian influenza—including trained personnel, PPE and disinfection requirements, temporary public-access restrictions, carcass storage and disposal facilities, protection of waste workers and arrangements for communicating with residents? If not, will Council now develop and publish such arrangements before a significant local mortality event occurs?

Response: *See response to question one. The Department is the sole statutory authority responsible for the response to bird flu in Tasmania.*

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5.2.3 T Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: West Tamar Council's 2024–25 Annual Report records that, as at 23 June 2025, Cr Joy Allen, Cr Lynden Ferguson, Mayor Christina Holmdahl and Cr Rick Shegog had each recorded 0% progress across all three councillor learning packages.

The Tasmanian Office of Local Government states that these learning programs are intended to build the skills and capability of elected representatives and support their continuing development.

Could Council please confirm whether the published figures remain accurate and provide the current completion percentage for each of the three learning packages for every current West Tamar councillor

Response: *The figures published in the Annual Report 2024-25 were correct as of 23 June 2025 – as stated. The responsibility for each councillor to complete these learning packages rests solely with each individual, not the organisation. There is currently no legislated requirement for an elected member to complete the learning modules. The next update on these learning packages will be provided in the 2025-26 Annual Report.*

Question 2: If any of the four named councillors still have not commenced or completed the packages, explain why they remain incomplete and whether those councillors have committed to completing them by a specified date;

Response: *That is a question for those individual councillors.*

Question 3: Explain how Council satisfies itself—and provides assurance to the community—that a councillor who has not completed these foundational learning packages possesses the knowledge and capability necessary to effectively perform the role, including scrutinising budgets and reports, exercising governance responsibilities, assessing strategic priorities and participating in decisions as a planning authority?

Response: *Councillors are answerable to their electorate – not the organisation – and it is incumbent on the individuals to perform their role as it is outlined in the Local Government Act 1993.* Council has no role in assessing a Councillors capability.

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5.2.4 A Coram, Clarence Point

Question 1: Will the council consider spending resources to improve the visual and physical amenity of Beaconsfield by undertaking a programme to plant substantial trees throughout the town with particular attention to the Northern end?

Response: *The Beaconsfield Streetscape Improvement Plan proposes to incorporate trees, however all planning is subject to specific approvals by Building Tasmania in relation to the State Highway. The location and specification of any trees will be determined as part of the planning, design and approval process. These decisions will need to consider factors such as road safety, sight distances, underground and overhead services, maintenance and long-term streetscape outcomes.*

Question 2: Will the council replace the large deciduous trees it has removed from Sunset Boulevard near the hall and also plant substantial trees to replace or augment the trees at the entrance in the section near the memorial? Substantial refers to large trees that will produce shade and enhance the town. The old trees at the southern entrance to Beaconsfield are an example. The reason for requesting the trees at the entrance to Sunset Bvd be augmented is that they are small and will never match the stature of the established trees further along the road, already leaving the memorial section looking a rather low priced and shabby show of respect. More generally the section on from the memorial and around the hall seems to be getting degraded.

Response: *As part of West Tamar Council's ongoing tree inspection and risk management program, two* Acacia melanoxylon *(Blackwood) trees located on Sunset Boulevard were removed after being assessed as having reached the end of their useful life and/or presenting an unacceptable risk to public safety and road users.*

These trees were native, self-seeded specimens and did not form part of the planned streetscape or Soldier's Memorial Avenue plantings that characterise the area. Following assessment, Council has determined that replacement planting at this location is not appropriate, as the establishment of new trees may create sightline and visibility issues for vehicles travelling north along Sunset Boulevard.

At this time, West Tamar Council does not have plans to expand the existing tree plantings along Soldier's Memorial Avenue. Council will continue to monitor the health and condition of the established trees and will consider a future replanting program as those trees approach the end of their lifecycle, ensuring the Avenue's character and amenity can be maintained over time.

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5.2.5 G Hay, Beauty Point

Question 1: Would it be fair to say the new management system at the West Tamar Council has lost sight of respectful consultation with rate payers and now solely rely upon costly external consultants or Ai generated reports to arrive at it decision making processes ?

Response: *No*

Question 2: The Rate Payers invested in the development of Innova Park Industrial sub division, the CEO confirmed that and Office of the Coordinator General, Austrade, NTDC had been tasked with selling these industrial lots, has the West Tamar Council actually appointed a licensed Real Estate Agent to market & sell these industrial lots ?

Response: *The premise of the question is not correct. Those entities have not been tasked with selling the lots at Innova Park. The very purpose of groups such as NTDC - of which West Tamar is a member council - is to identify and facilitate initiatives that attract investment, foster emerging industries and boost gross regional product within Northern Tasmania. It would be remiss of Council to not work collaboratively with both NTDC and the Office of the Coordinator General to look at ways to increase investment and economic development in the West Tamar.*

Question 3: In the normal course of events if land is for sale. Regardless of it being in the CDB, a small township the middle of a desert the normal course of events is to disclose and asking price by the vendor, why does the WTC believe the lot values or asking price of the West Tamar Councils Innova Park industrial sub-division should remain a secret from rate payers who's funds where used for its development ?

Response: *Land at Innova Park is classified as general council land and not public land under Section 177A(1) of the Local Government Act 1993. As such, the Council has obtained a valuation of the land by a qualified registered valuer (Section 177[2]).*

Any land sale at Innova Park must be endorsed by the Councillors by an absolute majority. These transactions are discussed in a Closed session of Council under Regulation 17(2)(c),(d),(e) and (g) as they relate to the disposal of land, commercial-in-confidence negotiations and contracts for goods and services. As such, the independent valuation figures are regarded as commercial-in-confidence.

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5.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

5.3.1 C Allison, Port Sorell

Our Ref: GO.COU.193

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

31 August 2026

Cush Allison
[redacted]

By email: [redacted]

Dear Mr Allison,

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 18 August 2026

I refer to the questions set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 18 August 2026, and now provide the following responses:

Question 1: *Can Council answer what negotiations has the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, any Councillors, any Executive had through West Tamar as owners of Taswater, and Firmus?*

West Tamar Council has had no negotiations with Firmus.

Question 2: *With West Tamar's support or non-support of the Firmus AI factory, can the West Tamar Council answer the benefits and the costs to the West Tamar community of the long-term effect of the AI data centre to the West Tamar community?*

West Tamar Council has no position on the Firmus AI data centre. The Council has had no opportunity to conduct any analysis of the development application – and nor should it. It is purely a matter for George Town Council.

Furthermore, Councillors have not been privy to any environmental, scientific or cost benefit analysis that may have been provided to George Town Council as part of the application process.

As such, Council is not in a position to provide any commentary on the matter.

Yours sincerely

Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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."

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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 - PA2026154 - Resource Development: Egg Production - 52 Gibbs Street, Beaconsfield

REPORT AUTHOR:	Senior Statutory Planner - Eric Smith
REPORT DATE:	15 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**7.1.1**] Plan 1 - Attachment 1 - Location Plan 2. [**7.1.2**] Plan 1 - Attachment 2 - Application summary and proposal plans

Cr Manticas left the meeting at 1:59 pm

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2026154 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 Resource Development – egg farm, by S Wong, for land at 52 Gibbs Street, Beaconsfield Lot No. 3 on Plan No. 210331 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) Endorsed plans by applicant (dated 22 July 2026):
      (i) Master plan and Site Plan detail;
      (ii) Farm building floor plan and elevations;
      (iii) Outbuilding floor plan and elevations;
   (b) Endorsed plans by Tankworld, undated;
   (c) Operations document by the applicant, dated 30 July [2026];
   (d) Bin Mortality Composting Basics for Poultry Producers brochure by the University of Georgia Extension dated March 2026; and
   (e) Emissions Report by Pitt & Sherry dated 16 July 2026.

   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.

AGRICULTURAL LIMITS

2. No more than 500 laying hens may be kept on the site at any one time.

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3. No roosters are allowed.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – MORTALITIES STORAGE AND COMPOSTING AREA

4. Prior to construction of the mortality storage and composting area and the commencement of the use, an Environmental Management Plan must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director Planning and Development which includes:
   (a) detailed design that demonstrates that any leaching or runoff would be directed away from waterways, dams or groundwater to ensure the risk of causing environmental harm is low;
   (b) the routine and emergency process for handling and disposing of chicken mortalities, including instances where high mortalities or biosecurity issues require an alternative disposal method to use of the composting area; and
   (c) measure to deter flies, rodents, scavenging birds, pathogens and offensive odours.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

5. 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.

ONSITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

6. The land application area for onsite wastewater disposal must be separated from all buildings, parking and access ways.

7. Stormwater overflow from the water tanks must be managed onsite.

OUTBUILDINGS

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

DELIVERY HOURS

9. Deliveries to and from the site by commercial vehicles must be confined to:
   (a) 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday
   (b) 9am to noon Saturday
   (c) Nil on Sundays and public holidays

OUTDOOR STORAGE AREAS

10. Goods, equipment, packaging, machinery and the like must not be stored outside a building so as to be visible from the public road, or any public thoroughfare or public place, except as approved by this Permit.

UNSEALED PARKING AND ACCESS FOR COMMERCIAL USES

11. Prior to commencement of the use:
   (a) any areas set aside for the parking of vehicles together with the aisles and access lanes must be paved with crushed rock or gravel of adequate thickness as necessary to

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prevent the formation of potholes and depressions according to the nature of the subgrade and vehicles likely to use the space; and

(b) Areas must be constructed, drained and maintained in a condition suitable for use by two-wheel drives to the satisfaction of the Director Community Assets or their delegate.

WATERWAY BUFFER PROTECTION

12. Works within the mapped waterway buffer or within the buffer as defined in the Code must be undertaken in accordance with the *Wetlands and Waterways Works Manual*.

13. Onsite wastewater management land application areas must be outside the mapped waterway buffer or the waterway buffer as defined in the Code, or in accordance with Environmental Health Standards for setbacks.

ODOUR

14. The site must be managed to in accordance with the endorsed documents to prevent unreasonable nuisance to sensitive uses from odour. This specifically includes:
    (a) adhering to the maximum number of birds (500 laying hens);
    (b) frequent rotation of coops to prevent manure build-up in line with the operation description approved;
    (c) secure feed store to restrict the potential for pests or moulding; and
    (d) prompt handling of spills, waste and mortality to ensure no unreasonable build-up of odour.

DUST OR FUMES

15. The site must be managed in accordance with the endorsed documents to prevent unreasonable nuisance to adjoining sensitive uses from dust.

NOISE

16. The site must be managed in accordance with the endorsed documents to prevent unreasonable nuisance to adjoining sensitive uses from noise.

17. Any plant/machinery on the farm hub building must not be installed on the external northern or western walls.

LIGHTING

18. Any exterior and security lighting must be designed, located and baffled so that no direct light is emitted beyond the site boundaries.

19. Excluding security lighting, external lighting must not operate outside the hours of 7pm to 7am.

COMPLAINTS REGISTER

20. The applicant must keep a register of complaints and action taken to resolve issues raised. In the event that a complaint is made to Council, this must be available to inspect by environmental health, planning or municipal officers.

Permit Notes

Notations

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   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

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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.

D. The applicant is recommended to obtain a survey of the site to confirm the boundary with the adjoining land to the west.

E. Illness including Avian Influenza is to be managed in accordance with Tasmanian Government advice and reported accordingly.

Other Approvals

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

G. No signage is approved. If any signage is required, please submit a further application for assessment.

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Team Leader - Planning entered the meeting at 1.58pm

Minute No. 26/152

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That application PA2026154 be determined as follows:

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COMPLAINTS REGISTER

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Permit Notes

Notations

A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for PA2026154. 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:

e. The 14-day appeal period expires; or

f. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal is abandoned or determined; or

g. Any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part 5 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is executed; or

h. 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.

D. The applicant is recommended to obtain a survey of the site to confirm the boundary with the adjoining land to the west.

E. Illness including Avian Influenza is to be managed in accordance with Tasmanian Government advice and reported accordingly.

Other Approvals

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

G. No signage is approved. If any signage is required, please submit a further application for assessment.

Appeal Provisions

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of the decision on the applicant.

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Permit Commencement

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Cr Manticas entered the meeting at 2:03 pm

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7.2 Plan 2 - PA2026202 - Residential: Dwelling and Outbuildings - 28 Countryside Court, Riverside

REPORT AUTHOR:	Statutory Planner - Patrick McMahon
REPORT DATE:	24 August 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**7.2.1**] Plan 2 - Attachment 1 - Location Plan 2. [**7.2.2**] Plan 2 - Attachment 2 - Proposal Plans

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2026202 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, Single Dwelling and Outbuildings (x2), by Haydn and Paige Chell, for land at 28 Countryside Court Lot No. 62 on Plan No. 184385 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) Endorsed plans by Plans to Build, Project 26082 dated 15/07/2026.

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

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

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

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

STORMWATER
4. All impervious areas must be drained to the public drainage system.

DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA CONSTRUCTION
5. Prior to the commencement of the use, the driveway, including any manoeuvring areas, between the existing site crossover and the dwelling must be constructed with an impervious seal and drained to the public drainage system.

6. Prior to the commencement of the use, parking bays and access ways shown on the endorsed plans must:
(a) be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
(b) be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property.

Parking within the garage and access ways required by condition 5 must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the use.

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Notations

A. This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for PA2026202. 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:

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Other Approvals

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

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Permit Commencement

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MOTION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

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   c. general soil description;
   d. location and types of all existing vegetation, location and amount of proposed ground disturbance, limit of clearing, grading and filling and the proposed location of soil, sand, topsoil and other material stockpiles;
   e. critical natural areas such as drainage lines, cliffs, wetlands and unstable ground;
   f. location of vegetation to be retained and removed;
   g. location of stabilised site access;
   h. initial and final contours, location of watercourses, surface drainage and existing stormwater infrastructure;
   i. stormwater discharge point, if proposed;
   j. location of all proposed temporary drainage control measures;
   k. construction details;
   l. location and details of all proposed erosion control measures;
   m. location and details of all proposed measures to minimize dust generation and emission beyond the site boundaries;
   n. location and details of all proposed sediment control measures;
   o. a statement of who is responsible for establishing and maintaining erosion and sediment control measures;
   p. site rehabilitation or landscaping/revegetation program;

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q. estimated dates for start and finish of the works including installation sequence of different erosion and sediment controls;
r. any information required to address soil, water and dust control measures required to accommodate staging of the proposal; and
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   Parking within the garage and access ways required by condition 5 must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the use.

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c. The 14-day appeal period expires; or

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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

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AMENDED MOTION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That application PA2026202 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, Single Dwelling and Outbuildings (x2), by Haydn and Paige

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Chell, for land at 28 Countryside Court Lot No. 62 on Plan No. 184385 be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

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VOTING

For:	Cr Ireland, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson and Cr Larner
Abstained:	Nil

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DECISION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

Team Leader - Planning left the meeting at 2.24pm

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8 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in August and September

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 4 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 18 August and 1 September 2026.

Minute No. 26/154

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 18 August and 1 September 2026.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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8.2 CEO 2 - Submission on Fire and Emergency Services Bill

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 9 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.2.1**] Draft Submission re Fire and Emergency Services Bill

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the submission to the draft Tasmania Fire and Emergency Service Bill 2026 included as attachment 1; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency before the close of the consultation period.

Minute No. 26/155

DECISION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Endorses the submission to the draft Tasmania Fire and Emergency Service Bill 2026 included as attachment 1; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency before the close of the consultation period.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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8.3 CEO 3 - Submission to Government Inquiry into AI Data Centre in Tasmania

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 7 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.3.1**] Draft Submission Government Inquiry into AI Data Centres

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Cr Larner left the meeting at 2:30 pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the submission to the Inquiry into AI Data Centres in Tasmania included as attachment 1; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the committee before the close of the consultation period.

Minute No. 26/156

DECISION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council:

1. Endorses the submission to the Inquiry into AI Data Centres in Tasmania included as attachment 1; and

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the committee before the close of the consultation period.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Cr Larner entered the meeting at 2:40 pm

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9 GOVERNANCE

9.1 Gov 1 - West Tamar Council Audit Panel Minutes

REPORT AUTHOR:	Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers
REPORT DATE:	9 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**9.1.1**] Audit Panel Minutes - 29 June 2026 - CONFIRMED 2. [**9.1.2**] Audit Panel Minutes - 8 September 2026 - UNCONFIRMED

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 29 June 2026 and the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 8 September 2026.

Minute No. 26/157

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Sladden

That Council receives and notes the confirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 29 June 2026 and the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 8 September 2026.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Special 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - August

REPORT AUTHOR: Youth Development Officer - Kirsten Howard

REPORT DATE: 13 August 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.1.1**] YAC Minutes - August 13 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the YAC Meeting held on 13 August 2026.

Manager Community Development entered the meeting at 2.45pm

Minute No. 26/158

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the YAC Meeting held on 13 August 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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10.2 Special 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - August

REPORT AUTHOR:	Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell
REPORT DATE:	24 August 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**10.2.1**] 24.08.2026 PAC minutes final

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 24 August 2026.

Minute No. 26/159

DECISION

Moved: Cr Larner

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 24 August 2026.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

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11 DEVELOPMENT

Nil

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12 CORPORATE

Nil

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13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship Request - World Street Eats Beaconsfield

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 8 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**13.1.1**] World Street Eats Beaconsfield Sponsorship Proposal

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Cr Allen left the meeting at 2:51 pm

RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not approve the World Street Eats Beaconsfield sponsorship application for funding of $5,000, plus in-kind support for the proposed event to be held on 5 December 2026.

Minute No. 26/160

DECISION

Moved: Cr Manticas

Seconded: Cr Ireland

That Council does not approve the World Street Eats Beaconsfield sponsorship application for funding of $5,000, plus in-kind support for the proposed event to be held on 5 December 2026.

VOTING

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

Against: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

Abstained: Nil

CARRIED 6/1

Cr Allen entered the meeting at 3:01 pm

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13.2 Comm 2 - Community Grant Application - Tamar Valley Business Association

REPORT AUTHOR:	Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham
REPORT DATE:	8 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**13.2.1**] 2026-27 WTC Community Grant Program Application - TVBA Community Cultural Events

RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not approve the Tamar Valley Business Association community grant application for the amount of $5,000 for a Community Cultural Program in late 2026.

Minute No. 26/161

DECISION

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Manticas

That Council does not approve the Tamar Valley Business Association community grant application for the amount of $5,000 for a Community Cultural Program in late 2026.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Cr Allen
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED 7/1

Manager Community Development left the meeting at 3.10pm

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14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

14.1 Asset 1 - Rowella Hall Master Plan

REPORT AUTHOR:	Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli
REPORT DATE:	4 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**14.1.1**] Rowella Hall Site Improvements Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the attached draft Master Plan and supports expenditure of capital funding for stage one work.

Director Community Assets entered the meeting at 3.10pm
Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog left the meeting at 3:11 pm

Minute No. 26/162

MOTION

Moved: Cr Sladden

Seconded: Cr Allen

That Council approves the attached draft Master Plan and supports expenditure of capital funding for stage one work, including the establishment of the Centenary Gardens.

VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Director Community Assets left the meeting at 3.21pm
Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog entered the meeting at 3:21 pm

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15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

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16 PETITIONS

16.1 Pet 1 - Petition regarding Road Safety in Exeter

REPORT AUTHOR:	Governance Officer - Tom Chalmers
REPORT DATE:	9 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	1. [**16.1.1**] Petition Regarding Road Safety in Exeter - Signatures Redacted

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the tabling of the petition requesting "*That we the residents of the West Tamar call on the West Tamar Council to hold a public meeting regarding the road safety issues relating to pedestrians and vehicles on the Main Street of Exeter between Frankford Highway and Glen Ard Mohr Road.";* and

2. in accordance with Section 60(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* determine at the 20 October 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting any action to be taken in respect of the petition.

Cr Larner left the meeting at 3:22 pm
Cr Allen left the meeting at 3:26 pm

Minute No. 26/163

MOTION

Moved: Cr Ireland

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog

That Council:

1. Note the tabling of the petition

2. Resolves to hold a public meeting in response to the petition; and

3. Present for community consideration Council's advocacy position that roundabouts be constructed at the intersections of the West Tamar Highway with Frankford Road and Glen Ard Mohr Road, and that a signalised pedestrian crossing be installed on the West Tamar Highway in the Exeter shopping strip.

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VOTING

For:	Mayor Cr Holmdahl, Deputy Mayor Cr Shegog, Cr Ferguson, Cr Ireland, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

Cr Allen entered the meeting at 3:41 pm
Cr Larner entered the meeting at 3:41 pm

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17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

17.1.1 Cr Larner - Exeter Road Safety and Traffic Public Forum

REPORT AUTHOR:	Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond
REPORT DATE:	9 September 2026
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

MOTION ON NOTICE

That Council:

1. Notes the concerns of an estimated 700 residents of the West Tamar municipal area, expressed through the community petition 'Petition Regarding Road Safety in Exeter', that Council hold a public meeting regarding road safety issues relating to pedestrians and vehicles on the Main Street of Exeter between the Frankford Highway and Glen Ard Mohr Road.
2. Notes, as factual background only, the road safety matters raised at Council's Exeter Community Roadshow, including reports of pedestrian near-misses, difficulties with vehicle access at intersections, and increasing traffic volumes through Exeter's main business centre.
3. Reaffirms Council's adoption of the Exeter Structure Plan and, without reopening or disturbing that decision, resolves that further community engagement on road safety and traffic management within the Exeter business district is consistent with, and supportive of, the implementation of the adopted Structure Plan.
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer, in the exercise of the General Manager's functions under the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 (Tas), to arrange a public meeting in Exeter at the earliest practicable opportunity to enable residents to present their experiences, concerns and proposed responses on pedestrian safety, intersection access and traffic management within the Exeter business district.
5. Requests that the public meeting be convened, advertised and conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - chaired by the Mayor or such other person as the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer may agree; and conducted so that all attending residents have an equal opportunity to be heard; and, without directing the Chief Executive Officer as to the manner in which she performs her functions under sections 62 and 63 of the Local Government Act 1993, notes Council's expectation that residents will be provided with neutral, factual background information, including a plain-English summary of the road safety and traffic elements of the adopted Exeter Structure Plan.
6. Notes that the Exeter Structure Plan has already been adopted by Council, and accordingly that the public meeting is not convened for the purpose of reopening, amending or revisiting the adopted Structure Plan, but for the purpose of informing

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Council's implementation of the adopted Structure Plan, Council's ongoing advocacy to the Tasmanian Government on State-controlled road infrastructure through Exeter, and the scope of any future review of the Structure Plan that Council may resolve to undertake.

7. Provides an opportunity at the public meeting for residents to present insights and submissions on matters including (without limitation or endorsement by Council) traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures within the Exeter business district and options for the longer-term management of through-traffic, including consideration of an alternative bypass route; noting that any such submissions asreceived do not bind Council, and will be considered through Council's ordinary statutory decision-making processes.
8. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to extend written invitations to the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and to all candidates duly nominated for the forthcoming West Tamar Council election, to attend on the same terms as members of the public, on the basis of equal access and without conferring any preferential platform on any individual candidate.
9. Requests the Chief Executive Officer, following the public meeting, to bring back to Council a written summary of the issues, proposals and submissions raised, for Council's consideration and, if Council so resolves, for onward referral to the Tasmanian Government as part of Council's ongoing advocacy on State road infrastructure through the Exeter business district.
10. Records that, in moving this motion, the mover acts in the councillor's representative capacity, does not hold a pecuniary interest within the meaning of sections 48 and 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, and expresses no view on behalf of Council on any particular engineering, planning or bypass outcome, all such outcomes remaining matters for Council decision on their merits following proper process.
11. Records, for the avoidance of doubt, that this resolution is a decision of Council which the Chief Executive Officer is to implement under section 62(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993; that nothing in this resolution is intended to direct any employee of Council in the discharge of that employee's duties within the meaning of section 28(3)(a) of that Act; and that operational arrangements for giving effect to this resolution, including the allocation of duties to employees, remain matters for the Chief Executive Officer under sections 62 and 63 of that Act.

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17.2 Motions without Notice

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18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

18.1.1 Cr Sladden

Question 1: At its meeting of 19 November 2024, Council resolved to take a proactive advocacy role regarding reported DNA contamination of COVID-19 mRNA vaccines, including receiving six-monthly briefings from the State Government and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Council officers subsequently wrote to the TGA and Department of Health on one occasion, but no six-monthly briefings have been received and – to my knowledge - no further requests have been made.

What action has been taken since the initial correspondence to implement Council's resolution to receive six-monthly briefings?

Response: *Council officers contacted the Tasmanian Department of Health in early April 2025 confirming the detail of the motion passed at the 19 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, namely that "*That Council … receive six monthly briefings on developments related to reported DNA contamination in COVID-19 mRNA vaccines from the State Government and the TGA. The first should be sought in the new year and West Tamar Council to maintain an awareness of the emerging issues." *and requesting briefings*.

Multiple follow-up enquiries by phone and email across April and May 2025 lead to the Tasmanian Department of Health providing a written response on 23 May 2025 which was provided to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer on 26 May 2025 and is provided for reference below.

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Department of Health

GPO Box 125, HOBART TAS 7001, Australia
Web: www.health.tas.gov.au

Tasmanian Government

Contact: Dr Shannon Melody
E-mail: public.health@health.tas.gov.au
File: SEC25/1032

[redacted]
West Tamar Council
[redacted]@wtc.tas.gov.au

Dear [redacted]

Subject: Reported DNA Contamination in COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines

I am writing in response to your request for 'six monthly briefings on developments related to reported DNA contamination in COVID-19 mRNA vaccines from the State Government and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).' I understand this request follows the motion passed by West Tamar Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting in November 2024.

I understand the origin of concerns raised in the motion relate to a report written by a Canadian Virologist David Speicher, and subsequent letters to the Prime Minister by Russell Broadbent MP, claiming to have shown that COVID-19 mRNA vials tested in his laboratory were contaminated with excess DNA, above thresholds specified by regulatory bodies such as the TGA. The Department of Health has been aware of these matters raised through West Tamar Valley Council, and of some ongoing advocacy for this viewpoint.

The TGA addressed assertions about excessive DNA in the mRNA vaccines with a published statement on 18 October 2024. In this statement the TGA explains the scientific shortcomings and misinterpretations that underlie the misinformation. The TGA also confirmed that all COVID-19 vaccines approved in Australia have been rigorously assessed and meet high standards for safety, quality, and efficacy.

The Department of Health has met with the Local Government Association of Tasmania to discuss these matters and provided a letter from the Director of Public Health to the General Managers of all Tasmanian councils. The letter provides factual information and links to resources that refute the circulating misinformation and emphasises the risks of this discourse undermining community confidence in vaccine safety.

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The Department of Health is guided by the TGAs assessments and responses to assertions about content of vaccines in Australia. The Department remains confident that current regulatory, advisory and monitoring processes ensure the safety and efficacy of vaccines provided in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

Dale Webster PSM
Secretary

22 May 2025

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*The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) were also contacted in early April 2025, again confirming the detail of the motion passed at the 19 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, namely that "*That Council … receive six monthly briefings on developments related to reported DNA contamination in COVID-19 mRNA vaccines from the State Government and the TGA. The first should be sought in the new year and West Tamar Council to maintain an awareness of the emerging issues." *and requesting briefings*.

The TGA responded on 9 April 2025, provided below:

From: TGA Info <info@tga.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 9 April 2025 4:36 PM
To: WTC General Enquiries <wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: TGA Website | Form submission | Get in touch CCEMS:06500000271
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines. The TGA is aware of mis- and disinformation circulating about alleged DNA contamination in the COVID-19 injections. The mRNA vaccines approved in Australia are not contaminated with DNA. We have published a media release on our website that addresses this topic:
https://www.tga.gov.au/news/media-releases/addressing-misinformation-about-excessive-dna-mrna-vaccines
This media release contains further information on the quality, safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines.
The TGA has also published our own test results on residual DNA:
https://www.tga.gov.au/resources/publication/tga-laboratory-testing-reports/summary-report-residual-dna-and-endotoxin-covid-19-mrna-vaccines-conducted-tga-laboratories. The conclusions from this study are that the manufacturers of these products have their manufacturing processes well under control.
Other regulators have also made statements on this issue:
From the FDA: www.fda.gov/media/174875/download
From the Paul Erlich Institute: www.pei.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/newsroom-en/notification/231222-testing-mrna-vaccinas-dna-contamination.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3
Finally, a selection of fact checking articles from independent websites which may be helpful is listed below:
https://healthfeedback.org/claimreview/claim-covid-19-mrna-vaccines-dna-contaminants-study-unknown-provenance-no-evidence-covid-19-mrna-vaccines-alter-

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dna-people/
https://science.feedback.org/review/inaccurate-clickbait-headline-forbes-article-used-to-promote-false-claim-that-covid-19-vaccines-change-our-dna/
https://healthfeedback.org/claimreview/regulatory-agencies-knew-residual-dna-covid-mrna-vaccines-no-evidence-health-concern/
https://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/senate-hearing-used-to-propel-vaccine-dna-fears/
https://www.factcheck.org/2023/10/scicheck-covid-19-vaccines-have-not-been-shown-to-alter-dna-cause-cancer/
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q61OPhZ3eO8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGOEc_9WFcw

Thank you for writing on this matter

TGA Contact Centre
Regulatory Assistance Section
Regulatory Engagement Branch

Phone: 1800 020 653 Fax: 02 6203 1605
Email: info@tga.gov.au

Therapeutic Goods Administration
Department of Health and Aged Care
PO Box 100
Woden ACT 2606

www.tga.gov.au

Further detail was sought from the TGA on 5 May 2025 with the TGA responding on 6 May 2025 with a template email to subscribe to the newsletter subscription service.

*The TGA were again contacted in February 2026 requesting the provision "*a briefing on developments related to reported DNA contamination in COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.*" to which only a response advising subscribing to the regular updates referenced in May 2025 was received.*

A cursory search of the TGA's website for relevant media releases and communication that would have been provided via the subscription service has identified the following articles since November 2024:

Addressing misinformation about excessive DNA in the mRNA vaccines | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

Summary report of residual DNA and endotoxin on COVID-19 mRNA vaccines conducted by TGA Laboratories | Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

Question 2: If no follow-up requests have been made, why have further briefings not been pursued?

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Response: *Per the response to the previous question, the initial and subsequent requests included six-monthly briefings to be provided but no substantive responses have been received.*

Question 3: Will Council now write to the State Government and TGA seeking an updated briefing?

Response: *Yes.*

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18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

Cr Sladden

Question 1: I have two questions. There was an email received regarding the possibility of a bus shelter at 68 Beach Road bus stop. I was wondering if that's ever been on the council's agenda?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *I'll take that one on notice because that's a very specific site, so we'll have a look.*

Question 2: And the second one was just with regards to the motion that we passed last meeting regarding the pathway between Acropolis Drive and the Wetland Centre, and writing to the government advocating for that as a priority area. Firstly, it was brought to my notice that there is a federal active transport fund, which apparently has a rolling funding pool now with tranches released every so often. I believe one is due to close on the 30th of September, which I understand is probably not within a realistic timeframe for council to look into. But my first question is, is that a potential source of funding, as it seems to me that some of the parameters of the trail pathway would be suitable? And the other thing was, would we also be able to get a copy of any response received back from the state government in response to the motion that was passed?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *Yes, we will make sure that that is put into next month's agenda so that people can see any responses that we have. In terms of the active transport grants, we are aware of those grants. We are actively looking at which parts of our trails and footpaths would qualify. At this point in time, we don't think it's appropriate for that piece, but also noting that that piece of shared pathway could also be funded via the state government through the West Tamar corridor upgrade work. So there's a number of different potential funding options for that. So the short answer is yes, it is something that we're looking at and looking at ongoing for funding different parts of the trail strategy.*

Cr Ferguson

Question 1: Are we able to get the asset manager just to give me an update on the asset management plan for the playground in front of the doctor's surgery here at Windsor?

Question 2: Is the infrastructure manager aware of some inquiries about the need for suitable bathrooms at the Beaconsfield Hall?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *Yes, we are*.

Statement: And finally, just a compliment, getting a few different comments about Rosie's reading in the hallway there. It's a great addition, so it's excellent that we're supporting that initiative. I'd be very pleased.

Response: *What I think is fantastic about that too, Lynden, is that since the woman that invented the idea, Dolly Parton, has passed away, there's been more comments about her philanthropy than about her music, and the books for children is up there at the top of the list. So I'm really proud that we supported that too.*

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Cr Manticas

Question 1: So in 2024, this Council adopted policy WT HRM 60, which is our Child Safe Policy. I have the following questions of Council in relation to this policy. The first question is, has Council reported to the independent regulator any conduct from a staff member that is considered reportable conduct during this Council term?

Question 2: And my second question is, if yes, does that person still work within Council?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *The answer to that is yes, we have made mandatory reporting. The second answer is that person no longer works here, but I don't want necessarily a link to be drawn that we've made mandatory reporting and that was a direct reason for them not being here.*

Cr Larner

Statement: Just with regard to the 2026 TEER [Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers] report card, Zone 2 decline and West Tamar Council responsibilities. Zone 2 of the estuary is Legana to Swan Point, and that's been flagged as of concern. My question is in regard to sewage overflows and stormwater sediment contaminating Zone 2 of the Kanamaluka/Tamar estuary.

The background is that report from the TEER program in August 2026. The report card identifies elevated nutrients and chlorophyll-a as ongoing significant pressures in Zone 2 and states the monitoring program evaluates the effectiveness of activities aimed at improving water quality, including sewage treatment plant upgrades, management of combined sewer overflows, adoption of water-sensitive urban design, implementation of sediment and erosion controls in urban areas, and catchment management initiatives.

Legana sits at the head of Zone 2 and is a designated growth area within the West Tamar municipality. Council owns and maintains the urban stormwater network, sets stormwater and sediment control conditions on development approvals, approves onsite wastewater systems in unsewered areas, manages riparian land in Council ownership, and participates in TEER's Northern Tasmania Stormwater Working Group. West Tamar Council is represented on both TEER (Tamar Estuary)…

Response: *Cr Larner, can you get to your question please?*

So, in light of the Zone 2 decline recorded as identified, and these nutrient and sediment pressures likely originating from council-controlled functions, the questions are:

Question 1: How many inspections of erosion and sediment control on development sites in the Legana catchment did Council carry out in the 12 months to the 30th of June 2026?

Question 2: How many notices, directions, or penalties were issued?

Question 3: Will Council bring a report on the Zone 2 result and Council's response, including any TasWater sewer overflow events reported to Council within the West Tamar municipality, to a public Council meeting?

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Question 4: When will the community be able to see and comment on Council's input to the 2026 update of the Water Quality Improvement Plan?

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *Thank you for your questions. I also happen to be the Chair of the TEER program, so I have some understanding of the inputs. I think it's very simplistic to say that Council has any impact on its land by itself on the water quality of Zone 2. There are a number of factors, and there is a very significant technical report that sits on the TEER program's website that goes into that. I think there's a number of things - part of it is overflow from sewerage, part of it is the lack of flushing through that zone. The mouth of the estuary is in excellent condition, and as you work your way down* [up] *further towards Zone 1, it gets poorer. So the flushing is much better at the mouth of the river*

Whilst I can take some of those on notice, I think it's really important to understand that Council is but one player here. This scientific data has now been collected for the longest period of time of any estuary in the country, not just in Tasmania. The water quality results were, even though they've published in '26, were '25 results, and it was one of the driest times on record of when we've done it. So there are a range of factors. It's not just as simple as Council-run land that may or may not be impacting it. So we'll take your questions on notice. However, for some of those we may not have an answer and a clear answer because I would be saying to you Council is not contributing to the extent that would make a marked difference in terms of Zone 2. And I would encourage you to read the full technical report that sits on the TEER website, which will be able to explain a little more about all of the complicated factors that come into that.

Cr Larner: Added to that complexity obviously is that Legana is a go-ahead area for housing.

Response: (From the Chief Executive Officer through the Chair) *I would say to you it's not the housing that is the issue, it is sewerage treatment. Now we will be able to tell in the next 12 to 18 months what difference sewer overflows potentially have. So there is a current work underway by TasWater where they have built so that Prospect Vale and parts within the Launceston catchment will now go completely to Ti Tree Bend. Now that hasn't been totally switched on yet, so we can't see the results in the difference of the water quality in that part of the estuary.*

That is why Council has been advocating so hard for the upgrade to Ti Tree Bend to allow for the Legana and Exeter pump stations to be turned into pump stations and moved across.

So whilst again it's one factor, it is very easy to make this very simple and say it's just that; it's not that. These are very complex waters with very complex ecosystems. And so we need to understand that there are in fact a range of complexities there. We are one small piece of that and Council has been working really hard around the sewerage side to try and advocate. But that does have to happen in another municipality, and we continue to work hard about that. TEER continues to work hard about that, and TEER next year will be doing another water quality report, so at the point of when the scientists are ready to be able to share that and gain community insight, I'm sure they will share it.

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18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

18.3.1 Cr Shegog Questions from 18 August 2026

Question 1: I attended an event on Saturday and one of the participants mentioned that the Shaw Street and Archer Street intersection at Beaconsfield, albeit not a busy intersection, just where Shaw Street turns into Archer Street, people are cutting the corner on Shaw Street into Archer. I'm not sure what the width of the road is, it's probably not wide enough to put an island in, and I'm not asking for that but maybe simply just a white line to delineate the centre of the road to keep people as close as they can to the right side of the road?

Response: *Shaw Street is 5.2 to 5.5 metres wide with the pavement widening to 6 metres on the transition around the 90 degree bend into Archer Street. The sight lines for motorists at this intersection are considered acceptable given the low speed environment and low traffic volumes. A centreline in this location is not appropriate given the narrow pavement width in Shaw Street.*

The second stage of planned footpath construction work in Archer Street will end at this location and include some pavement work with the approach to the intersection from Archer Street to be straighter and wider. A new kerb will extend around the inside of the corner and will provide an approximately half meter in additional width which will assist motorists.

Continuation of new footpath work with associated road widening in Shaw Street between Cornwall Street and Archer Street has been identified as a potential future project.

Question 2: I do believe that campervans or caravans are not allowed to exit onto Archer Street from the Rec Ground but more so onto Grubb Street due to the size and the nature of the vehicles, and the nature and size of the street, but they're still continuing to do so.

Response: *Signage at the entrance to the Grubb Street Recreation Ground and stable facilities indicates that access is for local traffic only and that access to the recreational vehicle dump point is via the Grubb Street entrance to the Recreation Ground. Council Officers will review this access point to the ground and whether installation of locked gate is appropriate and report to Council at an upcoming Workshop.*

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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 18 August 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 Joshua Manticas
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;

3.2 Confidential 2 – Leave of Absence Request – Cr Julie Sladden
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;

Office of the Mayor

3.1 Confidential 3 – Adoption of the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Agreement 2026/27
This report has been 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;

Minute No. 26/164

DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

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 3.57pm 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 Larner, Cr Manticas and Cr Sladden
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

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20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

Council resolved to move out of Closed Session at 4.40pm.

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21 CLOSURE

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

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3 LATE ITEMS

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN A MATTER OF A COUNCILLOR

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

General rules for public question time and questions without notice:

- *30 minutes maximum for public question time and public questions.*
- *Any one speaker is allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to make one (1) statement and/or up to three (3) questions. For clarity, a member of the public has a maximum of five (5) minutes total irrespective of making a statement, asking questions, or a combination thereof.*
- *A question will be answered if the information is known, otherwise it will be taken on notice and responded to in writing.*
- *If a member of the public –*

  a) hinders or disrupts a meeting; or

  b) tries to hinder or disrupt a meeting; or

  c) refuses to leave a closed meeting; or

  d) uses obscene or offensive language

  the chairperson may take reasonable steps to remove the person from the ordinary or closed meeting, including requesting the assistance of a police officer if required.

To assist with the compilation of minutes, it would be appreciated if community members with prepared questions and statements could please provide a copy to Council via email at wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au or leave a copy with us.

When addressing Council please state your name and address.

To be clear to any members of the public in attendance, as outlined in the Council's Council Meeting Engagement Policy, we will not allow statements or questions relating to the personal affairs or actions of a Councillor or Council staff or which questions the competency of Council staff or Councillors.

If someone chooses to ignore this directive, in the first instance the statement of question will be rejected and you will be asked to sit down. Should anyone choose to ignore that advice or enter into a debate, or disrupt the meeting, you will be asked to leave.

5.1 Public Question Time

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

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 J Brooks, Lanena

Question 1: Legana Structure Plan - properties identified for demolition. Given the length of time that Council-owned residential properties in Legana have remained occupied despite being identified for future demolition under the Structure Plan, the current housing shortage, and concerns that maintenance may be limited because of their intended future demolition, will Council review whether demolition of all of these properties is still necessary and, in the meantime, ensure they are maintained to an appropriate residential standard?

Response: *Since acquisition, properties have been subject to independent 6-monthly maintenance inspections and any necessary maintenance items have been undertaken as required. Council cannot confirm timing for demolition of all the properties until future plans for development of land to the south have progressed and the extension of Tatana Way is finalised.*

Question 2: Winkleigh Road speed limit. Given that a number of Winkleigh Road residents and road users only became aware of the reduction in the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h after it was implemented, will Council advise what community consultation was undertaken before the change and make the TCS road safety assessment relied upon by the Road Safety Committee publicly available so the community can understand the evidence supporting the decision?

Response: *As previously advised in our responses to questions on notice in our August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, Council undertook community consultation in relation to speed limit reviews in August 2023. The results of the survey were included in Council's Ordinary Council meeting in December 2023, and Council subsequently adopted the list of identified priority areas for speed limit review. This included Winkleigh Road.*

In April 2025, Council also received a petition from residents on Winkleigh Road requesting that Council consider a reduction in the speed limit on Winkleigh Road.

Question 3: Kelso foreshore erosion. Given the evident foreshore erosion at Kelso, including sections where erosion is encroaching toward the road and tidal debris is reaching the road surface, what works or longer-term coastal protection measures does Council have planned to protect public infrastructure and assist in reducing the risk to adjoining residential properties from ongoing erosion, coastal inundation and future sea-level rise?

Response: *Council's capital works program for the current financial year includes funding for officers to design and seek construction approval from Parks and Wildlife for erosion control works on the river side of Foreshore Road. The project does not include investigations or assessments into the erosion or innundation hazards that may impact adjoining residential properties along Foreshore Road, and the work that may mitigate these hazards.*

5.2.2 C Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: On 20 February 2024, Council unanimously adopted motion 25/24 seeking legislative changes concerning Working with Vulnerable People registration for councillors. In light of that resolution, I ask which serving West Tamar councillors have provided Council with evidence of current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)?

Response: *The requirements for Councillors in Tasmania are set out in the* Local Government Act 1993*.*

There is no requirement under the Local Government Act 1993 *requiring an elected member in Tasmania to have a valid Registration to Work With Vulnerable People.*

Council has no statutory authority to require a Councillor to provide evidence that they hold a current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People unless required by a West Tamar Council Policy as it is not a legislated requirement of office.

Council does require any Councillors who are representing Council on the Youth Advisory Council or who participate in a Council led youth activity (such as the WTC Youth Leadership Camp) to provide evidence of their current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People.

Question 2: For each councillor identified, when did Council last verify their registration status through the Department of Justice's online checking tool or Employer Portal?

Response: *Council verifies registration status upon nomination to the Youth Advisory Council and requires Councillors to advise Council should any changes to their Registration occur.*

Question 3: Where Council has not verified a councillor's registration, will it clearly identify their status as "not verified".

Response: *See response to question 1.*

5.2.3 T Sherlock, Clarence Point

Question 1: On 20 February 2024, Council adopted motion 25/24 to write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Minister for Local Government, seeking an amendment to the Local Government Act to include Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration in the eligibility requirements for councillors and requesting a written response within 30 days. Were written responses received within the requested 30 days?

Response: *A written response from the Minister for Local Government was received 58 days after our correspondence was sent.*

*In relation to the Local Government Association of Tasmania, further conversations occurred on the subject which culminated in a September 2024 LGAT General Meeting resolution that "*LGAT request the State Government legislate, that eligibility for nomination as Councillor requires a person to hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card*."*

Question 2: What follow-up action did Council take, and what is the current status of the proposed legislative change?

Response: *As Council received a response from the Minister for Local Government, and action by way of a motion through LGAT occurred, no follow-up action was required.*

Questions regarding local government legislation – proposed or otherwise – should be directed to the Office of Local Government.

Question 3: Council's April–June 2024 quarterly performance report records the action under motion 25/24 as completed. What action satisfied that completion status, and has Council made any subsequent decision or taken further action on councillors' WWVP registration?

Response: *The motion listed in the question requested Council to write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Minister for Local Government, requesting that the Local Government Act be amended to include Working with Vulnerable People in the eligibility clause, and require a response in writing with 30 days.*

Council met all the requirements of this motion and no further decisions of Council have occurred on this issue.

5.2.4 B Brown, Legana

Question 1: Proposed Bell Bay data centre (George Town DA 2026/29). Since 1 January 2026, on what dates have the Mayor, acting as Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer, any Council officer, or any consultant engaged by Council met with, or received correspondence from, Firmus Technologies or its representatives about the proposed Bell Bay data centre?

Response: *At the request of Council, Firmus Technologies presented to Council at the Interim Workshop on 21 July 2026. This was reported in our July Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.*

The CEO and Council's Director of Planning & Development met with representatives of Firmus on 25 March 2026. During those discussions, Council raised potential issues that may arise, including visual amenity, noise and any potential emissions. This meeting was publicly listed in the CEO's Diary section of the January to March 2026 Quarterly Report.

Question 2: Will Council publish in its next available agenda any replies received to its February 2026 letters (resolution 26/36) to TasWater and TasNetworks on new dwelling capacity in the West Tamar?

Response: *Yes, they are available and will be published in the response to these questions below.*

Question 3: The 21 July 2026 minutes record the Major Project declaration motion as having lapsed, but the answer at item 5.3.2 of the 18 August 2026 minutes says it was not supported by Councillors. Will Council note a correction in its next agenda?

Response: *The premise of the question is incorrect. The Minutes for the July Ordinary Council Meeting correctly note that the motion lapsed for want of a mover.*

The response to your question on notice provided in the August Agenda and Minutes stating that the motion was not supported by Councillors is accurate in that no Councillor supported the motion sufficiently to move it in Cr Larner's absence.

TasWater

TW CM ref: 26/19307

26 March 2026

Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer
West Tamar Council
2-4 Eden Street
Riverside, Tasmania, 7250

Dear Kristen

Capacity to Support New Dwellings – Exeter, Legana, Riverside, Beauty Point and Beaconsfield

Thank you for your letter of 27 February 2026 regarding TasWater's capacity to support additional dwellings within Exeter, Legana, Riverside, Beauty Point and Beaconsfield.

TasWater acknowledges the importance of providing clarity to Council; however, it is important to note that there is no straightforward or definitive number of additional dwellings that can be supported at any given time based solely on existing sewage treatment infrastructure. Sewerage capacity is influenced by factors such as dwelling type, occupancy levels and water usage patterns, and is assessed in terms of both hydraulic capacity (flow) and biological capacity, which reflects the ability of treatment processes to meet environmental performance requirements.

As you are aware, TasWater recently submitted its fifth Price and Service Plan (PSP5) proposal to the Tasmanian Economic Regulator. PSP5 identifies the significant challenges TasWater faces as we address decades of underinvestment in water and sewerage infrastructure, including the reality that approximately 91 per cent of our sewage treatment plants do not currently meet their Environmental Protection Notice requirements.

Our investment priorities, as determined by regulatory requirements, require TasWater to address water security, environmental impact and dam safety before growth related investment can be prioritised. While PSP5 sought to make a meaningful contribution to addressing these challenges, as Council is aware, the draft determination issued by the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator significantly constrains our proposed investment program.

TasWater prioritises infrastructure investment based on environmental risk rather than purely on available theoretical capacity. This risk-based approach considers treatment

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performance, discharge arrangements, receiving environment sensitivity and the consequences of non-compliance. Development capacity is managed on a case-by-case basis, with ongoing assessment of risk, treatment performance and planned upgrades. Given the existing compliance position of several treatment plants, TasWater is not able to provide a definitive number of additional dwellings that can be supported under current infrastructure as all growth increases our environmental risk. TasWater will prioritise infrastructure investment based on our risk profile across the State. However, an indicative, hydraulic-based assessment is provided in the table below to assist Council's understanding.

Table 1 Sewage Treatment Performance

Plant	ADWF (EPN) (kL/d)	ADWF (current) (kL/d)	Discharge compliance for FY25	Discharge Risk	Comments
Exeter STP	150	125	BOD non-compliant for <50%, and ammonia and nitrogen non-compliant 75-95% of samples	Medium	Minor upgrades of the lagoons planned in Master Plan to support growth as required
Legana STP	540	1,000	BOD non-compliant for <50%, and e.coli and nitrogen non-compliant 75-95% of samples	Medium	While exceeding flow limits there have been improvement made to aeration to improve treatment capacity which is not reflected within flow limit. Will be decommissioned with Launceston Sewer Transformation Project.
Riverside STP	2800	1800	BOD non-compliant for <50%, and e.coli, suspended solids, ammonia and nitrogen non-compliant 75-95% of samples	Medium	While the STP is operating below the EPN limit for flow based on discharge compliance it is likely at capacity. Will be decommissioned with Launceston Sewer Transformation Project.
Beauty Point STP	540	320	BOD non-compliant for <50%, and suspended solids, ammonia and nitrogen non-compliant 75-95% of samples	Medium	Minor upgrades of the lagoons planned in Master Plan to support growth as required
Beaconsfield STP	400	200	BOD non-compliant for <50% and nitrogen non-compliant 75-95% of samples	Low	Minor upgrades of the lagoons planned in Master Plan to support growth as required

In relation to the locations identified:

- Exeter, Beauty Point and Beaconsfield: Current and intended growth over the next 10 years can generally be accommodated within existing infrastructure. Minor lagoon upgrades are identified within TasWater's master planning to support growth as required, and investment needs will continue to be reviewed through TasWater's risk-based framework.

- Legana and Riverside: While these systems continue to operate, existing infrastructure constraints and environmental compliance considerations mean that significant further growth is dependent on delivery of the Launceston Sewer Transformation Project. This project is critical to supporting longer-term growth in these areas and is subject to approval through the Economic Regulator's determination process.

TasWater has recently released its 50-Year Master Plans, which provide a clear roadmap outlining where, when and how the organisation must act to continue delivering safe and reliable services, protect the environment and enable growth across Tasmania. The Master Plans are underpinned by detailed modelling at a catchment level, which has been included in Attachment 1. These plans are publicly available at https://yoursay.taswater.com.au/. TasWater will continue to work closely with Council to support sustainable growth across the West Tamar area and to ensure infrastructure planning aligns with future development expectations.

If you require any further clarification or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate Eamonn Tiernam, Head of Development Services, eamonn.teirnam@taswater.com.au.

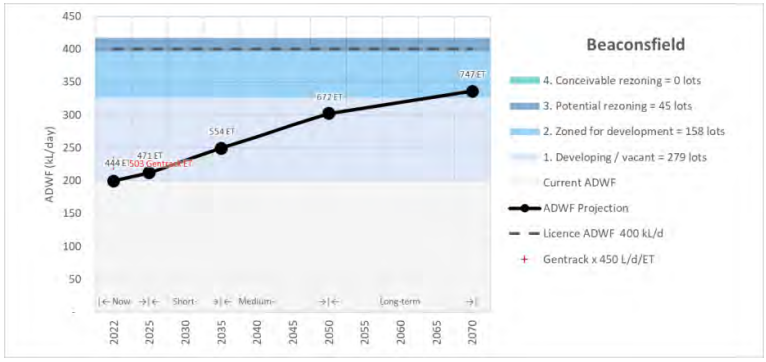
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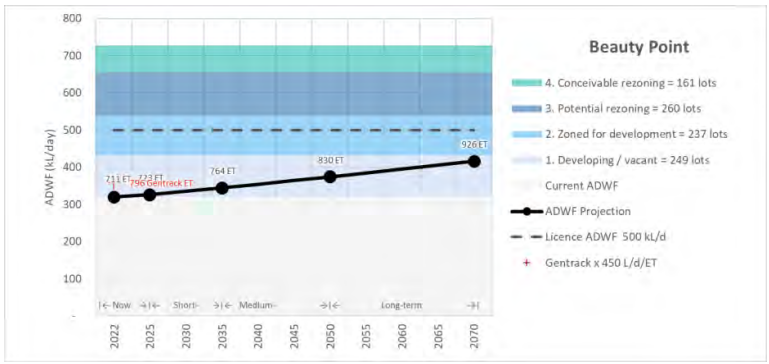


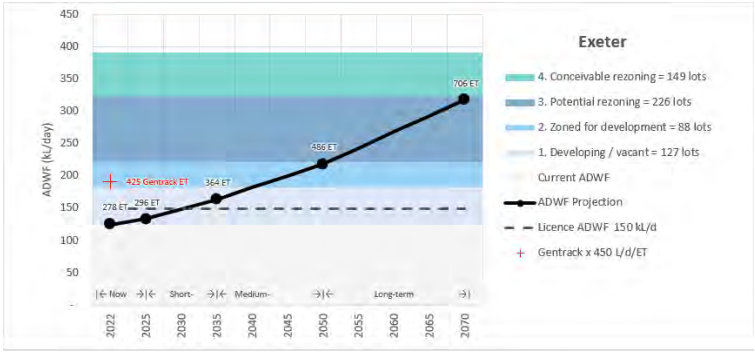
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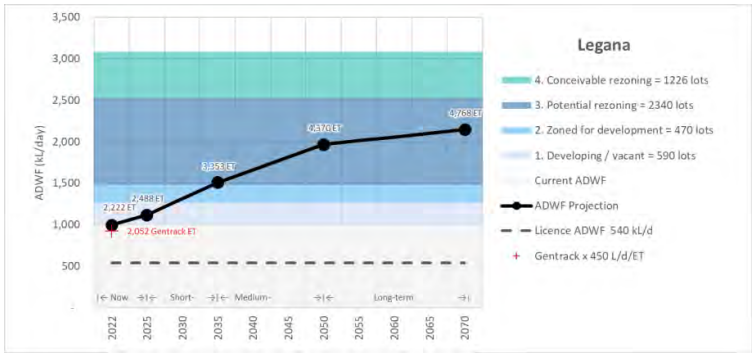
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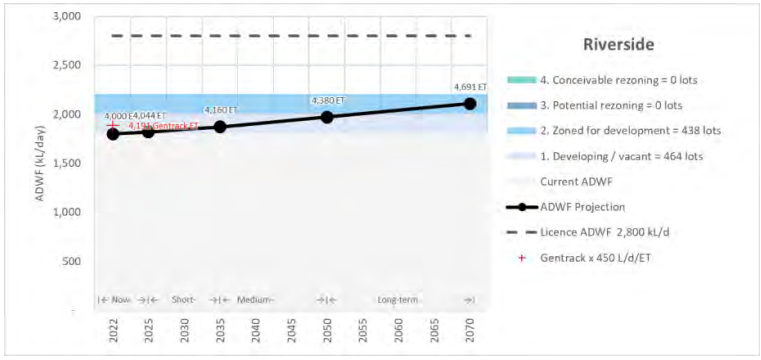
Attachment 1 – Master Plan Growth Forecasts








Legana
4. Conceivable rezoning = 1226 lots
3. Potential rezoning = 2340 lots
2. Zoned for development = 470 lots
1. Developing / vacant = 590 lots
Current ADWF
ADWF Projection
Licence ADWF 540 kL/d
Gentrack x 450 L/d/ET
ADWF (kL/day)
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
2,222 ET
2,488 ET
3,353 ET
4,768 ET
2,052 Gentrack ET
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Riverside
4. Conceivable rezoning = 0 lots
3. Potential rezoning = 0 lots
2. Zoned for development = 438 lots
1. Developing / vacant = 464 lots
Current ADWF
ADWF Projection
Licence ADWF 2,800 kL/d
Gentrack x 450 L/d/ET
ADWF (kL/day)
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
500
4,000
4,044 ET
4,160 ET
4,380 ET
4,691 ET
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16/06/2026

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Chief Executive Officer
West Tamar Council

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Dear Kristen,

Re: Capacity to Support New Dwellings

Thank you for your enquiry relating to dwelling capacity across the nominated areas within your municipality.

Based on the current network configuration and without any augmentation works, we're able to support the following approximate levels of new residential development:

- Riverside and Legana combined: ~1,200 dwellings in total, equating to around 120 dwellings per year over the next ten years
- Exeter: ~500 dwellings in total, or around 50 dwellings per year over the next ten years
- Beaconsfield and Beauty Point combined: ~1000 dwellings, or 100 dwellings per year over the next ten years

These figures assume:

- Typical dwellings with moderate, mixed-appliance usage
- No additional load required for other large customer connections or developments

If you'd like to explore this further, particularly around specific locations, staging, or potential capacity uplift for specific developments, your Customer Account Manager, Belinda Lehner, is the best point of contact and can work with you on next steps. Belinda can be contacted on Belinda.lehner@tasnetworks.com.au or 0491 893 303.

Yours sincerely

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Lisa Post
Head of Customer Service
TasNetworks

5.2.5 G Hay, Beauty Point

Question 1: Under the prior Management, for example 2023-2024 financial year the underlying surplus of the West Tamar Council was $3.35Million, under the new management it seems we have a 2026–27 financial year underlying surplus of only $200,000, this final position was formally adopted by the out-going Councillors, Are the out going councillors leaving the new councillors a *poison challis ?*

Response: *The 2026–27 underlying surplus of approximately $200,000 is a budget estimate, not the final financial result. Council budgets are prepared conservatively, and the budgeted underlying surpluses for the previous two years were at similar levels.*

In those years, Council's actual underlying surplus exceeded the original budget estimate. The adopted 2026–27 Budget reflects Council's prudent approach to financial planning and provides a sustainable basis for the incoming Council to continue delivering services and maintaining community assets. Council's sound financial position will be supported by regular financial reporting, active budget management and timely responses to emerging cost pressures.

Question 2: Further when to come to the financial position of the West Tamar Council in the past 3 years rates have risen by over 14%, in the same period inflation was !0%, given there is a 4 % variation between the two is the West Tamar Council loosing control of its once secure financial position ?

Response: *Rate increases are not determined solely by movements in the Consumer Price Index. Council's budget must also account for factors such as wage and contract cost increases, insurance, utilities, regulatory requirements, the maintenance and renewal of infrastructure, service levels and the delivery of the capital program.*

The rating increase is set as part of the overall budget process to ensure that Council can continue to provide services, maintain its assets and achieve a financially sustainable underlying result. Council's prudent budgeting, ongoing financial monitoring and capacity to respond to changing cost pressures demonstrate its continued ability to manage its financial position responsibly and sustainably.

Question 3: Based on the council's public financial reporting, the West Tamar Council has not recorded any underlying deficit in recent years, it has historically retained a reserve fund this has been spent it seems, the last financial report did not show the capital cost of for example the replacement of the Stoney Creek Bridge, if these works are to be undertaken in a timely fashion will the West Tamar Council for the first time in many years go Into deficit ?

Response: *Any required works relating to the Stony Brook Bridge are expected to be funded from Council's available cash reserves. The construction or replacement cost would generally be treated as capital expenditure and recognised as an asset, rather than being recorded as an operating expense. It would therefore reduce Council's cash reserves but would not directly reduce the underlying operating result.*

5.2.6 A Collier, Kayena

Question 1: Legana supermarket disabled parking area - two disabled residents have complained that the disabled parking area requires them to reverse into the pedestrian crossing which creates a safety issue. Is Council responsible for the parking area? Could the disabled parking be interchanged with the Woolworths direct to boot parking spots? Ideally disabled residents would like to reverse into the parking spot. Furthermore, additional disabled parking spots need to be created given the aging community - can this be addressed?

Response: *The car park at the Legana Shopping Centre is privately owned and Council has no responsibility or authority over the same.*

Question 2: A resident has noted that an additional defibrillator is required at 1 Outreach Drive Legana 7277. Residents are concerned that they do not have easy access to a defibrillator. The resident has investigated purchasing this herself for the community but notes it requires maintenance hence requests Council purchase and install the defibrillator. Will Council buy and install a defibrillator at 1 Outreach Drive?

Response: *Whilst Council notes the importance of early access to defibrillators in the event of an emergency, it has no authority to install or maintain defibrillators on private property.*

Council has a community grant application process through which any private property owners may apply for a community grant for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator which would be assessed against Council's community grant assessment matrix. Should the community grant application be successful, Council would not be responsible for the installation or maintenance of the defibrillator.

5.3 Responses to Questions from Previous Public Question Time

5.3.1 D Barr, Kayena

Our Ref: GO.COU.194
Enquiries: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Phone : (03) 6323 9300

28 September 2026

D Barr
[redacted]

Dear Ms Barr

Response to Questions on Notice – Ordinary Council Meeting 15 September 2026

I refer to the question set out below taken on notice at the West Tamar Council meeting on 15 September 2026, and now provide the following response:

Question 1: *My comment and then following up question is about some government conventions, it's quite common for National, Provincial, State, and Local governments to go into a caretaker period before elections. This is not a mandatory thing in Tasmanian legislation, but many councils in Tasmania do do so. And I was just wondering if the West Tamar Council has considered that in the past, and if not, you know, what are the reasons why you've decided not to go into caretaker mode?*

A draft Election Period Policy was presented to Council for its consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026 with a recommendation to adopt the new policy. The motion was lost 1/6 with Cr Lynden Ferguson voting for the policy, and the remaining 6 Councillors present voting against. Councillors debated their reasoning for not adopting the draft policy during the meeting and the recording can be located on our YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/@WestTamarCouncil7250.

Yours sincerely

Kristen Desmond
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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 PA2022244-2 Extension of Planning Permit - 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside

REPORT AUTHOR: Statutory Planner - Patrick McMahon

REPORT DATE: 25 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**7.1.1**] Plan 1 - Location Plan

INTRODUCTION

Council acts as a Planning Authority for the assessment of this application under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (**the Act**). Council as the Planning Authority must determine the application to extend a planning permit pursuant to Section 53(5B) of the Act.

In determining an application, the Planning Authority must take into consideration:

> *"(5A) If the use or development in respect of which a permit was granted is not, or is unlikely to be, substantially commenced before the permit would otherwise lapse under subsection (5)(a), the planning authority may grant (once only) an extension of the period during which that use or development must be substantially commenced.*
>
> *(5B) If the use or development in respect of which a permit was granted is not, or is unlikely to be, substantially commenced before the permit would otherwise lapse under subsection (5)(b), the planning authority may grant (once only) a further extension of the period during which that use or development must be substantially commenced.*

Planning Permit PA2022244 was granted on 26/09/2022 under delegation for a Residential - Dwelling and Outbuilding at 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside. On 23/09/2024, an initial extension of the permit was granted under Section 53(A) of the Act, providing an additional 2 years for the approved development to commence.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request for a further (second) extension of time of 2 years to commence the approved development. The granting of a further extension under Section 53(5B) requires determination by the Planning Authority. Council has not provided the Chief Executive Officer with the delegated authority to approve such requests and as such it comes before the Planning Authority for Decision.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND TIMEFRAMES

The application was made pursuant to Section 53 (5B) of the Act. Determination of the application is a statutory obligation. There is no statutory timeframe stipulated under Section 53 (5B) of the Act.

THE APPLICATION

Application Details:

Development Application	PA2022244-2
Location	27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside
Applicant	Adrian Leary
Planning Instrument	Tasmanian Planning Scheme – West Tamar (**the Scheme**)
Zone	Low Density Residential Specific Area Plan WTA-S3.0
Use	Residential – Single Dwelling
Codes	Natural Assets Landslip Hazard Bushfire Prone Areas
Specific Area Plans	NA

Site Details:

Area	3279m²
Slope	Moderate
Existing Use/Development	Vacant Land
Surrounding Use/Development	Residential – Single Dwellings Vacant Land Public Open Space

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Shape: Growth and Place

Goal 1: Growth is shaped, serviced and true to place

1.1 Direct most new housing and mixed-use growth to the Riverside-Legana corridor and other serviced locations, rather than extending scattered development with high long-run servicing access costs.

STATE POLICIES

The proposal is consistent with the intent of all State Policies.

LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993

The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The application to extend a planning permit did not require State Government referral.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial impacts are normally limited to the application process and any appeal that may be lodged against the Planning Authority's decision, provided statutory obligations are met.

STANDARDS REQUIRING COUNCIL DISCRETION

The application was previously assessed against the relevant zone and code standards and found to comply with the relevant Acceptable Solutions and/or Performance Criteria. There have not been any relevant changes to the Planning Scheme since the planning permit was granted.

NOTIFICATION

Not Applicable. The approved development was publicly notified when the original application was assessed and there were no representations.

OPTIONS

The Planning Authority may approve or refuse to extend the planning permit, based on its assessment against the Scheme and Act.

A recommendation to grant a further extension to the permit of 2 years is provided. Any alternative recommendation/s requires justification with relevant planning reasons.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS OF THE ASSESSING OFFICER

The applicant has requested the extension due to challenges in organising a builder, having had two separate builders pull out of the project, and consequently requiring more time to commence.

The request for a further extension of the permit is valid as it was received prior to the lapse date and there have not been any significant changes to the Planning Scheme since the permit was originally granted.

The assessing officer has evaluated the proposal and is satisfied that it is eligible for a further extension under Section 53(5B) of LUPAA and the remains compliant with the Planning Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

That application PA2022244-2 be determined as follows:

That the application for a further extension of time for Planning Permit PA2022244 for Residential – Single Dwelling and Outbuilding, by Adrian Leary, for land at 27 Greenfield Drive, Riverside Lot No.11 on Plan No. 170950 be **APPROVED** under Section 53(5B) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act,* extending the time to commence for a further 2 years until 26/09/2028.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

Location Plan

Subject site highlighted in blue



8 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

8.1 CEO 1 - Council Workshops held in September and October 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 10(3)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

15 September 2026 – Pre-meeting Workshop (half day)

Present:
Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl
Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog
Cr Joy Allen
Cr Lynden Ferguson
Cr Richard Ireland
Cr Caroline Larner
Cr Josh Manticas
Cr Julie Sladden

Leave of Absence: Cr Geoff Lyons

In Attendance:
Kristen Desmond – Chief Executive Officer
David Gregory – Director Corporate & Community
Dino De Paoli – Director Community Assets
Richard Heyward – Director People, Culture & Safety
Michelle Riley – Director Planning & Development
Eleanor Moore – Executive Assistant
Kathryn Prince – Personal Assistant to the CEO and Mayor
Brentley Woods – Senior IT Officer
Marcus Grantham – Manager Community Development
Krstyna Ennis – Team Leader Planning

Topics Discussed:
Statement of Expectations for AI Data Centres Submission
Sponsorship Request
Mobile Food Van Review
Agenda Review
Councillor Motions
Councillor Questions
Other Business

6 October 2026 – Interim Workshop (full day)

Present:	Mayor Cr Christina Holmdahl Deputy Mayor Cr Rick Shegog Cr Joy Allen (online) Cr Lynden Ferguson Cr Richard Ireland Cr Geoff Lyons Cr Josh Manticas Cr Julie Sladden
Apologies:	Cr Caroline Larner
In Attendance:	Kristen Desmond – Chief Executive Officer David Gregory – Director Corporate & Community Dino De Paoli – Director Community Assets Richard Heyward – Director People, Culture & Safety Michelle Riley – Director Planning & Development Simon Tennant – Communications & Engagement Manager Eleanor Moore – Executive Assistant Kathryn Prince – Personal Assistant to the CEO and Mayor Marcus Grantham – Manager Community Development Scott Lewis – Development Compliance Coordinator Craig West – Engineering & Assets Lead
Topics Discussed:	Grants and Sponsorships 2025/26 Annual Report Capital Works Update – Project Status Update Capital Works Projects – Contract Variation Update Road Safety Review – Bridgenorth Road Road Safety Strategy Submission Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy – New Review of Mobile Food Vendor Policy Legana Recreation Precinct Stony Brook Pedestrian Bridge – Update Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers Submission Responses to Councillor Questions on Notice – September Councillor Questions Councillor Motions Other Business

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 9: People can reach services, information and civic life more easily across the whole municipality

9.2 Improve how Council communicates decisions, services, activities and opportunities through plain English, local channels and easier to find information.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

This report is provided in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025,* Regulation 10(3)(c). Risk implications are therefore considered to be low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on Council Workshops held on 15 September and 6 October 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

8.2 CEO 2 - Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Quarterly Report - April to June 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 8 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.2.1**] NTDC Quarterly Report - Apr- Jun 2026

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (**NTDC**) Quarterly Report for the period April to June 2026.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the NTDC Funding Agreement 2026-2029, Council as a Member has been provided with the Quarterly Report for consideration. In order to promote transparency and to ensure ease of access, the Chief Executive Officer has determined that the quarterly reports should be published in a Council Meeting Agenda .

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 1: Local jobs and enterprise grow closer to home

1.3 Work with business networks, regional bodies and services providers to strengthen capability, resilience and practical support for local operators.

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 4: West Tamar grows from its distinctive strengths without weakening them

4.5 Work regionally where it improves outcomes for West Tamar, while keeping West Tamar's own priorities, identity and environmental limits clear.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

NTDC Funding Agreement 2026-2029

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Overall risk is considered Low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As a part of Council Officers' review of regional partnerships, the Chief Executive Officer has determined that it is good governance that the NTDC Quarterly Report is formally noted by Council and appears in the public agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Quarterly Report for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:


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Navigating a sustainable future in Northern Tasmania

OUR VISION

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OUR PURPOSE

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Chair's Introduction

This past quarter has been one of monumental change for NTDC. After a highly competitive process, we are delighted to welcome Michael Bailey OAM to the role of CEO. Michael is known to many as the previous CEO of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and has a strong track record of effective advocacy, positive engagement, connection to the North and a commitment to values-based management.

Michael officially commenced on the first day of the new financial year, however he graciously agreed to start with us two weeks early to enable a smooth handover with Chris and myself and also to attend ALGA in Canberra with many of our members. At time of writing, Michael is about six weeks in and has hit the ground running with meetings focusing on Boags redevelopment, Hawthorn Football Club and Liberty Bell Bay as priority discussions.

As Chris Griffin departs after three years serving as our CEO, we thank him for delivering so many exceptional outcomes for the Northern Region. This includes working with councils to build consensus around our regional priorities, effectively advocating for those priorities and engaging with government at all levels to ensure we attract focused and effective investment where it is needed most. We wish Chris all the best in his next endeavours, including becoming an Australian Citizen!

The end of this quarter also marked the end of our previous members agreement, the end of the financial year, and the end of our strategic planning period. As such, we have been deeply gratified to be able to spend a full day in a facilitated session with you all and Leadership Space, where we discussed at length where we see NTDC heading for the next three years. This has formed the basis of our draft strategic plan, annual workplan and budget which we will bring to you all in our next Members Representative Group meeting.

During this quarter our Manager of Major Projects Jade Kaye accepted a new role in a consultancy and we have recruited the highly credentialed Chris de Bono into the position. Chris has previously worked in Launceston and is now relocating back from Canberra after managing major projects with the Australian Defence Force. He is also only two weeks in at time of writing, but has managed to establish himself with the steering committee, stakeholders and consultant team for the Northern Tasmania Intermodal Freight Terminal as his main project. He is also busy conceiving the new project management office and we look forward to sharing with members how that is shaping up in the coming months

Chair's Introduction (Continued)

Of course the most pressing change in Local Government is the impending local government elections. We wish all of our member councillors the best in the upcoming election period and look forward to working with newly formed councils through the induction and welcome processes.

Amid ongoing austerity and government changes, NTDC is harnessing this period of change to step in to the significant opportunities presented in the North right now. A building agenda of regionality is placing the north in an excellent position as we are already collaborating and connected with clear priorities and aspirations. I am deeply optimistic about the team we have built delivering the work we have ahead of us to maximise all of these opportunities.



Dr Allison Anderson
Chair

Annual Workplan Update

Regional Development

• Population Program	• Flinders Island population profiling pilot completed	Completed
• NTRLUS review	• NTRLUS steering committee and RPG meetings held	In progress
	• NTRLUS drafting nearing completion	In progress
• Northern Tasmanian Intermodal Freight Terminal	• Lead Design process well advanced	In progress
	• Stage 2 commenced	In progress
	• MCA stakeholder workshop	Completed
	• Steering Committee, Project Team and Advisory group meetings on-time	In progress
	• Risk, environment and planning workflows continued	In progress
• Flinders Pilot Projects	• Population response plan	Completed
	• Project Mgmt Support	Completed

Regional Collaboration

• Gastronomy Northern Tasmania	• Gastronomy Community Leader Forum	Completed
	• Seasonal gastronomy social media campaign	In progress
	• Great2Go rollout	In progress
• Regional Advocacy	• NBN Co, CEO forum hosted	Completed
	• Bell Bay Response Team meetings	In progress
	• Attendance at the Tas Freight & Logistics Forum	Completed

Organisational Strength

• Member Representation	• MRG meeting held	Completed
	• Council CEOs/GMs meeting	Completed
• NTDC 2026-29 Strategy co-design process	• Interviews with members and facilitated workshop inform drafting of strategy	Completed
	• Shared Services business modelling	Completed
• Chief Executive Officer	• Recruitment completed	Completed
• Major Projects Manager	• Recruitment completed	Completed

Project Updates

Regional Land Use Strategy Review

NTDC continued to lead the review and update of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (NTRLUS) in partnership with the Regional Planning Group, northern councils, and the State Planning Office. The NTRLUS is a statutory instrument under section 5A of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act that provides medium- to long-term strategic direction for settlement, environmental values and hazards, commercial and industrial activity, transport, infrastructure, and cultural values across the region.

Stage 1 work (Strategic Directions) commenced in late 2024 with workshops involving all eight northern councils and State agencies, resulting in a State of Play report. Regional Strategic Directions were developed and finalised through 2025, guided by four key themes:

- Vibrant, liveable and safe communities
- Care for Country and Place
- Regionally and globally connected
- Diverse and adaptive economy

Community engagement on the State of Play and Regional Strategic Directions was completed in early 2026, with insights incorporated into the drafting process. The Infrastructure Audit and Gap Analysis was also completed and integrated.

Funding for Stage 3 (drafting) was confirmed by the State Government in late 2025. Drafting commenced in early 2026 with MESH Planning appointed to integrate technical inputs, facilitate workshops with the Working Group and State partners, and develop the strategy framework and structure.

New terms of reference for the NTRLUS Working Group have been enabled to guide the drafting process. The Steering Committee and Working Group continue to meet regularly. The Steering Committee has also communicated with the Minister's Office seeking clarity on the growth appetite that the eventual strategy will be expected to follow.

A revised delivery deadline of 15 July has been set for the draft strategy.

NTDC remains committed to a collaborative, regionally led approach that will deliver a renewed NTRLUS capable of guiding sustainable land use and development across Northern Tasmania for the next 25–30 years

Northern Tasmania Population Program

NTDC has continued to advance the Northern Tasmania Population Program, building on the review of the 2019 Population Taskforce Strategy and the subsequent discussion paper prepared with the Tasmania Policy Exchange.

A multi-stage review and renewal of the region's population strategy was developed to align priorities for future-focused Population Program for Northern Tasmania. The key driver was to respond to evolving demographic challenges and opportunities, coinciding with the release of the State's new population policy framework in July 2024, and to identify where a well-resourced regional program could amplify existing local, regional and state efforts. The program focuses on four interconnected areas of change, driven by regional collaboration and key strategic partnerships (including Brand Tasmania):

- Workforce Attraction & Regional Promotion: Identifying "best prospects" profiles to attract people for work and lifestyle opportunities, while offering support to partners, to enable a shared focus on improving long-term retention rates.

- Childcare and Aged Care Feasibility & Advocacy: Addressing shortages of childcare facilities in regional centres and anticipating escalating aged care needs.

- Future Workforce Needs & Intra-regional Dependencies: Better identifying future workforce needs and economic drivers for regional communities, supporting residential and commercial investment, and the intra-regional codependencies.

- Northern Council Population Network Facilitation: Establishing and facilitating a Northern Population Network of local government and strategic partners to share insights, identify & deliver effective programs, and design broader population responses.

The program is designed to be measurable across 1-, 3-, 5- and 10-year horizons, with a final draft of the Population Program 2025 was completed following consultation with member councils and State Government agencies. The program supports regional actions focused on attracting and retaining new Tasmanians, advocacy for expanded child and aged care facilities, future workforce demand modelling, and the facilitation of a northern council population network.

In early 2026, a Flinders Island population profiling pilot commenced in partnership with Flinders Council and Brand Tasmania. The pilot aims to better understand and attract residents with a higher propensity to become long-term community members. This work aligns with the broader Northern Tasmania Population Program and forms part of NTDC's exploration of shared services models that can deliver practical value across the membership.

Northern Tasmania Intermodal Freight Terminal (NTIFT – formerly TRANSlink)

NTDC continues to provide project management services for the planning and development of the proposed Northern Tasmania Intermodal Freight Terminal (NTIFT) in partnership with Northern Midlands Council. The project aims to strengthen Northern Tasmania's freight and logistics capability by supporting more efficient integration of rail, road and air transport networks while enabling future industrial development opportunities.

Following completion of Stage 1 planning activities, including the business case, design initiation and supporting investigations, the project has progressed into Stage 2 assessment and planning. A lead design consultant has been engaged and a Functional Design Brief developed to inform ongoing analysis and option development.

During the period and following on from the formal problem definition activities, a structured site assessment process was advanced using Infrastructure Australia methodologies, including initial screening and strategic merit testing. This work has examined a broad range of potential locations and is progressing toward a shortlist of sites to be subject to a rigorous cost benefit analysis. The outcomes of this process will be detailed in the detailed business case that will be submitted to Infrastructure Australia for funding assessment.

Stakeholder engagement remains a key component of the project. NTDC has continued consultation with government agencies, industry representatives, landowners, existing freight and logistics operators, and other key stakeholders to help inform planning, design and delivery considerations. Engagement activities have included Advisory Group meetings, user workshops, industry presentations and project communications through newsletters and online updates.

The project remains on schedule and is approximately 75 per cent complete. Over coming quarters, work will focus on detailed site assessment, master planning, delivery and operating model development, commercial and governance arrangements, and preparation of the final business case to support future investment and funding decisions.

Gastronomy Northern Tasmania

Gastronomy Northern Tasmania continues to leverage the region's UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy designation to connect food, farming, culture, creativity and community, supporting both the regional food system and visitor economy.

In 2025, agriCULTURED was successfully delivered and the Great2Go food waste pilot launched with grant support from Circular North and the Tasmanian Waste & Resource Reuse Board. FermentHQ, Tasmania's world-first fermentation institute, officially opened in August 2025 as part of the agriCULTURED program. NTDC has since actively supported VIP group tours and promotion of the facility as a significant asset for the region, and advocated for the Great2Go campaign, rolling out again in 2026.

On 26–27 March, Gastronomy Northern Tasmania and Hobart City of Literature jointly hosted the Australasian Creative Cities Network (ACCN) Conference, bringing together UNESCO Creative Cities from across Australasia to collaborate on creativity, culture and sustainable urban renewal. Days prior, Northern Tasmania participated in Macao's Gastronomy Carnival, with regional chefs conducting cooking demonstrations featuring Tasmanian produce and featuring in international media. The Gastronomy Coordinator also presented on FermentHQ, agriCULTURED and Great2Go at the associated Cities Forum.

The Gastronomy Northern Tasmania 2026 Gastronomy Forum was held in June, bringing together stakeholders from across the regional food system, including farmers, government agencies, restaurateurs, makers and producers, to review and further develop the region's identity and gastronomy network. The forum provided a collaborative platform to strengthen connections, share insights, and shape the future direction of Northern Tasmania's gastronomy ecosystem.

Secure multi-year funding for agriCULTURED (2026–29) has been confirmed by Events Tasmania. Planning is underway for future agriCULTURED programming, continued rollout of the Great2Go pilot, and a Gastronomy Food System Forum.

Advocacy and Engagement

Regional Advocacy and Collaboration

NTDC continues to advocate for Northern Tasmania and facilitate collaboration across councils, industry, government and community on shared regional priorities. This work supports the organisation's core purpose of leading regional collaboration, achieving regional outcomes, and advancing regional priorities, strategies and policies.

Key platforms and ongoing initiatives

The Tamar Leaders Lunch series, delivered in partnership with the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, remains a flagship platform for bringing together regional leaders. Sessions have covered a range of strategic topics, including:

- River health and the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary (River Health Action Plan)
- Health and inclusion
- The Bell Bay Industrial Precinct (11 March 2026 session featuring Minister Felix Ellis and the CEO of Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone, Susie Bower)

These forums provide candid insights, foster cross-sector dialogue, and strengthen collective understanding of opportunities and challenges facing the region.

NTDC is an active member of the Bell Bay Response Team, established by the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources (Felix Ellis MP) in response to evolving circumstances at the Bell Bay Industrial Precinct, including challenges related to Liberty Bell Bay. The team's purpose is to provide insights and advice to the State Government to inform a collective response that supports regional communities and industry. Membership includes George Town Council, Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone, NTDC, Launceston Chamber of Commerce, Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council, and relevant State Government agencies. The team meets regularly to monitor developments and contribute to coordinated support measures.

Regional Advocacy and Collaboration

Broader advocacy and engagement

NTDC maintains regular engagement with a wide network of stakeholders, including:

- State Ministers and agencies (including ministerial briefings on NTRLUS, the Intermodal Freight Terminal, population and regional priorities)
- Cradle Coast Authority, RDA Tasmania and LGAT (including inaugural joint meetings and participation in population and regional development forums)
- Visit Northern Tasmania, NRM North, Tourism Tasmania, Brand Tasmania and industry associations
- Local government CEOs/GMs and elected members across the northern councils

Targeted advocacy has been undertaken during recent state and federal election periods. This included the preparation and release of electorate prospectuses for Bass and Lyons (North), coordinated media activity with member councils, letters to State MPs seeking regional strategic partnerships, and participation in candidate and stakeholder briefings.

NTDC has also sponsored and participated in key regional events, including the Northern Tasmania Investment Conference, Tasmanian Major Projects Conference, and various population, tourism and industry forums. These activities enable the organisation to share knowledge on regional priorities, gather insights from experts, and amplify a unified Northern Tasmanian voice.

Through consistent advocacy and facilitated collaboration, NTDC works to ensure the region's priorities are understood and advanced at local, state and national levels, supporting sustainable economic development, industry resilience and community wellbeing across Northern Tasmania.

Engagement and Forums

NTDC maintained a strong program of meetings, events and forums throughout the April–June 2026 quarter. These engagements supported advocacy, shared services development, major project progress, strategic planning, and collaboration across councils, industry and government.

- 1st April - Members Representative Meeting, commencement of the 2026–29 Strategic Plan co-design process, with broad priority areas and a future vision for Northern Tasmania tabled.
- 2nd April - LGAT Population Forum, participation in statewide discussions on population challenges and opportunities, aligning with NTDC's Population Program.
- 13th April - NBN Co CEO Roundtable, NTDC brought together regional leaders to meet with NBN Co CEO Ellie Sweeney. Discussions covered the future of the Fibre network in Tasmania, Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite advances, NBN plans for business, digital literacy and community place-making. Supporting contributions came from RDA Tasmania (Digital Uplift Project Officers) and City of Launceston's Cameron Smith (Smart City advances).
- 22nd April - Tasmanian Freight & Logistics Forum, NTDC Director of Major Projects attended the 5th Tasmanian Freight & Logistics Forum, representing both NTDC and the NTIFT project team. Insights on future freight and logistics trends across Tasmania and Australia reinforced the importance of a rigorous business case process for the Intermodal Terminal.
- 22nd April - Lady Baron Boating Facility Opening.
- 12th May - MCA Analysis workshop – TRANSlink, multi-criteria assessment stakeholder workshop as part of Stage 2 of the Intermodal Freight Terminal business case.
- 22nd May - State Budget Lunch.
- 26th May - Regional Agencies biggest morning tea.
- 29th May - NTDC Members Strategy workshop, full-day facilitated strategy session with members (supported by Leadership Space), a key step in co-designing the 2026–29 Strategic Plan.
- 9th June - LST Chamber members 'BOAGs' forum.
- 10th June - Gastronomy Forum, Tasmania's inaugural Gastronomy Forum, attended by 80 leaders from the regional food system. The forum explored the region's UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy designation and what gastronomy means to the local food system.
- 11th June - Flinders Community Leaders population workshop, outcome of the Flinders Island population profiling pilot, generating practical priority actions for the council and community.
- 19th June - Members Representative Meeting, draft 2026–29 Strategy presented to members.

Collectively, these meetings, events and forums advanced NTDC's advocacy, strengthened member and partner relationships, progressed major projects and strategic planning, and maintained strong regional visibility and influence.

Corporate Updates

Strategic Planning & Organisational Strength

NTDC has continued to strengthen its organisational foundations through membership security, strategic planning, and team transitions, ensuring the agency remains well-positioned to deliver value for members, industry and the broader region.

2026–29 Strategic Plan Co-Design

With core membership funding assured for the 2026–29 period, NTDC focused on co-designing its next three-year Strategic Plan with Member Councils and key strategic partners.

The process commenced on 1 April 2026 at the Member Representative Group (MRG) quarterly meeting, where broad priority areas and a future vision for Northern Tasmania were tabled. Subsequent steps included:

- 10th April - NTDC Board strategic workshop
- 27th April to 29th May - Online partner surveys and facilitated interviews with Member Councils
- 24th April to 29th May - Development of a shared services business model
- 29th May - Full Member Council strategy workshop, facilitated by Leadership Space
- 19th June - Presentation of the draft strategy to members at the MRG meeting

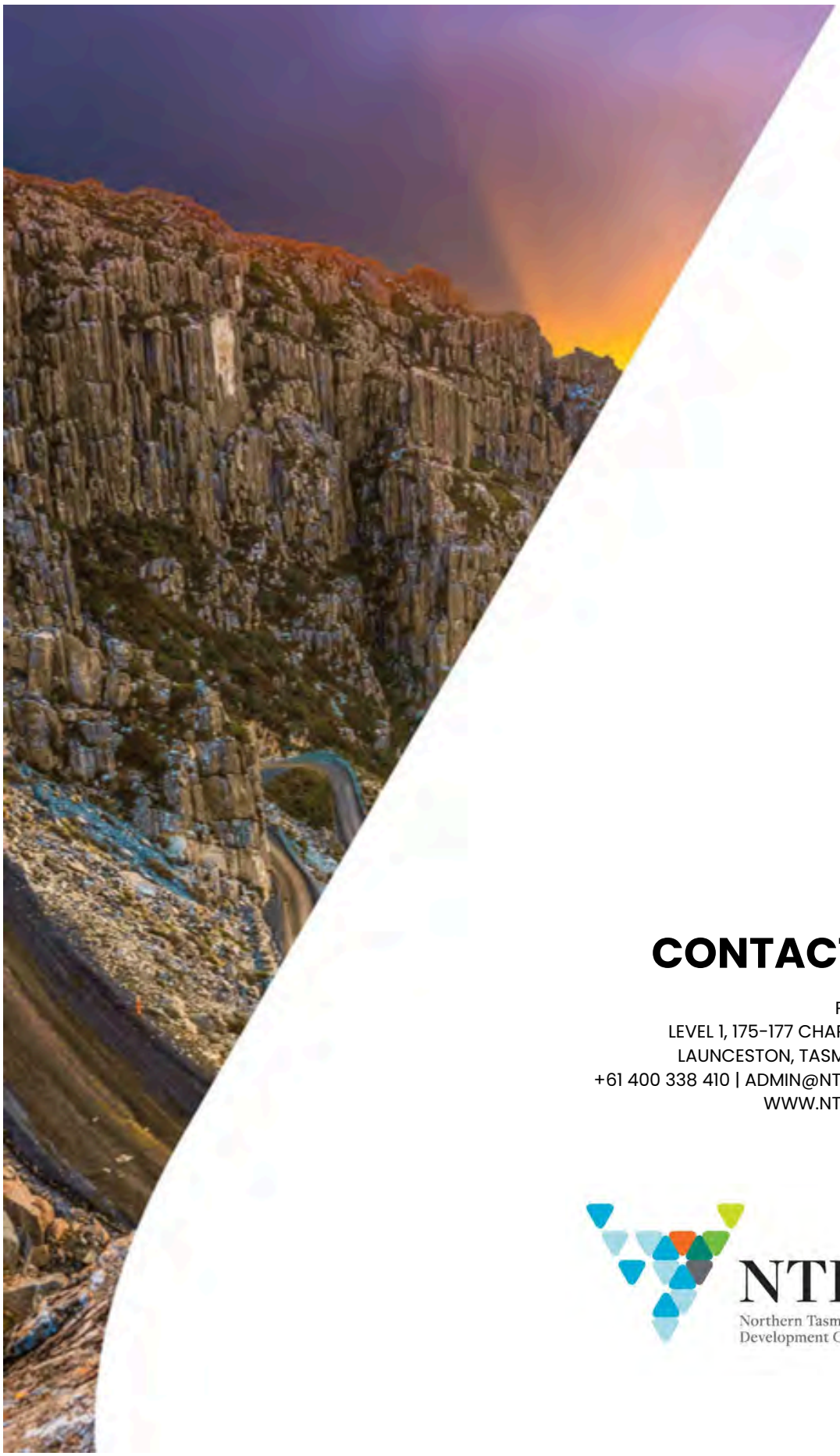
Next steps include engagement with strategic partners to align priority programs at local, regional and state levels, followed by refinement and formal endorsement of the final strategy at the NTDC Annual General Meeting on 28 August 2026. Activation of the shared services business model will also form part of the forward work program.

Leadership and Team Transitions

Significant changes occurred within the NTDC team at the end of the quarter:

- CEO Chris Griffin concluded his three-year tenure on 30 June 2026. He has been succeeded by Michael Bailey, who commenced as CEO on 1 July 2026.
- Inaugural Major Projects Manager Jade Kaye concluded his role at the end of the quarter. Jade played a central role in progressing the Northern Tasmania Intermodal Freight Terminal project and establishing the foundations of NTDC's Project Management Office. Chris de Bono has joined the team from 20 July 2026 as the new Major Projects Manager, with Jade remaining briefly to support a smooth project transition.
- Daniel McWilliams, who had been supporting the team in a temporary capacity since 8 April 2026, accepted a permanent appointment as Executive Officer.

These transitions strengthen NTDC's capacity to deliver on its strategic priorities while maintaining continuity on major projects and organisational operations. The Board continues to oversee governance, risk and financial performance, with plans to expand Board membership once the new CEO is fully established to ensure appropriate skills diversity and well-rounded decision-making.



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8.3 CEO 3 - Northern Tasmania Development Corporate (NTDC) Annual Report 2025/26

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REPORT DATE: 7 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.3.1**] NTDC 2025-2026 Annual Report

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (**NTDC**) Annual Report for the 2025-2026 financial year.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the NTDC Funding Agreement 2026-2029, Council as a Member has been provided with the Annual Report for consideration. In order to promote transparency and to ensure ease of access, the Chief Executive Officer has determined that the Annual Report should be published in a Council Meeting Agenda following receipt of the same.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 1: Local jobs and enterprise grow closer to home

1.3 Work with business networks, regional bodies and services providers to strengthen capability, resilience and practical support for local operators.

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 4: West Tamar grows from its distinctive strengths without weakening them

4.5 Work regionally where it improves outcomes for West Tamar, while keeping West Tamar's own priorities, identity and environmental limits clear.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

NTDC Funding Agreement 2026-2029

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Overall risk is considered low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As a part of Council Officers' review of regional partnerships, the Chief Executive Officer has determined that it is good governance that the NTDC Annual Report is formally noted by Council and appears in the public agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd Annual Report for the 2025-2026 financial year.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

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For:

Against:


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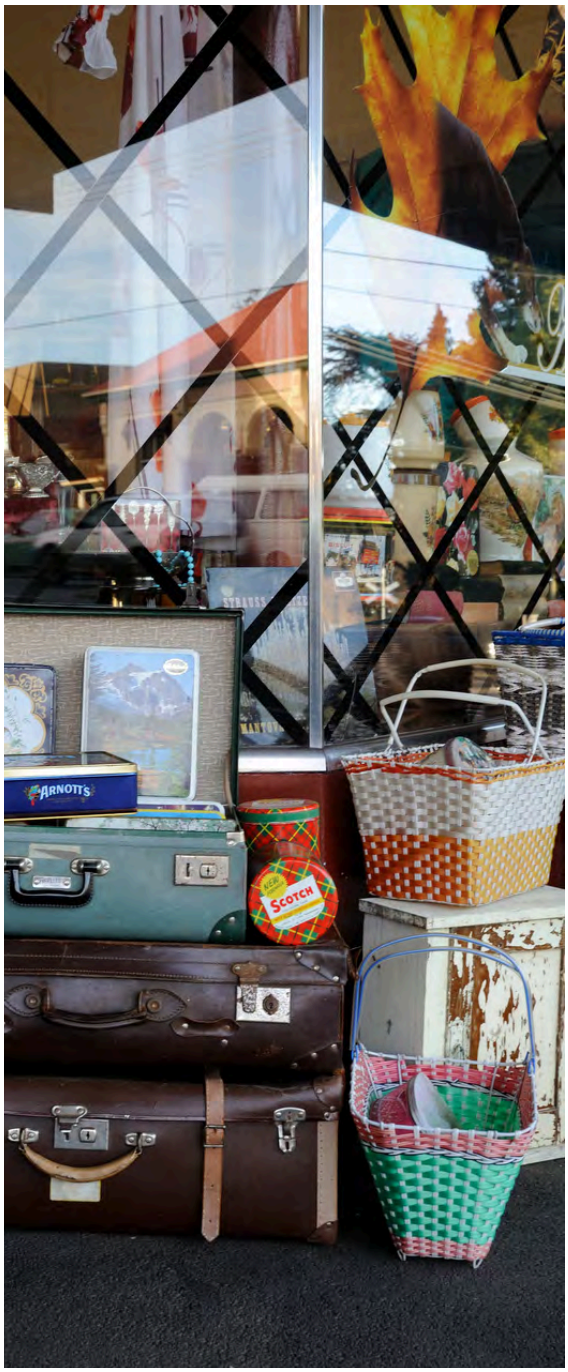
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Northern Regional Performance

Regional performance measures that NTDC monitored across the year include:

Population
The ABS estimated population for Northern Tasmania Region in 2024 was 156,249, reflecting growth of 0.13% from previous year, compared to Tasmania's growth rate of 0.31%. Within the working age population
there are more younger workers (15 to 44 years) than older workers (45 years and over) working in all industries.

Gross Regional Product
Northern Tasmania's GRP was $10.65 billion in the year ending June 2024, which constitutes 26.31% of Tasmania's Gross State Product (GSP), up 1.18% from the previous year. In the same period Tasmanian economic growth grew by just 1.0%.

Employment
There were 75,863 residents employed in the year ending June 2024, of which 52.0% worked full-time, and 36.4% worked part-time. Participation rate was 57.3% compared to Tasmania's 55.7%.

Weekly Income
The median weekly household income increased to $1,259 (up $244 compared to 2016 levels). Overall, 15.6% of the local workers earned a high income, and 15.3% earned a low income, compared with 17.3% and 14.6% respectively for Tasmania.

Housing
The 2021 census stated 67% of households in the region owned their home, 21.0% were renting privately, and 4.5% were in social housing.

SEIFA Index for Disadvantage
In Northern Tasmania the SEIFA index was 952, compared to Tasmania's 966 and Australia's 1,001.

This dashboard of measures illustrates many of the challenges and successes of the post-pandemic era.

*All data is sourced from Economy.id: www.economy.id.com.au



Chair's Report

It is my pleasure to present the NTDC Annual Report for FY 2025/26. This has been a year of evolution for NTDC, and an opportune time to reflect on what we have achieved, what we have learned and how we can continue to deliver the greatest value for Northern Tasmania.

This year marks the completion of our 2023–26 Strategic Plan. That Plan articulated a clear strategy and the values to guide how we worked: Connected, Clear, Creative and Curious. Those values have proven deeply valuable in helping us navigate priorities, make decisions and remain focused on where a regional organisation can make the greatest difference.

NTDC has now evolved from an organisation predominantly focused on advocacy and facilitating regional conversations into one increasingly capable of turning strategy into action and delivering complex regional projects. The TRANSlink Intermodal Freight Terminal is an exciting demonstration of that evolution. The progress made this year provides a strong foundation for an infrastructure opportunity of significance not only to the North, but to Tasmania. It also points to an important future role for NTDC. With our growing regional projects capability, we look forward to working with members to identify where shared expertise and project delivery can help progress opportunities that may be difficult for individual councils to deliver alone.

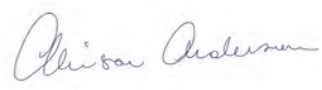
As we close this strategic period, I am very pleased to have renewed membership agreements with our members through to 2029. I see this not simply as funding certainty, but as an endorsement of the regional model we have collectively built and an obligation to continue making it better. When developing our last Strategic Plan, we explored at length what kind of regional governance model would best serve the North. We ultimately recognised the value of an independent, strategically focused regional organisation that works alongside our councils while bringing additional capability, perspectives and relationships to the table.

That independence remains important. It enables NTDC to take a long-term regional view, bring evidence and new thinking into regional conversations, advocate strongly for Northern Tasmania and complement the leadership of our member councils. I sincerely thank my fellow Directors for the considerable time, judgement and strategic insight they have contributed throughout a year of significant change.

An organisation is only as effective as the people within it, and I am deeply grateful to the NTDC team for navigating the changes of the past year with professionalism and commitment while continuing to deliver an ambitious program of work. This year we farewelled Chris Griffin at the conclusion of his three-year contract as CEO. Chris has played an important role in NTDC's evolution, delivering our Strategic Plan and strengthening our relationship with our members. On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank Chris for his contribution to NTDC and Northern Tasmania.

As this reporting period closed, we were delighted to welcome Michael Bailey OAM as our new CEO. Michael joins NTDC at an exciting point in our evolution, with renewed member commitment, an increasingly capable team and significant opportunities ahead.

As we enter our next strategic period, our task is to take what we have learned, critically consider where NTDC can add the greatest value, and continue evolving to meet the needs and opportunities of the region. The foundations are strong, and I look forward to the next chapter for NTDC and Northern Tasmania.



Dr Allison Anderson
Chair



CEO's Report

This year has been one of significant progress for Northern Tasmania Development Corporation. Throughout the year our focus remained on delivering practical outcomes through collaboration, strengthening regional capability and positioning Northern Tasmania for long-term prosperity.

We reinforced the value of a regional organisation that brings together councils, industry and government to address challenges and opportunities that no single organisation can tackle alone. In an environment of constrained public finances, the need for clear regional priorities, evidence-based advocacy and collaborative leadership has never been greater.

Several major strategic initiatives reached significant milestones.

The Northern Regional Land Use Strategy (NTRLUS) progressed from regional strategic directions and community engagement into the drafting of a contemporary strategy that will guide future land use, infrastructure investment and sustainable growth across Northern Tasmania.

Our Population Program moved from strategy to action plan. Partnering with Flinders Council, NTDC piloted a population response approach to better identify and attract people most likely to establish lives on the island. The project also demonstrated NTDC's ability to help councils move such plans into practical implementation.

The TRANSlink Intermodal Freight Terminal project reached a significant stage. Progressing through investment logic mapping, business case development, functional design, site assessment and multi-criteria analysis. The project concluded the year having completed more than 80% of Stage Two of Infrastructure Australia's business case process, providing a robust evidence base to inform future freight and logistics investment in Northern Tasmania.

Collectively, these initiatives demonstrated NTDC's growing capability as a regional program delivery agency. What began as a strategic aspiration is now emerging as a genuine organisational strength.

During the year we also worked with member councils to develop a shared services model, positioning NTDC to provide greater specialist capability, project management and regional coordination on behalf of members.



Regional collaboration remained central to everything we do.

Through Tamar Leaders Lunches, industry roundtables and strategic stakeholder engagement, NTDC continued to convene the conversations that matter. Whether advocating for regional infrastructure, supporting the Bell Bay Response Team, facilitating discussions with NBN Co., or bringing together leaders around TRANSlink.

NTDC has continued to provide trusted regional leadership built on evidence, collaboration and shared purpose.

Our stewardship of Gastronomy Northern Tasmania also continued to mature. Securing ongoing funding for agriCULTURED, hosting the Australasian Creative Cities Network Conference, progressing Great2Go and convening Northern Tasmania's inaugural Gastronomy Forum strengthened our UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy designation while reinforcing gastronomy as a driver of economic, cultural and community development.

Organisationally, this has been a defining year.

One of my greatest pleasures over the past nine months has been working with member councils to secure membership through to 30 June 2029. The strong endorsement from councils and councillors, together with Flinders Council's decision to extend its membership for the full three-year term, reflects continued confidence in the regional collaboration model NTDC has built.

With funding secured, we commenced co-design of NTDC's 2026–29 Strategic Plan with member councils and strategic partners. The process has reaffirmed our focus on delivering value through regional collaboration while recognising NTDC's evolution from facilitating conversations to delivering strategic programs, specialist expertise and practical regional solutions.

The year also marked an important leadership transition. Following the recruitment of a new Chief Executive Officer and Major Projects Manager, NTDC enters the new financial year with renewed leadership and a strong platform for continued success.
For me personally, this report concludes my final year as Chief Executive Officer.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve Northern Tasmania over the past three years alongside an outstanding Board, member councils, government partners, industry leaders and an exceptional NTDC team, all united by a commitment to the future of our region.
I leave knowing the organisation is well prepared for its next chapter. It has a clear strategic direction, strong member support, an increasingly diverse service offering and a capable team ready to continue delivering value for Northern Tasmania.

Finally, thank you to our Chair, Dr Allison Anderson, the Board of Directors, our member councils, funding partners and every member of the NTDC team for your trust, professionalism and commitment throughout my time as CEO. It has been an honour to lead this organisation and contribute, in some small way, to the future prosperity of Northern Tasmania.



Chris Griffin
Chief Executive Officer



Project Highlights 2025-2026

Strategic Priority: Regional Development

Regional Land Use Strategy Review

NTDC via grant funding from the State Planning Office has to continued the process of reviewing the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (NTRLUS), and commenced drafting of a new NTRLUS.

This year tasks completed included:

- Establishing and facilitating governance of the project through a Steering Committee consisting of representatives of all eight northern councils and State Government representatives.
- Defining and adopting new terms of reference for the NTRLUS Working Group
- Endorsing the Regional Strategic Directions (RDS) to guide the drafting process
- Facilitating community engagement process relating to RSDs
- Completing an Infrastructure Audit and Gap Analysis and integrating these into the NTRLUS drafting process
- NTRLUS drafting process resulting in final draft version to be endorsed by Steering committee (eaerly July)

A big heart felt thanks to all steering committee and working group members for the dogged determination and often candid investment in this multi-year process.

Population Response Plan



Following the review of the 2019 Population Taskforce Strategy, publishing of a Discussion Paper on the region's population challenges and opportunities, a draft Population Program 2025 was released for NTDC funding members to review.

Five priority recommendations include:

- Responding to both population attraction and retention barriers in localised ways (piloted with Flinders Island in 2026)
- Welcome Region/ Experience Program - to address new arrival integration into community
- Childcare and Aged care feasibility - advocating for where care services should be developed for social and economic returns
- Future workforce needs and intra-regional dependencies - mapping where people will work vs life into the future
- Council population network facilitation - supporting members respond to population collaboratively

Regional Development Continued:



TRANSlink Intermodal Facility

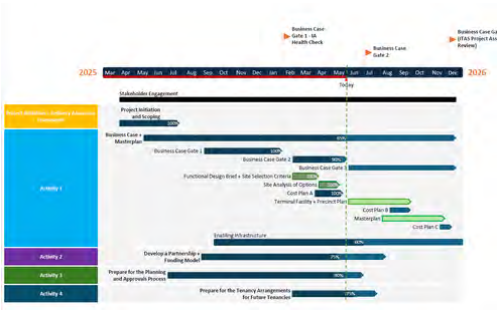
Guided by their Steering committee of; Northern Midlands Council Mayor, NTDC Chair (Chair of committee), The Coordinator General, TasRail and Infrastructure Tasmania, the TRANSlink Freight Terminal project has achieved every milestone.

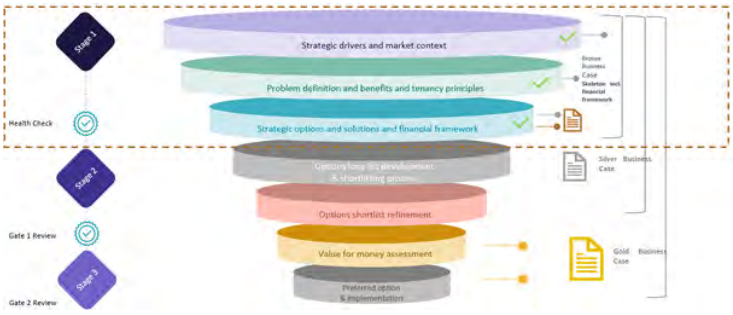
Led by NTDC's Director of Major Projects, Jade Kaye, and supported by the project team and adosry group, the following stages have been completed.

Key progress stages to date:

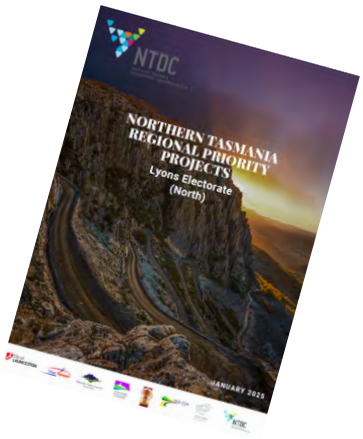
- Program Summary: 81% Completion.
- Functional Design Brief: review complete
- Site Selection: Shortlist options confirmed with project options confirmed with base case
- Infrastructure Australia Priority List Submission: staged submission strategy established
- Masterplan: Stage 2 Design Report complete along with Concept Plans
- Base Case: Design principals complete
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement: on-going with final inputs into business case due soon.

Thanks go to Northern Midlands Council for contracting NTDC's Project Management Office to undertake the work, Steering committee members, State Government through the Minister's office and participating senior executives, and to the Federal government for grant funding and direction provided by Infrastructure Australia.









Strategic Priority: Regional Collaboration

State Government Election Advocacy

NTDC's advocacy program for the 2026 started with responding to an early state election, where we continued to focused on:

- Collaboration with funding members and industry associations
- Published prospectus for both Bass & Lyons (North) electorates
- Letters to State MPs seeking a regional strategic partnership, and
- Local news media events with funding members

Although priority projects within Prospectus were consistent, a emphasis remains to form Strategic Regional Partnerships with the new State Government.

NBN Co, Telstra CEO Regional Roundtables

Across the year NTDC co-hosted separate forums with the CEOs of both major telecommunications, bringing together regional leaders to debate with NBN Co and Telstra on matters including; digital literacy, infrastructure aligned with settlement and industrial precinct investments; the currency and future of low earth orbit coverage and the needs of business owners.

Bell Bay Response Team

In response to a fluid series of circumstances facing the Bell Bay Industrial Precinct, NTDC was invited by the Minister of Business, Industry and Resources to join the Bell Bay Response Team. This group was setup to provide insights and advice to the State Government to inform a collective response to support regional communities and industry.

As recent events relating to Liberty Bell Bay's future operations have illustrated, it is more important than ever that the Response Team fulfills its role. Team members include: George Town Council, Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone, NTDC, Launceston Chamber of Commerce, Tasmanian Minerals and Energy Council, and State Govt agencies.

Regional Collaboration Continued:

Tamar Leaders Lunch Series

This calendar year NTDC continued its partnership with Launceston Chamber of Commerce across a number of initiatives to coordinate a regional voice on matters that matter. A hallmark of this partnership is the Tamar Leaders Lunch Series, quarterly events focusing on key topics that are catalysts for positive future change.

Lunch events this year included:

- Tamar River Masterplan - Pam Allen (chair of TEMPT) was joined by Louise Foster (CEO NRM North) and Andrew Truscott (TasWater) to explore the possibilities of a rejuvenating river estuary system
- Health Industry - we discussed the real challenges and opportunities with leaders: John Kirwan, Donna Bain and Dr Prashanth Reddy
- Bell Bay - Susie Bower (CEO of BBAMZ) and Minister's Felix Ellis debated the challenges facing the industrial precinct as well as the future prospect of new investment

Conference Speaking Opportunities

As NTDC's Major Project Management capacity grew this year with the evolution of the TRANSlink Intermodal Facility masterplanning, so did opportunitiews to speak at related conferences. This were crtical opportunities to not only represent the major developments of the region, but also to development networks and leads for future project managament opportunities.

1. *5th Tasmania Major Projects Conference*, Hobart. CEO Chris Griffin presented the commencement stages of TRANSlink
2. *Northern Tasmania Investment Conference*. Director Major Projects Jade Kaye facilitated a panel of experts exploring the real impact TRANSlink Freight Terminal will have on Tasmania as a whole.
   Panel members included: Ben Goodsir (Infrastructure Tasmania), Josh Marshall (TasRail), Irene Duckett (ireneinc), and Sam Tucker (landowner)

Flinders Population Response project

We were delighted to welcome Flinders Council back as a member of NTDC. This pro rata membership period allowed us to trial new services for all our members in the following:

Project Management support - with a focus on supporting Council's airport developments. This concluded with a council management workshop on best practice project management principles held on Friday 19 June.

Population Profiling - working with Council and Brand Tasmania to develop better ways attract and retain 'new islanders' who have a greater propensity to become long-term residents. Early results suggest a viable model for implementing in other municipalities.

Regional Collaboration continued:

Partnerships and Member Engagements

A key role of NTDC is to represent the interests and aspirations of Northern Tasmania to elected officials and engage with influencers and opinion leaders across the country. Key meetings, conferences and engagements this financial year included:







Partner and regional alignment

- RDA Tasmania Board
- Bell Bay Response Team
- Cradle Coast Authority - regional alignment
- Events Tasmania - agriCULTURED
- Hospitality Tasmania - Gastronomy
- City of Hobart – co-hosting of ACCN conference
- Brand Tasmania - population program partnership
- Dept State Growth - population program
- Infrastructure Tasmania - major projects
- Office of Coordinator General - major projects
- Minister of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning
- Basslink Reference Group
- Launceston Institute - Internships
- Launceston Chamber of Commerce – Tamar Leaders Lunch series
- Tasmania Leaders Program - Panels and forums
- Property Council - Northern Urban Renewal Committee
- Telstra & NBN Co CEO round tables
- Tourism Tasmania - Tamar Valley Tourism Plan
- Basketball Tasmania - venues and facilities
- Cradle Coast Authority, RDA Tasmania, LGAT - joint meetings
- Northern regional agencies – collaboration and advocacy
- CRC Time Board - co-hosted visit

Funding member engagements

- Members Representative Meetings x3
- Shared Services interviews x7
- NTDC Members Strategy workshop (May)
- Councillor workshops 9
- Council CEO/GMs meetings 6
- Council meetings 2
- NTRLUS Steering Committee meetings 8
- NTRLUS Working Group meetings chaired 9





Regional Collaboration continued:



Conferences and Forums

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Conferences attended/spoken at

- Tasmanian Major Projects Conference, Hobart
- LGAT Conference, Hobart
- Northern Tasmania Investment Conference, Launceston
- Tasmanian Freight & Logistics Forum
- ALGA Conference, Canberra



Forums hosted / co-hosted

- State Election Regional Priorities media event
- Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch - Tamar River Masterplan
- Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch - Health Industry leaders
- Tamar Valley Leaders Lunch - Bell Bay Precinct future
- ACCN Conference
- NBN Co CEO Roundtable
- MCA Analysis workshop TRANSlink
- Gastronomy Forum
- Flinders Community Leaders population workshop
- National Food Policy Forum



Forums sponsored / supported

- LGAT Population Forums
- LST Chamber members 'BOAGs' forum - 9 June
- Tamar Valley Tourism Roundtable
- Oz Harvest CEO Cook Off - 21 October
- VNT Champions of Tourism event - 30 October
- RDA Regional Development Champions - 13 November

















Gastronomy Northern Tasmania

NTDC provides governance, administration and communications support for regional food system goals. Program successes of the Gastronomy Northern Tasmania (GNT) committee this year included:

Forums and Conference Hosting
GNT committee hosted food systems forums and conferences here in Northern Tasmania. This knowledge sharing within and beyond our region stimulates innovation across the food system.

National Food Policy Forum - GNT convened this Forum with the aim of informing the Federal government's Feeding Australia National Food Security Strategy about key needs and priorities of Tasmania's food system.

Australasian Creative Cities Network Conference -GNT and Hobart City of Literature co-hosted the annual conference bringing together UNESCO Creative Cities from across Australasia to collaborate.

Gastronomy Forum - Tasmania's inaugural Gastronomy Forum was attended by 80 leaders of the region's food system. The purpose, to learn and explore the region's designation and what it means to the regional food system.

Great 2 Go
NTDC secured grant funding through Circular North and the Tasmanian Waste & Resource Reuse Board for this food waste pilot, aimed at promoting the reduction of plate left over' waste from our restaurants and cafes. Featuring a fully compostable container and information for safe consumption of food within.

Macao 2026
For the 4th year running, GNT accepted an invitation to be part of Macao's Gastronomy Carnival. Representing the North was chefs Danielle Lefrancios and Nick Graham of Hubert and Dan, cooking alongside chefs from 34 other Cities of Gastronomy. Our chefs conducted cooking demonstrations and were featured in globally syndicated promotions of the Carnival, including alive-to-air Macanese TV Talk show.

UNESCO Creative City representation
A core part of NTDC's support is liaising with the UNESCO Creative City Network, sharing knowledge between the nearly 60 City's of Gastronomy across the globe, and contributing to collective decision making of the network.

agriCULTURED

agriCULTURED 2025

In August NTDC held our annual celebration of gastronomy, agriCULTURED. In its fifrth year, agriCULTURED has grown into a must attend event for those serious about evolving local food systems across Australia.



As custodians of this Tasmanian Festival of Gastronomy, NTDC couldn't be more proud of the team delivering this year's event.

Talks, tastings, workshops, gatherings, curated dinners, shared knowledge, unexpected encounters: agriCULTURED brings together people working with land, food and culture, asking big questions, and sharing real stories.



Ferment HQ - launched at agriCULTURED

CEO Chris Griffin accompanied Chair of Ferment Tasmania, Kim Seagram in hosting VIP groups to tour FermentHQ facility prior to its official opening on 2 August as part of agriCULTURED. Groups from RDA Western Australia, Tourism Tasmania and the Broader Visitor Economy enjoyed a first hand look at the facility as well as Q&A over a gourmet lunch.

agriCULTURED 2026 - funded and in proudction

Informed by the outcomes of argiCULTURED 2025, the team applied for a three year funding agreement with Events Tasmania. Great news to end the calendar year upon was hearing that this agreement would be entered into, on similar terms to the preceding period. Complementing this funding as the generous support shown by City of Launceston Council in allocating additional funds.



agriCULTURED is set to be better than ever, as Tasmania's Festival of all things Gastronomy!







NTDC Board





Dr Allison Anderson
Chair

Alli Anderson has been on the NTDC board since 2020, and was appointed to the position of Chair in 2023. A tourism strategy consultant working across Australia, New Zealand and further afield, Alli has a PhD in Urban Design and Tourism, a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and a Science Degree (honours), and is an associate of the University of Tasmania. When asked why NTDC, Alli said "Developing regions has always been my passion. NTDC brings us all the opportunity to live our values through our work with stakeholders to build a powerful, connected and aligned region, with outcomes for the entire community."



Shoshana Wall
Company Secretary

Shoshana Wall is the Chief Community Engagement Officer at St Lukes. Her career includes extensive experience in senior roles in ASX 200 and government organisations, focusing on community engagement and customer service. She is also Vice President of Meals on Wheels Tasmania and holds graduate certifications from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the International Association for Public Participation.

Shoshana joined the NTDC Board in April 2025.



Mark Hogarth

Mark brings over two decades of expertise as a professional accountant, currently in his 13th year at Shaw Contracting, a leading Civil Construction firm. Mark's heart beats for Tasmania's future, with a keen interest in initiatives aimed at retaining and drawing in young talent to our State. With a fervour for sustainable industries and technologies, he believes strongly in environmental stewardship. Outside of work, you'll find him on his mountain bike, on camping adventures, on a run or at the Launceston Aquatic Centre swimming.

Mark resigned in February 2026

NTDC Board Continued:



Jonathan Harmey

Jonathan is the General Manager of Meander Valley Council in Tasmania, with more than 15 years of experience in local government leadership and financial management. Jonathan has held key roles including Director of Corporate Services and Senior Accountant, before being appointed General Manager in August 2023. Prior to his local government career, Jonathan worked as a Senior Accountant with KPMG in Launceston, he holds a Master of Business Administration from Charles Sturt University and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Tasmania.



Greg Kieser

Greg is the Mayor of George Town, having been first elected to the role in July 2019. Greg has an extensive professional background in information technology, project management, and client engagement with over 25 years' experience leading major projects for companies such as Cisco Systems, Novell Inc, IBM, Amazon, and Dropbox. He is now the Principal of his own carpentry and art company, Blacksheep Works. Greg holds qualifications and training in commerce and business administration from the University of Witwatersrand and Charles Sturt University. Greg is heavily engaged with community groups across the North of Tasmania.



Freya Griffin

Freya is local to the Northern Tasmanian region, raised on a thriving family-owned dairy farm in the Meander Valley and working in a range of industries from Launceston for much of her marketing communications career. Freya's focus is agricultural innovation, with a firm interest in enhancing health and wellbeing outcomes in regional and rural areas. Freya brings insights from leadership management, community engagement, stakeholder management and advocacy campaigns from her experience in entertainment and tourism sectors, media, finance, education, agrifood and healthcare.

Freya resigned in February 2026



David Midson

David is a Northern Tasmanian local, growing up in Bridport and Scottsdale. Joining the Royal Australian Navy, David's work took him around Australia and the world. David wants to support communities to use their strengths to grow into better places to live and work. He believes that the North of Tasmania is one of the best places in the world to live, and he works with NTDC because of its role in continuing to improve the region. David is currently the General Manager (Marine Resources) at NRE Tas where he has responsibility for commercial and recreational fishing, and aquaculture.

NTDC Board Continued:



Linda Kelly

Linda was the State Manager with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and has worked in various sectors in policy combined with a career with a practical operational working knowledge of agriculture and food production, water utilities and waste recovery recycling operations. She has a Masters of Business Administration and has completed a Company Directors Course (GAICD). Linda was fortunate enough to grow up in Taroona, Hobart but has enjoyed furthering her education living and working on the mainland and has returned with a new appreciation of our bountiful and unique Northern Tasmania.

Linda resigned in March 2026



Douglas Hunt

Doug, joined the Board in February, with an extensive background in economic development across mainland States. He is an economist with expertise in economic research and evaluation and in undertaking benefit cost analysis. He has a PhD in Environmental and Resource Economics, Graduate Diploma of Education (SEC), Graduate Certificate of Religious Education, B.A (Honours) in Anthropology and a Bachelor of Business.

Doug accepted a role with City of Launceston Council in March, triggering his resignation

Gastronomy Northern Tasmania Members



Paul Seaman
Chair March 2025



Jane Bennett



Kim Seagram



Andrew Pitt
Gastronomy Coordinator



Sandra Murray



David Dunn



Caroline Brown



Ali Kemp

NTDC Team



CHRIS GRIFFIN
Chief Executive Officer



JADE KAYE
Major Projects Manager



STEPHANIE LODDER
Project Coordinator



STEPHANIE BRAKE
Regional
Planning Coordinator



KAMAL POKHREL
Administration &
Communications Assistant



DANIEL McWILLIAMS
Office Manager

NTDC's agriCULTURED Team



CAROLINE BROWN
agriCULTURED Chair



SARAH BLACKLOCK
Executive Producer



KIMBERLEY PEASE
Business Manager

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year Ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Income			
Council Operating Contributions		543,319	705,666
Grants	2	110,000	200,000
Translink Funding		1,552,401	67,154
agriCULTURED Funding		225,048	-
Interest Received		18,780	13,494
Other Revenue		29,026	43,100
Total Income		2,478,574	1,029,414
Expenses			
Administration Expenses		149,429	102,804
Board Expenses		86,541	67,863
Staff & Services Contracts			
- Employee Benefits Expense		687,792	498,721
- Contractors		21,036	176,037
Occupancy Expenses		7,932	14,572
Interest Expense		5,931	-
Project Expenses		1,917,988	130,717
Promotional Expenses		26,048	28,931
Provision for Doubtful Debts	6	(1,467)	-
Depreciation Expense		27,356	-
Total Expenses		2,928,586	1,019,645
Operating surplus/(deficit)		(450,012)	9,769
Equity contribution		-	207,017
Other comprehensive income		-	207,017
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	2	(450,012)	216,786

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,055,638	609,445
Prepayments	5	62,556	47,457
Trade and other receivables	6	3,927	248,559
Investments	7	300,000	300,000
Total Current Assets		1,422,121	1,205,461
Non-current Assets			
Right of Use Assets	8	82,068	-
Total Non-current Assets		82,068	-
Total Assets		1,504,189	1,205,461
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	244,478	119,574
Contract Liabilities	10	884,612	335,639
Provisions	11	8,033	16,205
Lease Liability	12	35,340	-
Total Current Liabilities		1,172,463	471,418
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	11	596	2,916
Lease Liability	12	50,015	-
Total Non-current Liabilities		50,611	2,916
Total Liabilities		1,223,074	474,334
Net Assets		281,115	731,127
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		281,115	731,127
Total Equity		281,115	731,127

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Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd
Statement of Changes in Equity
Year Ended 30 June 2026

	Accumulated Surplus $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024	514,341	514,341
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	216,786	216,786
Balance at 30 June 2025	731,127	731,127
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(450,012)	(450,012)
Balance at 30 June 2026	281,115	281,115

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Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Council contributions received		845,616	457,395
Grants received		121,000	418,000
Interest received		18,780	13,494
Other receipts		2,592,197	473,559
Payments to suppliers for goods and services		(2,341,600)	(473,606)
Payments to and on behalf of employees		(703,259)	(486,056)
Payments to board members		(86,541)	(67,863)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	4	446,193	334,923
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Investment in term deposit		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		446,193	334,923
Cash and cash equivalents - opening balance		609,445	274,522
Cash and cash equivalents - closing balance	3	1,055,638	609,445

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Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year Ended 30 June 2026

1 STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

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The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

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Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

b. **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

c. **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employees may not satisfy vesting requirements. These cash flows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

Superannuation contributions

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Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employees may not satisfy vesting requirements. These cash flows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

Superannuation contributions

Employee benefits include superannuation contributions made on behalf of employees. The Company makes contributions to each employee's chosen accumulated benefit fund at the statutory rate prescribed by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* . The Company does not have any obligations to provide defined benefits and therefore does not bear any risk for the performance of employee superannuation funds.

Classification of employee benefits

An employee benefit liability is classified as a current liability if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the period. This would include all annual leave and unconditional long service leave entitlements.

An employee benefit liability is classified as a non-current liability if the entity has a conditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the period.

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i. **Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

(i) Where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or

(ii) For receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flow arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

j. **Income Tax**

The board of directors has self assessed the income tax status of the Company and has determined that it is exempt from income tax as it meets the Australian Taxation Office criteria in relation to its objects and wind up clauses.

k. **Leased assets and liabilities**

The Company recognises a right of use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. Leases are recognised at an amount equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments determined at the inception of the lease or, initial recognition, the case of the first time application of AASB 16 Leases.
The right of use asset uses the cost model where the cost on initial recognition comprises the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, less any lease incentives. The right of use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset policy.

The lease liability is recognised as the present valuation of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The Company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (ie leases with a term less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets.

l. **Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

Contingent liabilities and contingent assets are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position but are reported in the relevant notes. They may arise from uncertainty as to the existence of a liability or asset or represent an existing liability or asset in respect of which the amount cannot be reliably measured. Contingent assets are disclosed when settlement is probable but not virtually certain, and contingent liabilities are disclosed when settlement is greater than remote.
The Company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2026.

m. **Subsequent Events**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

n. **Distribution of income and capital**

Under the Company's constitution the income or capital of the Company cannot be distributed to its members. In the event of a wind up the remaining capital must be transferred to an organisation with similar objectives.

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	2026 $	2025 $
2. Grants		
State Government Grants		
State Planning Office	100,000	200,000
Department of NRE	10,000	-
Total State Government Grant income	110,000	200,000
Total grant income	110,000	200,000
Comprehensive income comprises:		
Grant income as above	110,000	200,000
Grant related expenditure	-	-
Grant related surplus/(deficit) for the period	110,000	200,000
Surplus/(deficit) from all other activities	(560,012)	16,786
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	(450,012)	216,786
3. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash on Hand/At Bank	1,055,638	609,445
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,055,638	609,445
4. Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Net income:		
Operating surplus	(450,012)	216,786
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Provision for Doubtful Debt	(16,142)	-
Provision for Long Service Leave	(2,320)	1,877
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:		
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	(15,099)	(42,853)
Decrease/(Increase) in Trade and Other Receivables	260,774	(248,271)
Decrease/(Increase) in Right of Use Asset	(82,068)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	124,905	77,225
Increase/(Decrease) in Contract Liabilities	548,973	323,596
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(8,172)	6,563
Increase/(Decrease) in Lease Liability	85,355	-
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	446,194	334,923
5. Prepayments		
Prepaid Insurance	15,651	4,407
Prepaid Expenses	46,905	43,050
Total Prepayments	62,556	47,457

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6. Trade and Other Receivables

Security Deposit	3,333	-
Accounts Receivable	594	264,701
Total Trade and Other Receivables	3,927	264,701
Reconciliation of movement in expected credit loss		
Carrying amount at 1 July	16,142	16,142
Amounts written off during the year	-	-
Amounts recovered during the year	(11,000)	-
GST receivable adjustment	(3,675)	
Increase / (decrease) in provision recognised in profit or loss	(1,467)	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	-	16,142
Trade and Other Receivables (Net) at 30 June	3,927	248,559

7. Investments

Term Deposit	300,000	300,000
Total Investments	300,000	300,000

8. Right of Use Asset

Balance at 30 June 2025	-	-
Additions	109,424	
Less Depreciation	(27,356)	-
Right of Use Asset (Net) at 30 June	82,068	-

9. Trade and Other Payables

Current		
Trade Creditors	214,510	72,056
ATO Integrated Client Account	8,350	11,611
Superannuation Payable	-	4,975
Accrued expenses	11,488	16,139
GST payable/(receivable)	10,130	14,793
Total Trade and Other Payables	244,478	119,574

10. Contract Liabilities

Current		
NTWMG Circular Economy Grant	-	12,043
agriCULTURED	120,000	190,750
Translink Intermodel Funding	764,612	132,846
Total Contract Liabilities	884,612	335,639

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd
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11. Provisions

Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	8,033	16,205
Total Current Provisions	8,033	16,205
Non-Current		
Provision for Long Service Leave	596	2,916
Total Non-Current Provisions	596	2,916
Total Provisions	**8,629**	**19,121**

12. Lease Liability

Current		
Lease liability	35,340	-
Total Current Lease Liability	35,340	-
Non-Current		
Lease liability	50,015	-
Total Non-Current Lease Liability	50,015	-
Total Lease Liability	**85,355**	**-**

13. Remuneration and retirement benefits

Under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the entity's constitution the directors of the company have been paid remuneration that the company determined by resolution.

The board of directors determine the level of remuneration of the Executive Officer.

	2026	**2025**
	$	**$**
Key Management Personnel		
Short-term employee benefits	210,012	207,434
Post-employment benefits	25,331	23,023
	235,343	230,457

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Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

Directors Declaration

Year Ended 30 June 2026

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out in the financial report give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations); and

2. in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to s 295(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Allison Anderson

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Allison Anderson
Chairperson

14/09/2026

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Dated this……day of…….2026

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd
ACN 616 650 367
Directors Report
for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Allison Anderson		Chairperson
Shoshana Wall	Appointed	Director from 1 July 2025
Greg Keiser		Director
Mark Hogarth	Resigned	Director to 12 February 2026
Freya Griffin	Resigned	Director to 12 February 2026
Linda Kelly	Resigned	Director to 5 March 2026
David Midson		Director
Jonathan Harmey		Director
Kristen Derbyshire		Director from 12 February 2026 to 20 March 2026
Douglas Hunt		Director from 12 February 2026 to 27 April 2026

There were 8 directors' meetings held during the financial year.

	Meetings held whilst director	Meetings attended
Allison Anderson	8	8
David Midson	8	8
Jonathan Harmey	8	8
Greg Keiser	8	5
Shoshana Wall	8	7
Mark Hogarth	5	3
Freya Griffin	5	3
Linda Kelly	5	4
Douglas Hunt	2	1
Kristen Derbyshire	1	1

The profit/(loss) of the company for the financial year amounted to ($450,012). (2025 $9,769)

A review of the operations of the company during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

- The company's operations during the year performed as expected in the opinion of the directors.
- No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were:

To identify and facilitate economic and community development opportunities for the benefit of the residents of Northern Tasmania.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s.307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is included in the financial report and forms part of this Director's Report.

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd
ACN 616 650 367
Directors Report
for the Year Ended 30 June 2026

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

Dividends paid or declared since the start of the financial year are as follows.

a) There were no dividends paid during the year.

b) There were no dividends or distributions recommended or declared for payment to members during the year that have not been paid or credited to the member throughout the year.

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

During the financial year, the company paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the directors and executive officers of the company against a liability incurred as such a director or executive officer to the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

The company has not, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the company or of any related corporate body against a liability incurred by such an officer or auditor.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.
The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors made pursuant to s 298(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001*:

Allison Anderson
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Allison Anderson
Chairperson

14/09/2026
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Dated this.....day of..... 2026

Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the Directors of Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

(a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

(b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct

in relation to our audit for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Synectic Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd

Benjamin Coull
Director

Date: 16 September 2026

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the financial report of Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

Opinion

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of

the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

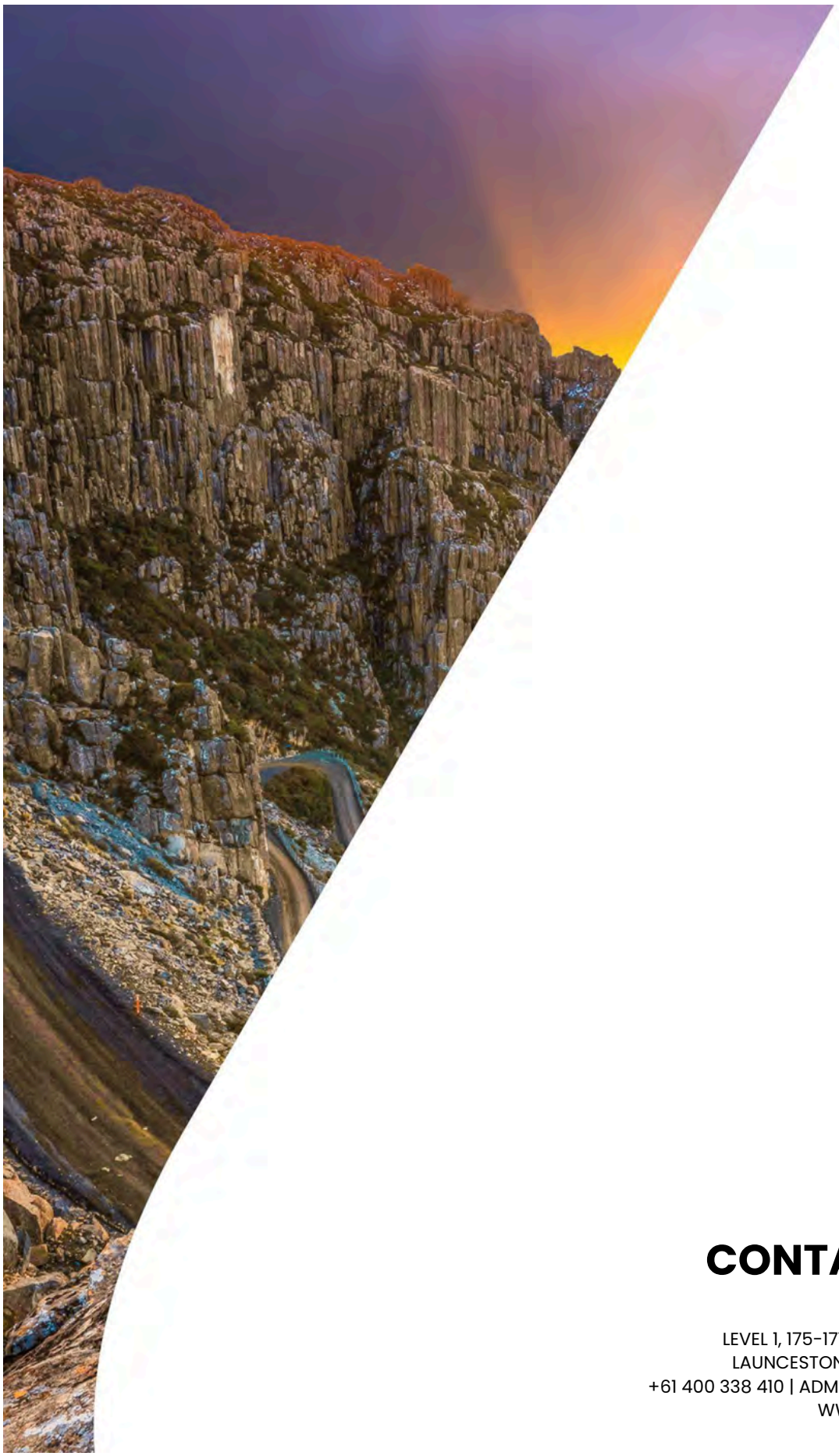
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company’s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company’s ability to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Synectic Audit & Assurance Pty Ltd

Benjamin Coull Date: 16 September 2026
Director



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8.4 CEO 4 - Submission on Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.4.1**] Draft Road Safety Strategy Submission
2. [**8.4.2**] Tasmanias Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the submission to Building Tasmania providing feedback for Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy.

BACKGROUND

The Tasmanian Government has advised that public consultation is now open on the development of Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy.

Building Tasmania have noted that as road managers and key representatives of local communities, councils bring essential knowledge of local priorities, local needs, and operational challenges that require consideration to effectively reduce road trauma across Tasmania. The capacity, capability and resourcing of councils as road managers will be central to considerations in developing a strategic approach that is effective and achievable across Tasmania.

Council Officers have requested and received an extension from Building Tasmania until the end of October in which to provide a submission, which was approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Shape: Growth and Place

Goal 4: Everyday movement is safer, easier and more inclusive

4.2 Target roads, bridges, intersections and freight pinch points where safety, congestion or growth pressure now disrupt daily movement and public confidence.

4.3 Build access into everyday works through safer surfaces, accessible toilets, seating, shade and public spaces that work for wheelchairs, prams and people with limited mobility.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk in providing a submission is considered low. The risk consideration would be higher if Council chose not to engage with Building Tasmania and provide a submission as the next opportunity to provide comment on a new strategy will not be for a number of years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper was presented to Councillors for discussion at the Interim Workshop held on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

A submission to Building Tasmania providing feedback on Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy has been drafted and is attached to this report for Council approval. Council officers have considered the feedback provided by Council at the Workshop to inform the attached submission.

As indicated in the Strategy Discussion Paper, following the completion of consultation and drafting of the final Strategy, it will be reviewed by the Road Safety Advisory Council, before being considered by the Tasmanian Government for release in early 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. endorses the attached letter as its feedback on Tasmania's next Road Safety Strategy; and

2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to Building Tasmania.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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Xx October 2026

James Verrier
General Manager, Transport Policy And Planning
Building Tasmania

By email: TasRSS@building.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Verrier

Submission on Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper

West Tamar Council (**Council**) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission on the Tasmanian Government's *Road Safety Strategy Discussion Paper.*

Council's position has been set out below in line with the relevant questions.

General support for the Strategy

Council strongly supports the Strategy's Vision Zero principle that no loss of life or serious injury on the road network is acceptable and that these outcomes are preventable. Council also supports the proposed framework as a positive foundation for a more coordinated, evidence-based approach to road safety.

Local government is uniquely placed in the position of being responsible for the roads located in the municipality as well as advocating on behalf of the community for increased road safety on State owned roads – whether they are highways or located in our towns.

The West Tamar is currently experiencing, and is projected to continue to experience, high population growth. Planning for future road safety is a key position for Council.

Proposed Strategic Framing

Council strongly agrees with the discussion paper's recognition that improving road safety is not only about individual actions, but also about how governments plan, work together and use information to deliver action. While significant effort has been made to date, the continuing level of death and serious injury demonstrates that existing arrangements have not achieved the required outcomes. The Strategy provides an opportunity for the Australian, Tasmanian and local governments to work together more strategically and comprehensively.

Council has a well-documented history of advocating for improved safety on Council owned roads and State roads.

Question 1: Where can we strengthen our management approaches, partnerships, and the use of evidence and data to achieve road safety outcomes?

DRAFT

Management approaches and partnerships can be strengthened by drawing more systematically on local knowledge and expertise and by establishing clear, ongoing coordination between the Australian, Tasmanian and local governments. Regional working groups should meet regularly to review evidence, share information about crashes and planned improvements, identify priority risks across the whole road network and coordinate investment. This would support a more consistent approach and help ensure that available funding is directed to the roads and locations with the greatest safety need, regardless of which level of government manages them.

Question 3: Are there any additional approaches that should be considered?

Use of evidence and data has been mentioned a number of times in the discussion paper. While data on where accidents occur, age profiles of motorists, and how speed impacts consequence, councils have been provided limited information on the cause of accidents. Future actions to mitigate harm to road users' needs to be informed through a clear understanding of the causes of serious accidents.

Action Areas:

Question 4: Is the Movement and Place framework a useful way to understand and discuss road safety in Tasmania?

Yes, the movement and place framework will be useful in determining actions and asset improvements for the road network. An understanding of the road hierarchy within the framework could also lead to another review for the lowering of default speed limits across the state. For example does data from accidents in the Kingborough municipality suggest that the past reduction from 100 to 90km/hr on sealed roads outside built up areas results in fewer accidents of lesser severity?

Action Area 1: Safer Behaviour and Choice

Question 6: Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safety behaviour and choices?

Yes, Council supports the action area on behaviour and choices. The prioritisation of initiatives should be based on highest potential impact coming from an understanding of the known causes of recent accidents.

Action Area 2: Safer Cities, Neighbourhoods and Places

Question 9: Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safer cities, neighbourhoods and places?

Yes, Council supports an Action Area that focuses on safer cities, neighbourhoods and places. Councils, Building Tasmania and other key stakeholders should work together regularly to identify priorities and agree on consistent approaches across road networks, including pavement treatments, slow points and pedestrian safety improvements. The State could also accelerate assessments to reduce posted speed limits in school zones. Funding should support asset upgrades aligned with this action area; however, reliance on competitive grant rounds does not necessarily ensure that the highest-risk roads are addressed first. A coordinated, evidence-based investment program across all levels of government would better direct funding to the locations of greatest safety need.

Action Area 3: Safety Travel on Roads Designed for Movement

Question 12: Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safer travel on roads designed for movement?

DRAFT

Yes, Council supports this action area, especially given the number of fatal crashes in regional and rural areas. As the severity of accidents are greater with higher vehicle speeds, the State should consider a commensurate increase in infringement penalties associated with speeding and other driving offenses. Again, as noted earlier, the priority of actions should be aligned to the reduction of key factors that have caused recent accidents.

Other Opportunities:

Question 15: What are the most significant opportunities and challenges for improving road safety in Tasmania?

One of the most significant opportunities is to strengthen coordination between local government road managers and the Tasmanian and Australian governments. Current arrangements can leave councils addressing local road safety risks in isolation and advocating separately for improvements to State-owned roads. Although existing programs and investments have delivered individual projects, the overall approach has not yet produced the sustained reduction in death and serious injury that the community expects. A shared assessment of risk, priorities and forward works would enable the three levels of government to act as partners and address unsafe roads more strategically and comprehensively.

Question 17: Do you have any additional comments on the proposed direction of Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy?

Councillors held differing views regarding aspects of the proposed direction, aside from the positions listed above. There is broad concern that current funding is insufficient to maintain and upgrade Tasmania's road network to the required safety standard. Competitive grant programs can assist individual projects, but they favour councils with the capacity to prepare applications and do not necessarily direct investment to the roads with the greatest objective safety risk. Some Councillors also expressed the view that revenue from fines and the fuel excise should be reinvested directly in road safety and infrastructure rather than consolidated revenue. Council encourages consideration of a coordinated, long-term funding model based on shared evidence and agreed priorities across the Australian, Tasmanian and local governments.

Further, it has been noted that there is a lack of consideration of the usefulness and broader reach of social media as a tool.

Council welcomes the proposed framework and the opportunity to continue working constructively with the Tasmanian Government on the finalisation and implementation of the Strategy. Its success will depend on sustained collaboration between the Australian, Tasmanian and local governments, stronger regional working arrangements, transparent sharing of evidence and investment decisions that prioritise the most serious road safety risks across the network.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me on 6323 9300 or via email at wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

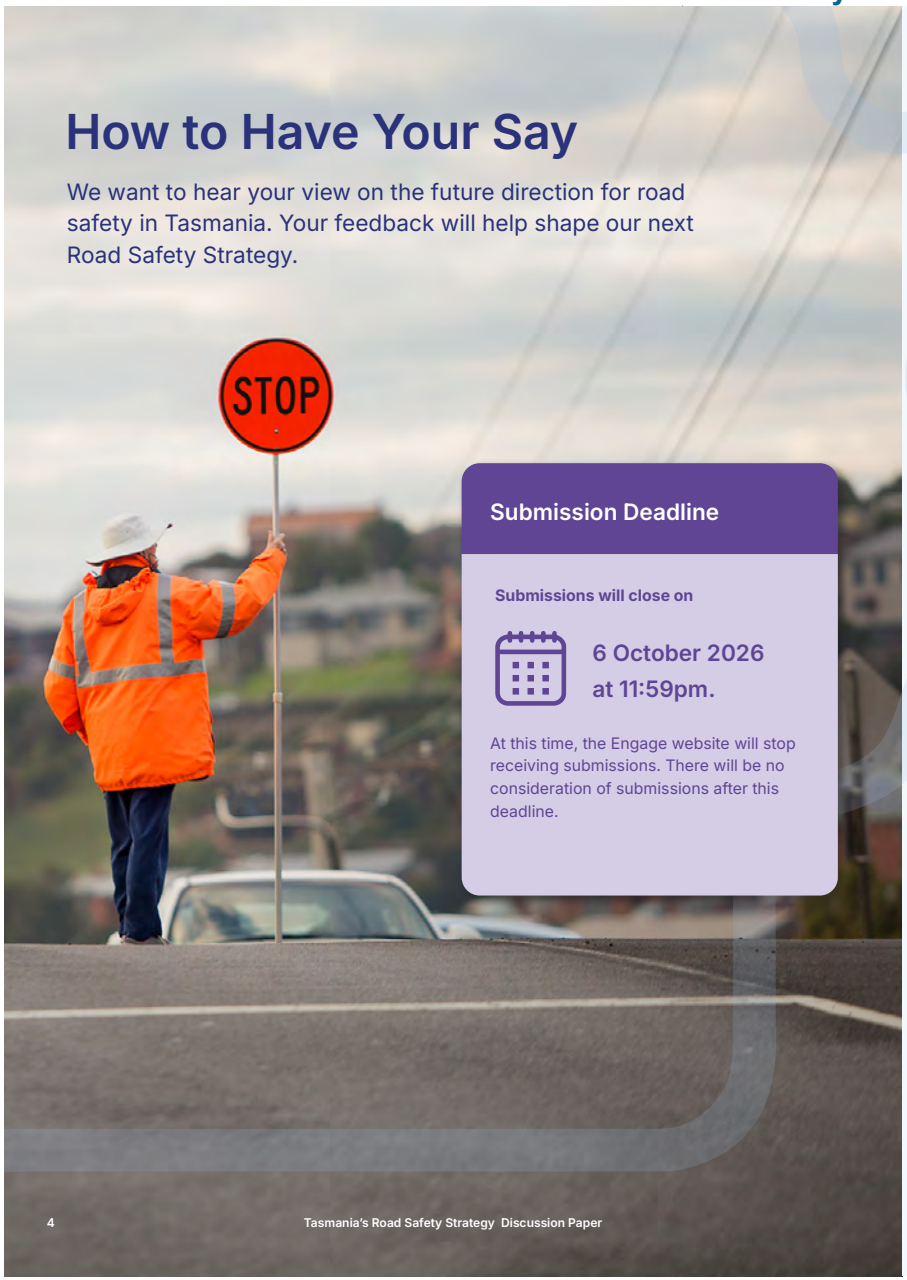
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How to Have Your Say

We want to hear your view on the future direction for road safety in Tasmania. Your feedback will help shape our next Road Safety Strategy.



Submission Deadline

Submissions will close on

6 October 2026 at 11:59pm.

At this time, the Engage website will stop receiving submissions. There will be no consideration of submissions after this deadline.

Purpose of the Discussion Paper

This Discussion Paper invites the Tasmanian community, stakeholders and industry to help shape Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy. It outlines key challenges, opportunities, evidence and a proposed approach to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

All feedback is welcomed, and encouraged, to ensure the proposed approach reflects community views and expectations.

You can have your say about Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy by going to:

https://engage.building.tas.gov.au/tasmanias-next-road-safety-strategy

How to make a submission

To make a submission, first read this Discussion Paper, consider the questions on pages 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 34, and then submit your answers through the Have Your Say page on the Engage website.

You can write your answers directly in the space provided or upload your written submission.

To direct any queries about this Discussion Paper or the consultation process, contact:

TasRSS@building.tas.gov.au

Next Steps

Once consultation has concluded, the Tasmanian Government will formulate a final strategy that brings together best-practice elements, the research and modelling (evidence-base), and consultation feedback.

This final strategy will then be reviewed by the Road Safety Advisory Council, before being considered by the Tasmanian Government. It is expected that a final strategy will be released in early 2027.

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this island, we acknowledge and pay respect to Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and continuing custodians of Lutruwita/ Tasmania, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Why a New Road Safety Strategy is Needed

The ***Towards Zero Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017–2026*** (current strategy) is coming to an end. While strong foundations have been established, the level of road trauma on Tasmanian roads remains unacceptably high, with more than 300 fatal and serious injuries recorded in 2025.

This presents an opportunity to accelerate progress through a refreshed strategic direction. This direction will continue to be grounded in the **Safe System** approach (defined on page 14), based on global best-practice, but will be strengthened by more effective and systematic road safety management.

Independent modelling commissioned to inform the development of the next ***Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy*** confirms that under a business-as-usual scenario, Tasmania is unlikely to achieve a long-term (by 2050) state of near zero road trauma, in line with global ambitions. However, the modelling also indicates that a refreshed direction, combined with accelerated effort, can deliver the scale of impact required to significantly reduce road trauma in Tasmania.

Together, this highlights the need for a fundamental shift in how road safety is delivered in Tasmania, where we build upon the evidence-based approach, continue to be guided by the **Safe System** approach and a **Vision Zero** (defined on page 14) future state, but take a stronger and more integrated strategic approach to delivering road safety initiatives across Tasmania.



The new strategy is an opportunity to:

- Reset priorities based on evidence.
- Improve the effectiveness, targeting and coverage of interventions.
- Strengthen accountability and governance.
- Continue to align Tasmania with evolving national and international best practice.
- Deliver road safety through stronger collaboration, partnerships, and ongoing engagement.

What's New

Subject to consultation feedback, the draft Strategy proposes strengthening several strategic elements, including:

Partnerships

Strengthening work with partners to deliver outcomes.

Governance

Enhancing how we prioritise and deliver evidence-based effort.

Performance Management

Ensuring we remain on the right path to success.

Ongoing Engagement

Connecting effort and community outcomes.

Movement & Place Framework

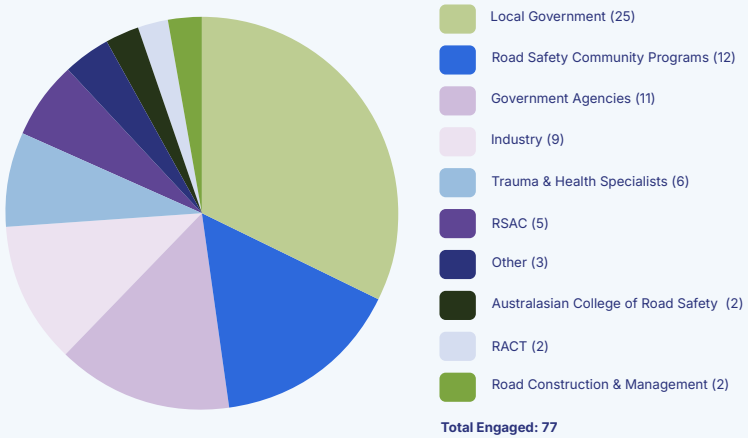
Aligning road function with appropriate safety measures.

What We Have Heard So Far

In June 2026, stakeholder workshops were held with organisations and agencies that engage with and contribute to road safety outcomes across Tasmania. These workshops provided valuable insights into community and stakeholder expectations for the ***Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy*** and identified opportunities to strengthen Tasmania's approach to reducing road trauma.

While there was broad support for the proposed **Vision Zero** and **Safe System** direction, participants highlighted several themes that should be reflected in the final Strategy. These themes have informed the proposed strategic approach presented throughout this Discussion Paper.

Stakeholders Engaged So Far



Total Engaged: 77

Shared responsibility and community ownership

Stakeholders highlighted the importance of shared responsibility and greater community ownership of road safety outcomes, recognising that reducing road trauma requires action across the entire transport system.

Education and behaviour remain important

Participants emphasised the continuing role of education and behaviour change initiatives in supporting safer choices and a stronger road safety culture.

Governance, accountability and implementation

Participants called for stronger governance, clear accountability and transparent monitoring to ensure the Strategy delivers measurable outcomes over time.

Supporting local solutions and collaboration

Stakeholders highlighted the important role of local governments and communities, including the need for practical support that recognises resourcing and capacity restraints across Tasmania, and solutions that meet the needs of each community's unique environment. Stakeholders also highlighted the potential that stronger collaboration can have in delivering road safety outcomes, especially local solutions.

Better use of evidence and data

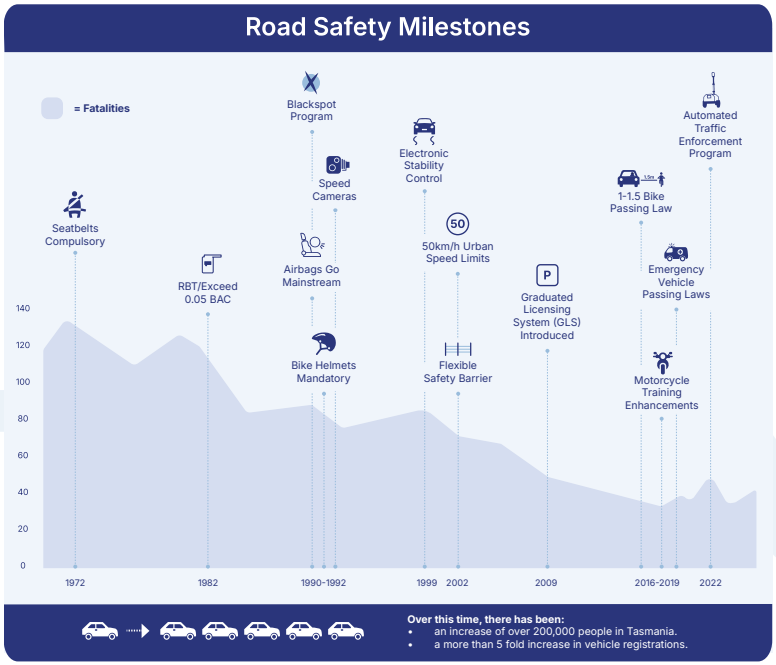
Stakeholders supported greater use of evidence and data to better understand risk, inform investment decisions and prioritise effort.

The Tasmanian Road Safety Challenge

In Tasmania, significant progress in improving road safety outcomes has been made over time.

Over the last 50 years, major improvements include safer roads, the introduction of mandatory seatbelts, maximum blood alcohol concentration limits, advances in vehicle technology, and stronger licensing and enforcement practices. The combination of these and other key interventions has led to a substantial reduction in road trauma.

In 1971, 131 people were killed on Tasmanian roads, but this has averaged 35 over the past 10 years. While this figure remains unacceptable, it highlights the significant progress that has been achieved over time, particularly given the growth in population and vehicle registrations over the same period.



What the data shows

Independent modelling has shown that fatalities and serious injuries are influenced by the way speed, roads, vehicles and people interact across the transport system.

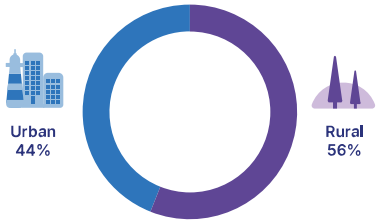
As such, road trauma is driven by a range of connected factors, and therefore requires a system-wide response.

Focusing on individual elements alone will not eliminate road trauma in Tasmania.

Our Crash Problem

We know that a small set of factors drive a large proportion of road trauma occurring on Tasmanian roads:

Road Environment



Although more road trauma occurs on rural roads, road trauma also occurs in urban areas.

Vulnerable Road Users



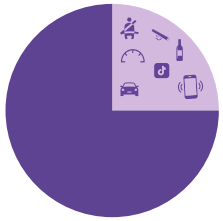
Pedestrians and cyclists account for around one quarter of serious casualties in Tasmania's major towns and cities. Without the protection provided by a vehicle, they are more vulnerable to serious injury in a crash.

Higher speeds



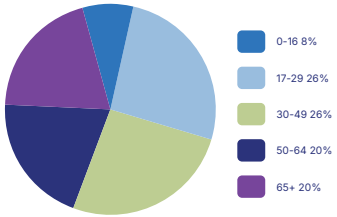
Almost two thirds of fatal and serious injury crashes occur on roads with speed limits of 80 km/h or higher, with 40 per cent occurring on roads signed at 100 km/h or above. Higher speeds increase kinetic energy and make serious injury or death more likely.

High-risk behaviours



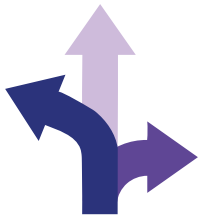
While only a relatively small proportion of fatal and serious injury crashes involve high-risk behaviours, these behaviours significantly increase the likelihood of fatal or serious injury outcomes.

Inexperience



People under 29 years of age account for 34 per cent of those involved in fatal and serious injury crashes. Driver inexperience, particularly among younger drivers, can increase the risk of being involved in a crash.

Lane departure crashes



Almost 2 out of 3 serious casualties result from head-on or run-off-road crashes. These crashes involve vehicles leaving their lane.

Crash occurrence and injury severity are distinct but are linked. Some factors influence how often crashes occur, while others determine how severe those crashes are when they happen. Under a Safe System, we prioritise activities that minimise severe crash outcomes.

Key Improvement Opportunities for Tasmanian Road Safety

Independent modelling indicates that some of the most effective approaches include:

- Aligning speeds to the road environment through effective speed management.
- Strengthening road design and infrastructure to align with the purpose of the road environment.
- Separating vulnerable road users from traffic – especially in areas where vulnerable road users are expected.
- Vehicle safety technologies.
- Using enforcement to encourage road users to drive and behave legally.



Strategic Principles and Vision

Vision Zero

Vision Zero reframes road safety around a clear and uncompromising principle, that

No loss of life or serious injury on the road network is acceptable, and that these outcomes are preventable.

It is founded on a simple ethical proposition, that no person should be killed or seriously injured while travelling on Tasmania's roads. Decades of international evidence demonstrates that road trauma can be dramatically reduced through Safe System design.

Like aviation, rail and workplace safety, road safety should be managed on the basis that serious harm is preventable. Tasmanians should be able to travel on a system that is designed to protect them from death and serious injury.

Safe System Approach

Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy is built on the Safe System approach because evidence shows it is the most effective way to reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads.

The Safe System approach recognises that people make mistakes and that the human body has limited tolerance to crash forces. Instead of expecting people to be perfect, it focuses on designing safer roads and roadsides, safer vehicles, safer speeds and safer road use so that mistakes do not result in death or serious injury.

This approach applies to all road users and all journeys, recognising that everyone should be able to travel safely regardless of the purpose of their trip, the mode of transport they use, or the environment through which they travel. This includes people who walk, wheel, ride, use public transport, travel by motorcycle, or travel in a vehicle.

What We Have Heard

Feedback received during consultation indicated strong support for Vision Zero as the long-term, aspirational direction for Tasmania's road safety efforts. Stakeholders consistently emphasised the importance of translating the vision into measurable action through clear, evidence-based goals and targets that demonstrate progress towards reducing road trauma.

Consultation participants consistently reinforced the importance of communicating shared responsibility more clearly.

Shared Responsibility

Shared responsibility is central to the Safe System approach, but it does not mean everyone has the same role.

Like workplace safety, each person or organisation is responsible for the risks they can influence or control.

Road users have a responsibility to follow the road rules, travel at safe speeds, pay attention and make safe decisions. However, when a fatal or serious crash occurs, responsibility does not stop with the people directly involved.

The Safe System recognises that responsibility is shared across those who design, build, regulate, manage and operate the road transport system. Governments, road managers, vehicle manufacturers, employers, regulators and other stakeholders have a responsibility to understand what contributes to a crash and take action to help prevent similar crashes in the future.

Achieving Vision Zero therefore requires both safe road user behaviour and an ongoing commitment from those who design and manage the transport system to identify risks, learn from crashes and continuously improve the safety performance of the transport system.

Movement and Place

The Movement and Place framework, as presented in the National Road Safety Strategy is a conceptual approach to defining any environment we travel through on our journeys.

It recognises roads as having dual functions. Some roads, such as highways, are essential for the movement of people and goods, while others are important spaces where people live, work, socialise and spend time. Roads are not just used by motorised traffic, but also by vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists.

This framework helps discuss what we can expect of a Safe System in Tasmania, relative to the different environments we travel through on each journey.

Higher 'Place' Value

In our cities and neighbourhoods – places where people live, work, socialise and spend time – we should target safety measures that focus more on vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, the elderly, children etc.), especially where there is a risk of collisions between vehicles and these users.

Higher 'Movement' Value

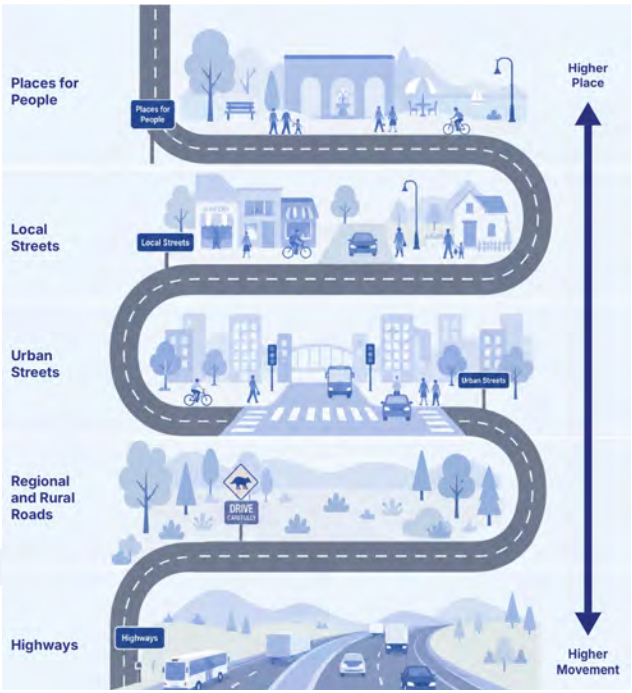
Our highways and high-capacity regional and urban roads are essential for the movement of people and goods. Here, we need to design these environments to facilitate safe travel at faster speeds.

All Mixes of Movement and Place

Each environment we travel through can be broken down by an environment's function. This helps guide decisions about road design, speed limits and other safety measures that can be effectively targeted to the purpose they need to serve and meet community expectations for unique Tasmanian conditions – which we know can vary for each community.

This approach supports safety in every journey. Whether travelling on foot, by bicycle, by public transport or in a vehicle or on a motorcycle, people should be able to move safely through local neighbourhoods and the broader transport network.

It is being proposed that the Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy uses the Movement and Place framework to connect Vision Zero, the Safe System approach and the Strategy's priority areas.




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Proposed Strategic Framing

Vision, Principles and Approach

By connecting **Vision Zero**, the **Safe System** approach (and Principles), and the **Movement and Place** framework, the Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy is an opportunity to accelerate progress toward reducing road trauma, together, across Tasmania.

Strategic Framework

Improving road safety isn't just about actions – it is also about how we plan, work together, and use information to deliver action.

Independent advice indicates that Tasmania can strengthen its road safety outcomes by continuing to improve road safety management practices informed by contemporary guidance, grounding future action in partnerships, and improving the use of evidence and data to inform the development of actions and track progress.
This will provide a stronger foundation for reducing fatal and serious injuries and aligns Tasmania with leading road safety practices in Australia and internationally.

We are considering strengthening:

Management:

How road safety is planned, coordinated, and delivered.

Partnerships:

Working with communities, businesses, and Australian, state and local governments.

Evidence and Data

Using data analytics to understand risks and track progress.

For example:

- **Partnering with local organisations like sports clubs to promote safe behaviours.**
- **Sharing data between health, police, local government, and insurance bodies to better understand Tasmanian crashes and road trauma.**
- **Using road, traffic, mobility and health data to better inform action.**
- **Establishing stronger governance to coordinate road safety efforts.**

It is proposed that, as part of the Strategy, effort is strengthened through **road safety management** practices, **partnerships**, and **data**, using Austroads guidance and international best-practice examples.

What We Have Heard

Stakeholder feedback strongly supported strengthening how road safety is delivered in Tasmania. There was a call for improved implementation, emphasising that successful implementation requires clear governance arrangements, collaboration, ongoing stakeholder engagement and a regular review process.

This builds on existing partnerships and programs already operating across Tasmania, including collaboration with local government and community stakeholders. The next Strategy provides an opportunity to strengthen these arrangements and identify areas where additional collaboration could further improve road safety outcomes.

Stakeholders also called for stronger evidence-based decision making and improved integration of crash, health and insurance data. Stakeholders called for stronger use of proactive data such as Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP) results, near-miss, and emerging (such as data relating to e-mobility devices) data to inform action before serious crashes occur.

Discussion Questions:

- **Where can we strengthen our management approaches, partnerships, and the use of evidence and data to achieve road safety outcomes?**
- **What are the barriers to strengthening management, partnerships, and the use of evidence and data to deliver road safety outcomes?**
- **Are there any additional approaches that should be considered?**

Action Areas

By framing Tasmania's road safety efforts through a Movement and Place lens, accompanied by system-wide influences of speed management, enforcement, and behaviours and choices, we can better target actions to the environments and risks that road users encounter. The framework has been successfully used in other Australian jurisdictions and is part of the Australian Government's National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030.

This approach helps ensure actions are matched to the risks in different road environments.

The framework recognises that roads serve different purposes:

Place:

Areas where people live, work, and spend time (e.g., local streets, town centres).

Movement:

Roads mainly used for getting from one place to another efficiently (e.g., highways).

Using this framework helps:

- Focus on the types of crashes that happen in different places.
- Match safety treatments to how roads are used.
- Create a shared understanding with the community.

As such, the action areas proposed are:

- **Safer Behaviours and Choices.**
- **Safer Cities, Neighbourhoods and Places.**
- **Safer Travel on Roads Designed for Movement.**



This approach provides a common way for the government and the community to talk about road safety. It can support conversations about the role different roads play in local communities and the different roles roads play in different environments.

No matter the type of environment, safety is created through system-wide measures that include effective speed management and enforcement, infrastructure design that anticipates human error, and safer behaviours and choices that reduce risk.

Discussion Questions:

? Is the Movement and Place framework a useful way to understand and discuss road safety in Tasmania?

? Are there any improvements or alternative approaches that should be considered?

Action Area 1: Safer Behaviour and Choices

While safer roads, speeds and vehicles remain essential to achieving a Safe System, reducing road trauma also relies on building knowledge, awareness, skills and shared responsibility across the community. This action area focuses on strengthening road safety education throughout life, supporting positive road user behaviours, and fostering a strong road safety culture in Tasmania.

Examples of actions might include:

- Road safety education programs delivered through schools, vocational training, workplaces and community organisations.
- Campaigns to encourage safer driving and riding.
- Enforcement activities focusing on speeding, alcohol, drugs, mobile phones and other distractions.
- Promoting safer vehicle choices (by individuals and industry).
- Driver licensing and training programs.
- Improving workplace road safety.
- Supporting local, community-led safety initiatives.
- Connecting with high-risk groups (such as drink and drug driving).



What We Have Heard

Stakeholders consistently highlighted the importance of behaviour change and education initiatives.

Stakeholders emphasised the need to build a stronger road safety culture, support future generations of road users and encourage greater community ownership of Tasmania's road safety vision.

Road safety will continue to evolve as travel patterns and technologies change over time.

Stakeholders identified issues such as e-scooters, e-bikes and other emerging mobility trends as issues requiring ongoing attention.

Stakeholders also highlighted the importance of monitoring future risks associated with technology adoption and changing road user behaviours.

Discussion Questions:

? Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safer behaviour and choices?

? What actions or initiatives should be prioritised?

? Are there additional issues, opportunities or innovations that should be considered?

Action Area 2: Safer Cities, Neighbourhoods and Places

This action area focuses on places where people and vehicles interact more often, such as cities, towns, neighbourhoods, and shopping areas. Nearly half of Tasmania's fatal and serious injury crashes are in urban areas. The aim is to make these environments safer by reducing conflict between people and vehicles and reducing potential crash energy in these environments.

These places often involve:

- Pedestrians.
- Cyclists.
- Lower-speed traffic.

Examples of actions might include:

- Safer crossing infrastructure and systems for vulnerable road users.
- Appropriate speeds and traffic calming measures that reflect the road environment, surrounding land use and road user activity.
- Separating vulnerable road users from traffic, where possible.



What We Have Heard

We have heard from stakeholders that our efforts need to have a focus on vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, elderly, children, e-mobility) and address risks where different road users interact in the road environment. This reflects the intent of the Safer Cities, Neighbourhoods and Places action area.

Discussion Questions:

- **Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safer cities, neighbourhoods and places?**
- **What actions or improvements should be prioritised?**
- **Are there additional issues, opportunities or innovations that should be considered?**

Action Area 3: Safer Travel on Roads Designed for Movement

This action area focuses on higher-speed roads above 80km/h, including highways, main corridors, and regional and rural roads. More than half of Tasmania's fatal and serious injury crashes are in regional and rural areas. The aim is to reduce the potential for high-energy crashes to occur in these environments and otherwise manage the level of potential crash energy.

These roads often involve:

- Longer trips.
- Higher speeds.
- More severe crashes (e.g.,high-energy head-on or run-off-road crashes).

Examples of actions might include:

- Improved road design (e.g., better curves and layouts).
- Safety barrier systems.
- Improving intersections.
- Safer speeds.



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What We Have Heard

We have heard from Stakeholders that our efforts need to have a proactive focus on reducing rural and regional road risk through safer road infrastructure, evidence-based investment, and improved speed management. Feedback highlighted the importance of addressing risks by improving road conditions and design and using targeted enforcement to reduce high-risk behaviours. Participants generally supported a network-wide approach focused on preventing serious crashes before they occur.

Discussion Questions:

? Do you support an Action Area that focuses on safer travel on roads designed for movement?

? What actions or improvements should be prioritised?

? Are there additional issues, opportunities or innovations that should be considered?

In addition to the action areas, the Strategy will continue to monitor emerging issues and respond to changing risks over time, ensuring Tasmania remains well positioned to address future road safety challenges while maintaining a focus on reducing fatal and serious injuries.

Impact



Together, the vision, principles, approach, strategic framework, and action areas can save lives and reduce serious injuries on our roads and provide:

- **Reduced social and economic costs of road trauma.**
- **Safer Tasmanian Communities.**
- **Improved public health and community wellbeing.**
- **More sustainable movement of people and goods.**

The **Strategy at a Glance** provides a one-page overview of the proposed strategic framing of the **Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy.**

Strategy at a Glance

Vision: Zero Death and Serious Injuries on Tasmanian Roads

Safe System Foundations

Building a safer road system for everyone.

- Safe Roads and Roadsides
- Safe Speeds
- Safe Road Users
- Safe Vehicles
- Post Crash Care

Strategic Framing

Focus areas that guide our priorities and decision making

Safer Behaviours and Choices	Safer Cities, Neighbourhoods and Places	Safer Travel on Roads Designed for Movement
		
Support people to make safer choices every time they travel.	Design and manage places where people and vehicles interact safely.	Reduce trauma on roads that connect our communities and support our economy.

Impact

The outcomes we are working towards.

- Reduced social and economic costs of road trauma
- Safer Tasmanian Communities
- Improved public health and community wellbeing
- More sustainable movement of people and goods

Enabled By

The foundations that make it all possible.

- Evidence and Data
- Partnerships
- Road Safety Management

Other opportunities

During the stakeholder workshops conducted in June 2026, a wide range of actions and focal areas were presented by participants.

This includes, but is not limited to opportunities such as:

- Incentives for legal and safe behaviour.
- Trauma response education (eg. Road Trauma First Aid).
- Support for persons and communities impacted by road trauma.
- Encouraging people to use different forms of transport, such as public and active transport.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the most significant opportunities and challenges for improving road safety in Tasmania?
- Are there any road safety priorities, actions or opportunities that are not currently reflected in this discussion paper?
- Do you have any additional comments on the proposed direction of Tasmania's Road Safety Strategy?



8.5 CEO 5 - Submission on Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 14 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.5.1**] Draft Submission Statement of Expectations for AI Data Centre
2. [**8.5.2**] Data Centre and AI Statement of Expectations 4_ September 2026

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the attached draft submission to the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania document released by the State Government.

BACKGROUND

On Monday 7 September 2026, the State Government released its Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 3: Skills, digital access and enterprise capability support the next economy

3.4 Encourage innovation, flexible work and enterprise models that fit West Tamar's scale, strengths and changing economic base.

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 4: West Tamar grows from its distinctive strengths without weakening them

4.5 Work regionally where it improves outcomes for West Tamar, while keeping West Tamar's own priorities, identity and environmental limits clear.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

Land Use Planning and Authority Act 1993

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk in making a submission on the draft statement is considered low, with a slightly higher risk attributed to not making a submission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors occurred at the Pre-Meeting Workshop held on 15 September 2026 and the Interim Workshop held on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Following discussions at the Pre-Meeting Workshop on 15 September 2026 and the Interim Workshop on 6 October 2026, Council Officers have prepared the attached draft submission for endorsement by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the attached letter as its feedback on the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania document; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission and submit to the Tasmanian Government.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

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Submission to the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers

West Tamar Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to Building Tasmania on the draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers.

Council acknowledges that Councillors expressed a range of views during consideration of these matters. This submission reflects areas of broad agreement relevant to Council's statutory responsibilities while recognising those differing views.

Council makes its submission in relation to points 2 and 6 as follows:

2. *Early engagement with community and stakeholders*

Councillors held differing views on whether the Tasmanian community has adequate opportunities to participate in decisions about AI and data centre developments, and major industries in general, particularly when their impacts may extend beyond the municipality in which they are proposed.

Councillors also held differing views on the extent to which existing processes provide adequate community consultation. However, there was support for any additional consultation requirements being established through the planning framework so that they are clear, consistent and enforceable.

Council considers that consultation requirements should be proportionate to the scale, nature and potential impacts of a proposal. For developments meeting prescribed thresholds, the planning framework should trigger enhanced consultation requirements across all communities and municipal areas that may be materially affected.

Council further submits that responsibility for undertaking and funding any enhanced consultation should rest primarily with the proponent, outside of the planning public exhibition process. This would avoid transferring significant consultation costs to councils while ensuring that community feedback is obtained early enough to inform the assessment process.

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Any consultation mechanism should also clearly explain how community feedback will be considered during the statutory assessment process. This is important to avoid creating an expectation that a planning authority may refuse an otherwise compliant application on grounds that are not available under the relevant planning legislation.

Councillors have suggested that a statewide "dashboard" with a level of requirement notification could be implemented to provide clear and timely information not only to councils but also to guide proponents in the scale of notification to community and local government required for their development.

6. *Approval Pathways*

Council has previously sought advice from the Ministers responsible for Planning and for Environment and Climate Change on whether Tasmania's current planning and environmental frameworks are adequately equipped to assess modern, high-tech emerging industries including but not limited to AI and data centre developments. Including whether clearer statewide standards would provide greater certainty for communities, planning authorities and proponents.

Councillors expressed differing views on the adequacy of the existing framework and the appropriate assessment pathway. One view was that AI and data centre developments could already be assessed through the major projects provisions.

Another was that clearer statutory criteria or thresholds may be required to ensure developments of sufficient scale, complexity or impact receive an appropriately rigorous assessment. These could include updates to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* to consider activities involving, for example, multiple coolant units, or generator usage, to ensure that the potential impacts of proposals are able to be adequately assessed.

Notwithstanding these differing views, Council considers that AI and data centre developments should be assessed primarily through Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning System.

Planning legislation is the most appropriate mechanism for establishing transparent, consistent and enforceable requirements relating to land use, infrastructure capacity, energy and water demand, environmental and health impacts, noise, pollution, community amenity and effects extending across municipal boundaries.

The planning framework should establish clear criteria or thresholds—such as project scale, capital value, infrastructure demand, development footprint or potential regional impact—to trigger an enhanced assessment pathway such as a major project assessment. If the current legislation does not provide this certainty, the relevant planning legislation, regulations, State Planning Provisions or other statutory planning instruments should be amended.

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Any strengthened requirements should be proportionate to the scale, location, resource demands and potential regional impacts of the proposed development

Yours sincerely

Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer
West Tamar Council

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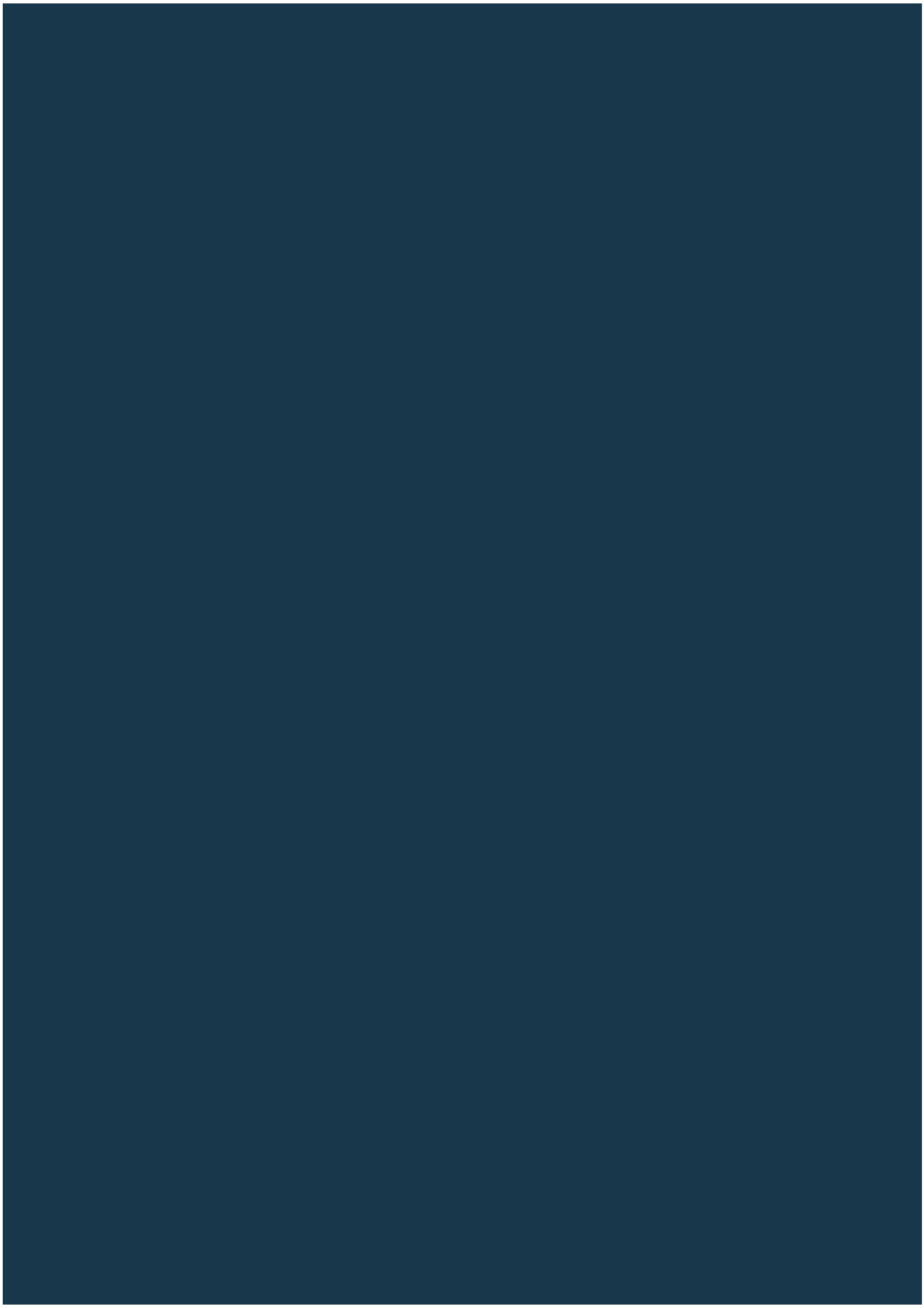




Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania

September 2026

Tasmanian Government



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Purpose

Artificial intelligence (AI) is part of everyday life, and as its use continues to grow, it will bring both significant opportunities and important responsibilities for governments, businesses and communities.

The Tasmanian Government welcomes responsible investment in world class data centres and AI infrastructure projects that contribute to Tasmania's economic growth, attracts productive private capital, creates skilled jobs, strengthens communities and builds on the state's renewable energy and digital advantages.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to attracting investment that also supports a reliable, secure and affordable energy system for all Tasmanians.

These principles and expectations provide clear and predictable guidance to proponents, investors, industry, communities and other stakeholders, while supporting the responsible development of data centre and AI infrastructure projects that deliver enduring benefits for Tasmania.

Why Tasmania is a good location for digital infrastructure

Data centre and AI infrastructure projects are critical in underpinning digital services used across the economy and in everyday life. Growth in cloud computing and AI is driving major private investment and creating opportunities to develop technology enabled industries, strengthen digital capability and support research and innovation.

Tasmania's renewable electricity base, hydropower capability, temperate climate, industrial land, stable investment environment and established regulatory framework make it an attractive location for digital infrastructure. A cool climate can support efficient facility cooling, and our renewable energy potential means there is a pipeline of new renewable energy generation projects looking for customers with demand for energy.

Suitable investment in data centre and AI infrastructure projects can help bring forward new renewable energy generation, storage and telecommunications infrastructure where proponents fund the demand and infrastructure they require.

Well designed projects can diversify Tasmania's economy, create construction and specialised operational jobs, support apprenticeships and training, grow local supply chains, and strengthen Tasmania's digital ecosystem.

They may also support domestic data hosting and sovereign capability where appropriate security, governance and contractual requirements are met.

Investments in data centre and AI infrastructure projects are highly mobile and proponents can make location decisions quickly. The Tasmanian Government is therefore committed to timely, coordinated, transparent and predictable processes that provide confidence to investors and communities while maintaining high standards of assessment.



How these expectations operate

These expectations are a non-statutory statement of government policy. They do not create a new approval or regulatory process, alter statutory assessment criteria, fetter independent decision-makers or replace any requirement to comply with existing laws. They provide early guidance on the outcomes the Government expects proponents to pursue through existing approval, connection and commercial processes.

Tasmania has well-established planning, environmental, infrastructure and regulatory processes that apply to new developments, including data centre and AI infrastructure projects.

The Australian Government published its Expectations of Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers in March 2026. The Tasmanian Government will continue to consider their implications, including through National Cabinet and may update these expectations if a nationally agreed approach is settled.

These expectations support the Government's broader economic and technology policy objectives. The draft Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy provides the overarching direction for encouraging greater private investment and aligning infrastructure, workforce capability and regional strengths with Tasmania's economic priorities. The Advanced Technology Strategy and Digital Tasmania Strategy complement this by supporting technology adoption, digital capability, innovation and productivity. Together, these strategies provide the broader context for data centre and AI infrastructure investments to deliver enduring economic and community benefits for Tasmania.

Scope

These expectations apply to new and expanded data centre and AI infrastructure developments, including hyperscale, co-location, large-scale AI compute facilities and multi-site developments.

Their application should reflect the scale of a proposal and its likely impacts on electricity, water, infrastructure, communities and the environment. They do not apply to small-scale edge or on-site enterprise facilities.

Principles

The Tasmanian Government's approach to data centres and AI infrastructure developments and its expectations of them are guided by the following principles:

1. Economic development

Tasmanian Government expects developers to:

a. Attract productive and sustainable private investment that delivers positive economic outcomes, employment and skills opportunities in Tasmania

b. Maximise Tasmanian supply chain opportunities

c. Develop Tasmania's digital ecosystem, innovation capability and technology enabled industries

d. Develop local relationships through continuous engagement with local communities and councils

2. Energy

Tasmanian Government expects developers to:

a. Unlock new renewable energy generation and storage projects in Tasmania to offset demand

b. Maintain network reliability and grid security

c. Ensure energy and related network costs do not negatively impact existing customers

3. Environment and planning

Tasmanian Government expects developers to:

a. Minimise water use and ensure water and related infrastructure costs do not negatively impact existing customers

b. Apply best-practice environmental management

c. Prevent material environmental harm

d. Uphold Tasmania's environmental and planning frameworks

Expectations

In support of the principles, the Tasmanian Government has developed seven expectations.

Expectation		Objective
1	Maximising benefits to Tasmania	Unlocking local and state-wide benefits
2	Early engagement with community and stakeholders	Building understanding, trust and supporting better project outcomes
3	Engagement with Tasmanian Government	Delivery of commercially viable projects
4	Supporting Tasmania's energy system	Unlocking new energy projects, protecting energy and system security, and minimising existing customer costs
5	Sustainable water usage	Efficient use of Tasmania's water resources and the protection of Tasmania's water security
6	Approval pathways	Ensuring projects go through appropriate development approval pathways
7	Transparency and reporting	Promoting ongoing accountability and transparency



1. Maximising benefits to Tasmania

Proponents of data centres and AI infrastructure projects are expected to structure projects so that Tasmanians see a clear and lasting return from hosting this infrastructure, including through construction and ongoing operational jobs, skills development, local procurement, Tasmanian supply chains and broader digital capability.

Proponents should be transparent about the number and nature of jobs a project will actually sustain once construction is complete, and about the proportion of value that will flow to the Tasmanian economy and local communities.

a. Jobs, skills and innovation

The Tasmanian Government recognises that community confidence is strengthened when people can see clear opportunities for themselves, their families and their communities arising from new developments. Proponents should deliver secure and well-paid jobs for Tasmanians.

Proponents are expected to engage with the education and training sector in Tasmania including the University of Tasmania and TasTAFE to identify skills gaps and opportunities for training Tasmanians to meet the needs of the industry.

Proponents are expected to prioritise apprentice, trainee and graduate or cadet opportunities to ensure the next generation of Tasmanians can benefit from digital infrastructure investment in the state.

Proponents are expected to work with industry, research organisations and education providers to foster innovation, support advanced technology adoption and build digital and AI capability across the Tasmanian economy.

b. Local community benefits

Proponents should seek opportunities to deliver community benefits that are appropriate for the project and the communities of interest.

Where proponents are seeking to develop infrastructure in regional communities they should seek to ensure benefits flow to these regional areas.

This may include support for local skills and training, community infrastructure, improved digital connectivity, digital inclusion, community programs, or other initiatives that create enduring value beyond the construction phase of the project.

Proponents should engage with local councils, community organisations and other stakeholders to understand local priorities and identify opportunities that deliver meaningful and lasting benefits.

c. Supply chains

Proponents are expected to maximise opportunities for Tasmanian suppliers across project design, construction, operation, maintenance and supporting services.

Proponents should engage with local supplier networks and industry bodies during project development to support the extension of existing business capability and the establishment of complementary businesses and supply chains that create an enduring industry ecosystem in Tasmania.

d. Commercial contribution and full cost recovery

Key electricity and water infrastructure in Tasmania is operated by publicly owned businesses on a commercial basis. Proponents are expected to meet the applicable costs of the infrastructure and services required to support their projects and to enter appropriate commercial arrangements that protect existing customers from inappropriate cost shifting and stranded asset risk.

Consistent with the Tasmanian Government's broader approach to investment attraction, proponents are also expected to meet their obligations in respect of State taxes, local government rates and other applicable charges.

In this way, commercially viable data centre and AI infrastructure projects can contribute to public value while maintaining appropriate allocation of costs and risks.

Consultation focus:

What practical commitments would best support Tasmanian jobs, skills, local procurement and lasting community benefits?

What opportunities could data centre and AI infrastructure investment create for Tasmania's digital ecosystem, research and technology enabled industries?



2. Early engagement with community and stakeholders

As data centre and AI infrastructure projects represent relatively new developments in Tasmania, understanding of the requirements, impacts and opportunities these projects present is still developing.

Early and transparent engagement helps communities and stakeholders understand projects, increases trust and supports better project outcomes.

With this in mind, proponents are expected to:

- engage early with communities, including the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, and other stakeholders about the proposed project before submitting any development application
- seek appropriate advice to inform project design and ensure compliance with all regulatory planning, environmental and safety requirements
- provide ongoing information about the project through the delivery stage, including timeframes, impacts, mitigation measures and emerging opportunities

Consultation focus:

What information should proponents provide early, and which stakeholders should be engaged, to inform community understanding and project design?





3. Engagement with Tasmanian Government

The Tasmanian Government is supportive of genuine, commercially viable projects. The Office of the Coordinator-General (OCG) is the Tasmanian Government's principal entity for attracting and supporting investment in the state.

The OCG is responsible for facilitating major and strategic development projects in Tasmania that maximise their contribution to Tasmania's economic growth.

Proponents are expected to engage with the Tasmanian Government through the OCG to outline the commercial viability of their project.

The OCG can provide a central point of coordination for government engagement. It may assist with:

- identifying potentially suitable sites
- facilitating introductions to regulators, infrastructure and utility providers, skills agencies and potential local suppliers mapping and coordinating engagement across existing approval pathways

The OCG does not replace statutory regulators, approval authorities or commercial decision makers. Projects should demonstrate commercial viability without reliance on government financial support.

Consultation focus:

How can government assist proponents in navigating existing approval, infrastructure and commercial processes?

4. Supporting Tasmania's energy system

What distinguishes data centre and AI infrastructure from most other developments is not their physical form, but the scale of their electricity demand, which presents both opportunities and risks.

The principles set out in this document are intended to ensure that Tasmania can maximise the benefits of investment while minimising negative impacts on communities, existing electricity customers and the energy system.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to attracting investment that supports a reliable, secure and affordable electricity system for all Tasmanians.

a. Supporting new renewable projects

Tasmania has a significant opportunity to use data centre and AI infrastructure investment to accelerate the development of new renewable energy generation and storage.

Proponents are required to bring on additional renewable energy generation in Tasmania which is a significant opportunity translating into economic benefits for Tasmanians.

Proponents must partner with new energy generation projects, including variable renewable energy projects, to support their electricity demand.

The Tasmanian Government requires new data centre and AI infrastructure proponents in Tasmania to enter into commercial arrangements that are sufficient to support the development of new wind and solar projects.

New electricity demand may be supplied from existing generation where there is spare capacity. The Tasmanian Government requires data centre and AI infrastructure proponents to be transparent about how they source electricity and support additional renewable energy generation and storage. Proponents must demonstrate, through recognised certification schemes or commercial arrangements, that their commitments are genuine and independently verifiable.

b. Firming arrangements

As renewable energy sources such as wind and solar do not always generate electricity, they are often supported by "firming" services that help provide a reliable and consistent electricity supply. Hydro Tasmania may be able to provide firming services, subject to availability and commercial agreement.

Any firming services provided by Hydro Tasmania should:

- occur on commercial terms that provide an appropriate return and protect the interests of Tasmanians
- maintain Tasmania's energy security and system reliability
- not reduce Hydro Tasmania's ability to pursue broader market opportunities

Data centres and AI infrastructure will not generally be expected to directly procure or construct new firming capacity where existing firming from Hydro Tasmania is available on commercial terms.



c. Demand management and back-up energy supply

Data centres and AI infrastructure are typically built with significant back-up infrastructure, including large batteries, to meet the high reliability expectations of their customers.

As this infrastructure is required for operational resilience, it also presents an opportunity to deliver broader benefits to Tasmania's energy system.

Proponents should:

- be flexible and able to reduce electricity consumption, if needed
- explore emerging renewable fuels and storage technologies for back-up energy supply, including batteries, hydrogen, biodiesel, biomethane and other technologies including forestry waste

The Tasmanian Government encourages proponents to consider how back-up energy infrastructure can contribute to both project reliability and wider benefits for Tasmania's energy system.

This could also assist with decarbonisation of other sectors and support development of new clean-fuels industries in Tasmania.

d. Timing of new load and generation

It is acknowledged that the timeframes for new renewable generation coming online may not align with proposed data centre and AI infrastructure projects becoming operational.

Where new demand is introduced ahead of supporting additional generation, proponents must demonstrate how this will be appropriately managed through commercial and operational arrangements. Proponents must also demonstrate how renewable energy commitments will be progressively delivered to support increased electricity demand.

e. Energy security

New demand must not compromise Tasmania's energy security arrangements or adversely affect system reliability.

f. Paying for network costs

TasNetworks is responsible for planning, building, operating and maintaining Tasmania's electricity transmission and distribution network.

Proponents of data centre and AI infrastructure developments are required to pay their fair share of network costs and pay for all connection costs, so that there be no net cost on existing Tasmanian customers.

Proponents should also seek to:

- provide sufficient and timely information to enable TasNetworks to assess system, infrastructure and potential customer-pricing impacts
- engage early with TasNetworks and seek to locate projects in parts of the network with available capacity, minimising unnecessary transmission infrastructure

National work is underway to consider appropriate cost recovery arrangements for large energy users, including data centres and AI infrastructure, to ensure that existing customers are not unfairly cross-subsidising new developments or exposed to costs associated with infrastructure that is no longer required.

Consultation focus:

What commercial arrangements, demand-flexibility measures and technologies can support additional energy supply while protecting system security and existing customers?

What practical information should proponents provide to support coordinated network and generation planning?





5. Sustainable water usage

Water is a limited resource and demand for water is increasing. Water sustains the natural environment, Tasmanian people and industries.

Water requirements for data centres and AI infrastructure vary significantly depending on a facility's design, scale and cooling technology. Proponents must provide project-specific forecasts of maximum and average annual water demand and demonstrate how design choices minimise water consumption.

Tasmania has a well established framework for managing the sustainable use and supply of water. *The Water Management Act 1999* is the primary legislation governing water use in Tasmania.

a. Water supply and wastewater treatment

Data centres and AI infrastructure proponents should use innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions to minimise water use, prioritising efficient cooling technologies, non-potable water and recycled water opportunities.

Proponents are expected to engage early with water suppliers and seek to locate projects in areas where water usage will not adversely affect existing water users. Proponents should seek to minimise wastewater and support its re-use where possible.

Proponents are expected to meet all applicable infrastructure and other costs associated with connection to, and use of existing, new or upgraded water and wastewater networks and systems.

b. Water security

Proponents are expected to plan, design and operate data centres and AI infrastructure to ensure water security for other water users is not impacted and sufficient operational resilience exists to mitigate the impacts of water disruptions resulting from periods of low rainfall.

Consultation focus:

What technologies, siting practices and commercial arrangements can minimise water use and protect existing users and water security?

6. Approval pathways

Data centres and AI infrastructure developments should continue to be assessed through Tasmania's existing Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS). The RMPS is a framework of legislation, policies, plans and strategies governing land use, development and environmental management in Tasmania. Planning assessment will continue under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Depending on a project's location, scale and impacts, assessment will involve a local planning authority and/or the Tasmanian Planning Commission and/or the Environment Protection Authority and other relevant regulators. The buildings used to house data centre and AI infrastructure are not unprecedented or out of scale with structures that Tasmanians encounter in their day to day lives.

Environmental assessment and referral requirements under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* continue to apply, including mandatory referral of Level 2 activities and the existing ability for other activities to be called in for assessment. Relevant TasNetworks, TasWater, building, plumbing, fire, workplace safety, heritage and natural-values processes also continue to apply.

Existing pathways provide mechanisms to assess and manage potential impacts, including through permit conditions and other statutory or commercial requirements where appropriate.

Proponents should engage early with the OCG, planning authorities, regulators and infrastructure providers to identify the appropriate pathways and information requirements based on the size, scale and potential impacts of a proposal.

Existing processes may consider matters including:

- zoning, land-use compatibility and site suitability
- noise, air and light emissions
- wastewater management and discharge
- environmental, Aboriginal and historic heritage, natural-values and landscape impacts
- fire, dangerous goods and workplace safety
- electricity, water, telecommunications and other infrastructure requirements

Statutory public notification, exhibition and representation requirements apply where they are triggered by the relevant assessment pathway.

Proponents of significant projects should proactively engage with communities and other stakeholders before and during assessment, including where formal statutory advertising is not required.

Data centres and AI infrastructure should be located in areas that maximise economic and system benefits while minimising impacts on communities, infrastructure and the environment.

Locating within established industrial precincts or near available energy, water and telecommunications capacity may reduce project complexity, subject to site-specific assessment.

Developers will need to Implement robust cyber security and privacy measures, as required by the commonwealth, to protect critical infrastructure, data and customer information.

Consultation focus:

How can proponents and government improve early coordination and provide clearer information within existing approval pathways?

What project information would best support meaningful early community engagement?

7. Transparency and reporting

Data centre and AI infrastructure proponents are expected to comply with all current statutory reporting and information sharing obligations.

The Australian Government has announced a proposed national framework for large-scale data centre and AI infrastructure proponents, and while the mandatory requirements have yet to be finalised, they are anticipated to cover power, grid connection, energy efficiency and water use.

The Tasmanian Government will continue to consider their implications through relevant national processes and may update this document if a nationally agreed approach is settled.

Beyond statutory reporting requirements, the Tasmanian Government encourages proponents to adopt industry best practice in transparency and public reporting. Given that data centres and AI infrastructure are a relatively new industry in Tasmania, proactive disclosure can help build community understanding and confidence.

Subject to legitimate commercial confidentiality, privacy, cyber security and national security considerations, proponents should consider publishing non-sensitive information about forecast and actual energy and water use, employment and local procurement outcomes, environmental performance and delivery of community commitments.

Consultation focus:

Noting commercial confidentiality, privacy, cyber security and national security considerations, what non-sensitive information could proponents reasonably make public to build community confidence?



Review

These expectations will be reviewed periodically to reflect operational experience, technological developments, Australian Government and any future nationally agreed settings, and Tasmania's evolving economic, energy and environmental priorities.

How to have your say

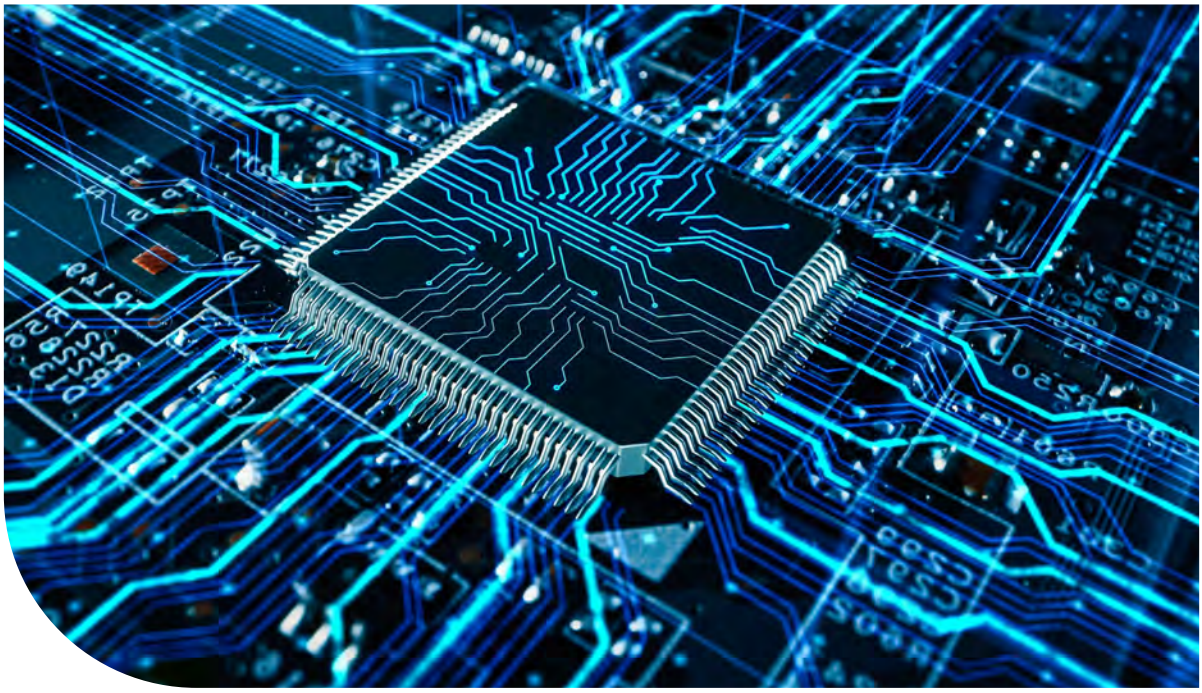
The Tasmanian Government invites feedback from communities, project proponents, investors, businesses, industry organisations, local government and other interested stakeholders.

Consultation questions have been provided throughout this paper to assist stakeholders in considering the proposed principles and expectations. Responses may be provided through the online survey, or stakeholders may choose to make a written submission addressing any aspect of the paper.

Feedback can be lodged via the online survey or by uploading a written submission at the Engage with Building Tasmania website engage.building.tas.gov.au by 12 October 2026.

While some proposed data centre developments may support AI-related activities, this consultation is focused on the infrastructure itself and its implications for Tasmania's economy, energy system, communities and environment.

Broader policy questions relating to AI are outside the scope of this consultation.



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8.6 CEO 6 - 2025/2026 West Tamar Council Annual Report

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 13 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**8.6.1**] Draft 2025-2026 West Tamar Council Annual Report

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the 2025/2026 Annual Report for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report is a statutory document required under Section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**the Act**).

In accordance with S72(2)(d) the electors of the municipality will be invited to comment on the 2025/2026 Annual Report at Council's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**), to be held on 1 December 2026 at 5.30pm.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 4: People can reach services, information and civic life more easily across the whole municipality

4.2 Improve how Council communicates decisions, services, activities and opportunities through plain English, local channels and easier to find information.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk consideration of adopting the attached 2025/2026 Annual Report is LOW as auditors have already reviewed the financial statements in relation to accuracy and compliance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of production of the annual report is limited to Council Officers time, auditors fees and printing costs.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors occurred at the Interim Workshop held on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There is no formal requirement in the Act or associated regulations for the Annual Report to be presented to Council for adoption prior to the AGM.

Council Officers believe that presenting the Annual Report to Council and, by way of the Agenda, to the community at large for consideration prior to the AGM is indicative of Council's commitment to transparency and good governance.

Further, as the Annual Report is for the 2025-2026 financial year, it is appropriate for the existing Councillors to endorse the Annual Report prior to the end of the current term of Council at the end of October 2026.

Formal advertising of the AGM as required by the Act will occur in due course, advising the community of the details of the AGM and inviting submissions from electors in the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. adopts the 2025/2026 Annual Report 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.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

West Tamar
COUNCIL

Annual Report

2025-2026

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We acknowledge and pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Traditional Custodians of our land, and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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AREA (SQ KM)

25,939
POPULATION

$570m
TOTAL ASSETS

37.5 persons (per SQ KM)
POPULATION DENSITY

479km
ROADS MAINTAINED

$27.5m
TOTAL RATES LEVIED (2025/26)

108
FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

$46.6m
TOTAL REVENUE (2025/26)

12,691
NUMBER OF RATEABLE PROPERTIES

11,008
NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

19,035
NUMBER OF ELECTORS (TASMANIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION, 2022)

OUR MUNICIPALITY

The West Tamar municipal area includes the western side of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary from the suburban area of Riverside in Launceston extending north to Bass Strait and as far west as Frankford.

West Tamar Council was inaugurated on April 2, 1993 and operates within 691 square kilometres of land, including 473 kilometres of road network.

Council offices are located in Riverside, Windsor Precinct and Beaconsfield.

The major industries are tourism, retail, agriculture, fishing, world-class vineyards and world-leading maritime educational facilities.

The valley has various natural attractions including the Narawntapu National Park, Notley Fern Gorge, Tamar Island Wetlands and the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary.

The valley has an abundance of historical attractions and points of interest that account for the foundation of Tasmania, in particular the York Town settlement site and the Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre.

The Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary and its tributaries are home to an abundance of bird life and combined with its beautiful landscape, the West Tamar is a peaceful and idyllic residential and rural setting.



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Vision for 2036

By 2036, West Tamar will be a cared-for river municipality where change is well managed, daily life works better, and people can belong, participate and build opportunity without losing what makes this place distinct.

BY 2036, WEST TAMAR WILL BE A PLACE THAT HAS EVOLVED WITH CARE.

It will remain a connected river municipality of distinct local communities, where the Tamar, the landscape and local character shape how people live and how change is considered.

GROWTH WILL BE VISIBLE, BUT IT WILL FEEL PLANNED.

New housing, infrastructure and development will better match location, service capacity and community expectations. Change will be measured not just by how much happens, but by how well it fits.

EVERYDAY LIFE WILL BE EASIER TO MOVE THROUGH.

People will be able to reach school, work, services, recreation and community life more easily, whether they drive or not. Access and movement will be understood as part of liveability, not just transport.

WEST TAMAR WILL WORK BETTER ACROSS DIFFERENT STAGES OF LIFE.

Young people will have stronger reasons to stay, return and build a future locally. Older residents will be able to remain connected, active and supported. Housing, services and public spaces will respond to changing needs over time.

COMMUNITY LIFE WILL REMAIN A DEFINING STRENGTH.

Clubs, parks, trails, community spaces, local events and everyday social connection will support health, participation and belonging. These will be recognised as core infrastructure, not optional extras.

LOCAL OPPORTUNITY WILL BE STRONGER AND CLOSER TO HOME.

More people will be able to work, run businesses and build skills locally. Town centres and local hubs will be active and useful. The economy will reflect trades, services, remote work, local enterprise and regional connections.

THE TAMAR RIVER AND WEST TAMAR'S NATURAL SYSTEMS WILL BE MORE RESILIENT.

Water, catchments, landscapes and environmental systems will be cared for as part of how the municipality grows, not treated as separate issues

THIS IS A VISION OF MANAGED CHANGE, NOT CHANGE FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

West Tamar will evolve in a way that strengthens what people value: place, community, access, opportunity and trust that change is being handled well.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOREWORD

Mayor Christina Holmdahl



As Mayor, I am pleased to present the West Tamar Council's 2025/26 Annual Report - a record of a year in which Council continued to invest in the infrastructure, services and programs that shape daily life across our municipality, while maintaining the financial discipline our community expects.

This year was defined by decisions with a long horizon.

In April 2026, Council endorsed the Legana Community Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan and the scoping of stage one works - an intergenerational investment in the fastest-growing part of our municipality.

The Master Plan provides for an indoor multi-purpose facility, new clubrooms, function and hospitality spaces, change rooms, an outdoor central hub and market area, cricket nets and staged parking.

Stage one, due to commence in 2026/27, will deliver the indoor courts and cricket clubrooms, addressing a documented shortage of indoor court space across Northern Tasmania.

The Federal Government has committed $5 million towards the indoor facility, with Council contributing a further $5 million.

Economic modelling in the business case estimates total output impacts of $33.8 million for the municipality and $41.6 million for the northern region, with up to 68 jobs created in the West Tamar alone.

Once fully realised, it is expected to be the single largest project this Council has undertaken.

November 2025 brought another milestone with the official opening of the Beauty Point Foreshore Redevelopment.

Built on $3 million in Federal Government funding, the project has transformed the waterfront with a continuous foreshore trail, an all-abilities playground, a new seawall, barbecue shelters, seating and formalised parking.

Our Beauty Point community championed this work for many years, and the result speaks for itself.

Progress continued elsewhere. At Innova Business Park, our light industrial estate between Legana and Riverside, the FermenTas hub is establishing itself as a centre of excellence, with a new ambulance station to follow.

Council completed the Gravelly Beach Foreshore Project, resurfaced the Olympic 2 ground at the Windsor Community Precinct, delivered new toilet and car parking facilities at Kelso, and renewed five playgrounds at Frankford Hall, Camina Court, Eden Street, Glencoe Avenue and Gravelly Beach.

We also opened the municipality's first dedicated greyhound off-leash area at Windsor - a $29,000 investment delivering outsized value for local families.

Our events calendar remains a visible expression of community life.

In January, more than 230 people filled the Tailrace Centre for our Australia Day Awards, where we also welcomed 30 new Australian citizens from 11 countries.

In March, the Design Awards recognised outstanding design and built form at a ceremony at the Windsor Community Precinct.

The second Community Roadshow took elected members and senior staff across the municipality for informal question-and-answer sessions, and Council again supported Christmas Carols, the Volunteer Dinner, Anzac Day commemorations and a range of youth and seniors' activities.

In total, Council provided $201,355 in grants, donations, sponsorships and other benefits to local organisations.

Council's financial position remains sound. Total revenue for 2025/26 was $46.6 million, of which $27.5 million was levied in rates across 12,691 rateable properties.

Council delivered $9.4 million in capital expenditure.

Maintaining a sustainable operating position, guided by our rolling 10-year Long-Term Financial Plan, is what allows Council to keep investing while holding rate increases in check.

Ratepayers are entitled to know how their money is spent.

For every $100 in general rates, $23.21 goes to local roads, bridges, stormwater and street lighting; $22.01 to corporate and administration; $11.65 to community services; $10.75 to waste management; $9.02 to planning and development; $8.55 to parks and reserves; $5.58 to recreational facilities; $4.84 to the State Fire Levy; and $4.41 to technical services.

I thank my fellow Councillors, our Chief Executive Officer Kristen Desmond, and every member of staff for their work throughout the year.

West Tamar remains a place of considered growth, strong community and genuine opportunity, and Council is committed to keeping it that way.

Christina Holmdahl
Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer



It is my pleasure to present West Tamar Council's Annual Report for 2025/26 - a year in which the organisation continued to convert sound planning and disciplined financial management into visible results across the municipality.

Council's total income for the year was $46.6 million. Of that, $27.5 million was levied in rates and charges across 12,691 rateable properties, supported by $2.6 million in user fees and charges, $1.2 million in statutory fees and fines and $1.3 million in interest revenue.

Rates remain the foundation of everything we deliver, and every dollar collected carries an obligation to demonstrate value.

Grant revenue remains a significant contributor to our capacity to deliver for our community. Council recognised $9.54 million in grants during the year, comprising $7.8 million in Commonwealth funding, $1.53 million from the State and $142,000 from other sources.

Of this, $2.86 million was capital grant funding tied to projects, including $955,000 for the Gravelly Beach Foreshore, $819,000 through Roads to Recovery, $499,000 for Riverside, Windsor Olympic 2 Ground, $331,000 for pontoons and $55,000 towards a caravan & motorhome plan.

Actively pursuing external funding allows Council to stretch the rate base further than it would otherwise reach.

Council invested $9.4 million in capital works during the year - $5.3 million renewing existing assets and $4.1 million on new and upgraded assets - against an asset base valued at $570 million that includes 479 kilometres of road network and a portfolio of buildings, bridges, stormwater and recreation assets.

The works program reached every corner of the municipality. Major road projects included the reconstruction of Atkinsons Road at Grindelwald ($334,222), Notley Hills Road ($292,640) and Rosevears Drive north of Brady's Lookout Road ($247,703), supported by $303,714 in gravel resheeting and a reseal program covering Trevallyn, Flowery Gully, Riverside and Glengarry.

New footpaths were constructed in Cornwall, Shaw and Archer Streets at Beaconsfield, and the Tattersalls Road bridge superstructure over Anderson Creek was renewed at a cost of $154,515.

Stormwater capacity was improved at New Ecclestone Road, Riverside ($284,296), Paringa Avenue, Lanena ($111,006) and the Esplanade at Beauty Point ($79,170).

In community and recreation assets, the resurfacing of the Olympic 2 ground at Windsor Park ($1,143,086) and the Gravelly Beach Foreshore Project ($974,886) were the most significant items, followed by the Kelso toilet and car park ($457,081), capital maintenance at the Riverside Swimming Centre ($453,672), the Jonagold Grove playground at Legana Orchard Estate ($344,189) and pontoon renewals ($280,589).

The developments underway at Legana and Innova Business Park represent a different kind of operational challenge - one of sequencing, partnership and procurement discipline rather than single-year delivery. At Innova, Council's earlier decision to acquire and develop the estate is now translating into tenancy, employment and an expanded rate base, with the FermenTas partnership anchoring the site and a further $104,216 invested in extending the estate this year.

The Legana Community Sports and Recreation Precinct will test our project management capability over several years, and the groundwork laid in 2025/26 positions the organisation well to deliver stage one.

Service performance remains a core measure of how we operate. Council reported 98.1 per cent compliance against its Customer Service Charter through the Customer Service Request system, reflecting both the systems we have invested in and the responsiveness of our frontline teams.

At the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, visitation totalled more than 32,220 for the year - a decline of 3 per cent over the previous financial year. While the centre continues to perform strongly as a regional attraction, this result warrants attention and will inform our programming and promotion in the year ahead.

Council also provided $201,355 in grants, donations, sponsorships and other benefits to community organisations, including $65,203 through our community and business grants program.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the work and dedication of our Mayor, Christina Holmdahl, and all our Councillors, whose leadership and community focus set the direction this organisation follows.

I also thank our Executive Team and every one of our employees. Their professionalism and commitment turn budgets and plans into services, assets and outcomes for the West Tamar community.

Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer

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Councillors



Christina Holmdahl
Mayor

Since being elected to the West Tamar as both Councillor and Mayor, my priority and focus has been to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community, to represent and promote your best interests and to ensure order and good governance of Council and in the community.

Since being elected as Mayor, I have given my full-time commitment to continue as I have in the previous four years and I will take every opportunity to make where we live an even better place.

DELEGATIONS: Youth Advisory Committee, Emergency Management Committee.

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Rick Shegog

Rick has been your councillor since 2007 and is the current Deputy Mayor. Rick has two children in their 20's and lives at Trevallyn. Rick grew up in Exeter on a farm, went to Exeter Primary and Riverside High Schools, then Launceston College. He participated in local sporting clubs when he was younger and is the current Patron of the Exeter Cricket Club. He continues his involvement with the community by attending events with the West Tamar Landcare group and is the council rep for the Rowella Hall committee, which he has done for 6 years.

Rick is a paramedic with a Degree in Paramedicine, a Graduate Certificate in Management and a Diploma in Emergency Management.

Rick is an experienced councillor, which is important for good governance and good leadership. Rick wants to make your Council become more contemporary and inclusive, with increased community participation and consultation when making decisions.

DELEGATIONS: Riverside Swimming Centre Redevelopment Advisory Committee, Winkleigh Hall Committee (proxy), Rowella Hall Committee, NRM North, Tamar Natural Resource Management Inc.

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Joy Allen

I am an active member of our community and Council, I have been a councillor for 20 plus years, eight of these as Deputy Mayor.

I give proven full-time leadership, experience and commitment to address your needs. We need to work together to build a strong healthy community. All essential services need to be delivered equally throughout our WT community including appropriate infrastructure, footpaths, parks & disability access.

I have past experience in Community Development, Youth, Health and Welfare.

I am a community member of Beaconsfield House, West Tamar Carols, Beaconsfield Park & Exeter retirement villages, West Tamar Health & Wellbeing Association, Board member Tasmanian Assoc of Retirement Villages & West Tamar Rotary Club.

DELEGATIONS: Positive Ageing Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, Rowella Hall Committee (proxy).

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Lynden Ferguson

I thank the West Tamar community for the privilege of serving as one of your local government councillors for the past 12 years. I am married to Andrea, and together we enjoy living and working in our municipality.

I bring a practical, community focused approach to council decision making. I am committed to ensuring value for money for ratepayers, maintaining quality services, and supporting responsible, long term financial management.

If I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

DELEGATIONS: Winkleigh Hall Committee, Youth Advisory Council.

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Richard Ireland

Now in my third term, I remain committed to working hard, with integrity, sound judgement and competence, to represent the interests of our ratepayers and the wider West Tamar community. This will, however, be my final term. After 12 stimulating and rewarding years serving the community, I believe the time is right to step aside and make way for fresh ideas, new energy and the next generation of local leadership.

Throughout my time on Council, I have always made myself available to listen to ratepayers, understand their concerns and, wherever possible, work towards practical solutions. I firmly believe every member of our community deserves to be heard.

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Representing people is at the heart of local government, and I have valued the opportunity to advocate for our community and contribute to decisions that affect residents' everyday lives.

My engineering background and business experience have provided a valuable foundation for my work on Council, enabling me to approach complex technical, planning and financial issues in a practical and considered way, with a strong focus on value for money and responsible stewardship of ratepayers' funds.

I am proud of my contribution over the past 12 years and grateful for the trust ratepayers have placed in me. I hope my successor will bring the same commitment, energy and vision to the role and continue making West Tamar an even better place to live, work and visit.

DELEGATIONS: Exeter Community Hub Management Committee, TasWater Deputy Chief Owners Representative.

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Geoff Lyons

Work secretary Beaconsfield Hospital; business manager LGH; head of office to the Attorney General; MHR 2010- 13: chair Procedures Committee, member Health and Ageing Committee, Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry, chair of the Australian Parliamentary Friends of Surf Life Saving; chair of the Caucus Economics Committee. Volunteer president of the NTFA and NTNA, life member SLSA, SLST, LLSC, NLFC; Current Coxswain with Tamar Sea Rescue and patrolling member of Launceston Life Saving Club; OAM. I have contributed by supporting many projects on the West Tamar.

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Joshua Manticas

Since 2022, I've had the privilege of serving our community as a dedicated councillor, committed to delivering positive outcomes and strong local leadership.

I remain focused on ensuring our council is financially responsible, committed to balanced budgets, and constantly seeking efficiencies so that ratepayers get the best value for their money.

I am grateful to our ratepayers for their support, and I'm passionate about continuing to represent your interests and advancing the West Tamar Municipality.

Together, we've made significant progress, and I'm excited about the opportunities ahead to further strengthen and grow the West Tamar for the benefit of all now and for future generations.

DELEGATIONS: Audit Panel.

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Caroline Larner

With more than 30 years in community advocacy, small business management, and advocacy for innovative funding models in local and state government, I bring a wealth of expertise to my role as Councillor.

In this position, I commit to:

- Being accessible and approachable to all residents,
- Representing your interests with unwavering transparency and integrity,
- Serving as a strong advocate for meaningful community consultation, and
- Prioritising practical and cost-effective solutions that deliver real results.

As a former registered nurse, I apply my skills in active listening to truly understand people's concerns, focusing on uncovering root causes rather than relying on superficial fixes.

I am a passionate advocate for creating a publicly owned post office bank that leverages the Australia Post network for seamless customer service by consolidating essential services under one roof. State-owned insurance offices housed in Post Offices would also serve the people well.

This initiative could fund major infrastructure like TasWater outside annual budgets; provide loans to small business, boosting productive sector jobs; for local availability of cash and deposit accounts; with bank profits returned to the community for public housing and aged care and other needed facilities.

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Dr Julie Sladden

Since being elected to West Tamar Council in 2022, I have worked hard to listen to residents and ensure community views and concerns are heard in Council decision-making. I believe good local government is about getting the basics right, spending wisely, planning sensibly and creating a community where people of all ages can thrive. With more than 25 years' experience as a doctor, I bring a common-sense, problem-solving approach to Council. I am always happy to hear from residents, discuss concerns and work to find practical solutions for our community.

DELEGATIONS: Exeter Community Hub Management Committee; Audit Panel; PAC.

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Contracts
(ABOVE $100K)

In accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2025, Council is required to report on contracts for the supply or provision of goods and services in excess of $100,000 (excluding GST) entered into during the year to 30 June 2026.

Contractor Name & Address	Description of Contract	Value of Contract $ (excl GST)	Period of Contract
BMT Commercial Australia Pty Ltd Level 5, 348 Edward St, Brisbane QLD 4000	Climate resilience dashboards for the 'Northern Tasmania Councils - Building Climate & Disaster Resilience project through Collaboration'	449,052	12 months
Walters Contracting Pty Ltd 11 East Goderich Street, Deloraine TAS 7304	Kelso toilet and parking	358,523	9 months
Penguin Composites Pty Ltd 808 South Road, Penguin TAS 7316	Riverside Swimming Centre slide refurbishment	227,250	6 months
The Baker Group (TAS) Pty Ltd 9 Hudson Fysh Dr, Western Junction TAS 7212	Windsor Community Precinct, Olympic 2 Soccer Ground reconstruction	1,210,111	9 months
Sub 41 Pty Ltd 118 Auld Kirk Road, Sidmouth TAS 7270	Refurbish Bonnie Beach and Deviot pontoons	325,231	6 months
Mulch Management Pty Ltd 9 Range Road, Western Junction TAS 7212	Roadside slashing program	102,551	12 months with option for 2 x 12 month extensions
J & W Sherriff Pty Ltd Sherriff Civil Contracting, PO Box 23, Legana TAS 7277	The Orchards Estate public open space early works	144,525	6 months
Walters Contracting Pty Ltd 11 East Goderich Street, Deloraine TAS 7304	Notley Hills Road reconstruction stage 3	236,234	6 months
Hazell Bros Pty Ltd 14 Farley Street, Glenorchy TAS 7010	Tattersalls Road bridge superstructure replacement	139,529	6 months
Sturdybilt Agencies 9 Faulkner Drive, Latrobe TAS 7307	The Orchards Estate public open space playground	154,300	6 months
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd 11 Cavalry Road, Mowbray TAS 7248	Resealing program	496,036	6 months
R J May Civil Construction Pty Ltd 37 Medina Street, Youngtown TAS 7249	Road widening and footpaths Shaw St & Julian St Beaconsfield	276,950	6 months
Aquatic Management Services Tas 75 Freshwater Point Road, Legana TAS 7277	Management and operation of the Riverside Swimming Centre	1,755,361	5 years
Pro-Dig Earthworks 89 St Leonards Rd, St Leonards TAS 7250	Road reconstruction - Rosevears Drive & Bradys Lookout Road	812,093	6 months
Stellar Washrooms Aust Pty Ltd Suite 251 585 Little Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000	Design, supply and construct Grubb St public toilet	171,965	9 months
J & W Sherriff Pty Ltd Sherriff Civil Contracting, PO Box 23 Legana TAS 7277	New Ecclestone Road stormwater upgrade	205,945	6 months
Fieldwicks Crushing & Screening 6178 Frankford Rd, Wesley Vale TAS 7307	Waste transfer stations green waste mulching	103,785	3 months

Prior to 21 January 2026, Council's procurement policy required application of the public tender process for amounts over $150,000 where legislation has limit set as amounts over $250,000. From 21 January 2026, Council's policy now only requires application of the public tender process for amounts over $250,000.

In accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 205, council is required to report on any non application of the public tender process.

There were no non application of the tender process during 2025-26.

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Grants, Donations & Other Benefits

In accordance with Section 77(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is to include in its Annual Report the details of any grant made or benefit provided:

Grants and Donations

Organisation or person	Reason	Amount
Beaconsfield House Inc	Community Grants Program	$1,350.00
Christmas with Friends	Community Grants Program	$2,500.00
Deviot Community Association Inc	Community Grants Program	$5,000.00
Exeter Cricket Club	Community Grants Program	$2,000.00
Exeter Services & Community Club	Community Grants Program	$5,000.00
Greens Beach Golf Club Inc	Community Grants Program	$3,550.91
Grindelwald Leisure Garden Estate	Community Grants Program	$1,318.18
Kelso Community Centre Association Inc	Community Grants Program	$3,818.00
Kelso Fire Brigade	Community Grants Program	$2,500.00
Launceston Little Athletics	Community Grants Program	$1,404.09
Legana Early Learning Centre	Community Grants Program	$4,545.45
Legana Tennis Club	Community Grants Program	$2,354.00
Rotary Club of Legana	Community Grants Program	$436.36
Sidmouth Community Centre Inc	Community Grants Program	$7,289.45
Tamar FM	Community Grants Program	$1,636.35
Tamar Sea Rescue Services Inc	Community Grants Program	$4,050.00
Evenfall Pty Ltd	Business Grants Program	$16,000.00
The Exchange	Business Grants Program	$450.00
Exeter Show Society	Contribution	$20,000.00
Just Cats	Donation/Contribution	$10,000.00
Reptile Rescue	Donation/Contribution	$1,000.00
Cormiston Girl Guides	Donation	$2,000.00
St Vincent de Paul Society	Donation	$3,000.00
Festival of Voices	Sponsorship	$2,500.00
Greens Beach Summer Bash	Sponsorship	$1,818.18
Kinda Collective	Sponsorship	$272.73
Launceston Chamber of Commerce	Sponsorship	$5,000.00
Rosie's Reading Inc	Sponsorship	$11,727.27
Taste of the Tamar	Sponsorship	$8,000.00
Volunteering Tasmania	Sponsorship	$2,272.73
West Tamar Community Carols	Sponsorship	$15,000.00
Total Community Grants and Donations		**$147,793.70**

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Sporting and Educational Donations and Contributions

Organisation or person	Reason	Amount
University of Tasmania	Scholarship	$4,000.00
Beaconsfield Primary School	Vocation Award	$100.00
Exeter High School	Vocation Award	$200.00
Exeter Primary School	Vocation Award	$100.00
Launceston Christian School - Primary	Vocation Award	$100.00
Launceston Christian School - Secondary	Vocation Award	$200.00
Riverside High School	Vocation Award	$200.00
Riverside Primary School	Vocation Award	$100.00
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Vocation Award	$100.00
Individual Youth Sporting Events Donations and Contributions		
3 x $200 donations		$600.00
4 x $250 donations		$1,000.00
3 x $400 donations		$1,200.00
5 x $500 donations		$2,500.00
Total Sporting and Educational Donations and Contributions		**$10,400.00**

Other Benefits

Organisation or person	Reason	Amount
Conservation Covenants x 14	Rate Remission - eligible ratepayers	$2,286.00
Fire levy remissions x 38	Rate Remission - eligible ratepayers	$3,318.20
Rates Interest Write-off x 7	Approved Hardship applications	$822.71
Miscellaneous Planning Fee Waiver	Planning Fee Waiver	$4,425.00
Miscellaneous Infringement Waiver	Infringement Waiver	$615.00
Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House	Hall Hire Fee Waiver	$144.50
Festival of Voices	Hall Hire Fee Waiver	$150.00
NTDC - Northern Tasmania Development Corp.	Contribution to Gastronomy Nthn Tas	$2,500.00
CTST - Community Transport Services Tasmania	Contribution to Community Car	$10,000.00
SES	Contributions	$18,900.00
Total Other Benefits		**$43,161.41**

TOTAL GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	**$201,355.11**

Lease Benefits

Organisation	Facility	Amount
Port Dalrymple Yacht Club	Land at Kemps Parade	Peppercorn
Riverside Lions Club	Land at Benson Court	Peppercorn
State Fire Commission	Land at Winkleigh Fire Station	Peppercorn
Fermentation Tasmania Ltd	Land at West Tamar Highway, Legana	Peppercorn
Exeter RSL Sub-Branch	Room at Exeter Recreation Centre	Peppercorn

Council's Financial Assistance Policy (WT-HRM42.00) states 'Council will reduce development and building application fees by 50 per cent for charitable organisations registered, or meeting the criteria for registration, with the Australian Taxation Office'.

Public Statements

Legislative Requirements

Council's procurement policy requires application of the public tender process for amounts over $250,000, this was updated from $150,000 during 2025-26 to sit in agreement with legislation which has the limit set as amounts over $250,000.

In accordance with *Section 30 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2025,* Council is required to report on any non-application of the public tender process.

There was no non-application of the tender process during 2025-26.

Complaints/Code of Conduct

The requirements in relation to Code of Conduct, Complaints and Complaint Resolution are stipulated in Division 3A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council has in place a Code of Conduct for Elected Members policy as per the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

One formal complaint was received under Council's Customer Service Charter.

No Code of Conduct complaint was received during the 2025/26 financial year.

Land Donated by Council

In accordance with *Section 72(1) of the Local Government Act 1993,* Council must specify details of any land donated by council during the year.

Council has not donated any land during the 2025/26 year.

Enterprise Powers Statement - (Local Government Act 1993)

Under section 72(ca) the Council is required to report on exercising of enterprise powers relating to the formation and operation of corporations, trusts, partnerships or other bodies (section 21).

Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd

The Council is an initial member and shareholder of Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC).

NTDC is a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee. The primary objectives of NTDC are to:

- Provide pro-active, engaged and strategic regional economic leadership;
- Consolidate an agreed vision for the development, sustainability and prosperity of the geographic region that the Organisation's Members encompass;
- Implement a strategic economic action plan based on the Northern Regional Futures Plan framework or similar; and
- To provide effective representation and advocacy to State and Federal governments and other stakeholders.

The NTDC is currently engaged in a number of initiatives including the development of the Regional Economic Development Plan. This plan focuses on six key themes: Industry development, investment transaction, population growth, place-making, innovation and culture, and human capacity.)

It is considered that Council, the Municipality and ratepayers generally, will benefit from the investment in NTDC.

The organisation will affect direct and material economic, employment and investment outcomes, and contribute indirectly to social and community benefits as a consequence of NTDC achieving the objectives that it will be set up to achieve.

Council's shareholding is based on annual funding contributions (membership fee) calculated using a formula based on municipality population. Council's annual membership fee for 2025/26 was $86,377.

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Public Interest Disclosures

West Tamar Council encourages and facilitates the making of disclosures of improper conduct by public officers and public bodies. Council has adopted the Model Procedures as provided by the Ombudsman's guidelines.

A paper copy of the procedures is available for inspection at reception at the Beaconsfield and Riverside Council Offices during normal office hours (8.30am to 4.45pm) and can be downloaded from our website: www.wtc.tas.gov.au/Your-Council/Governance-Law-and-Publications/Policies-and-Governance

There were no public interest disclosures initiated in 2025/26.

Public Health Statement

Council's Development Services Department delivers the Public Health and Environmental Health functions for Council and employs three Environmental Health Officers to deliver this program.

Council's Public and Environmental Health program delivers a range of functions to meet the legislative requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Public Health Act 1997*, *Food Act 2003*, *Burial & Cremation Act 2019* and the *Environmental Management & Pollution Control Act 1994*.

These Public and Environmental Health functions include regulation and delivery of programs for; food safety, disease prevention and control, public health education and promotion, public health risk activities, community immunisation programs, private and natural burials and exhumations, on-site waste disposal systems, recreational water quality, public health nuisances, air, water and soil pollution, unhealthy housing investigations, cooling and warm water systems regulation, emergency management and regulation of private water suppliers.

Dog Control

There were a total of 4040 dogs registered as at June 30, 2026, 24 dogs were impounded and 36 were returned to owners not requiring impounding with advice/warnings given to these owners. Council officers also investigated a further 386 complaints – 98 of which involved barking dogs, dog attacks, dogs off lead and dogs at large.

100 per cent of these complaints were dealt with within three (3) days of receiving the complaint.

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Organisational Structure



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- Climate Change
- Civic Events
- Communications
- Risk Management
- Governance
- Internal Audit

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY

- Finance
- Information Management
- Information Technology
- Customer Service
- Community Services
- Events
- Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre
- Tamar Valley Visitors Centre
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Emergency Management – Recovery

COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Engineering Services
- Capital Works
- Project Management
- Infrastructure Management and Operations
- Asset Management

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Statutory Building Surveying and Plumbing Surveying
- Permit Authority
- Strategic and Statutory Planning
- Environmental Health
- Municipal Inspectorate
- Cemetery Management

PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

- Human Resources and Industrial Relations
- Work Health and Safety
- Emergency Management
- Organisational Culture
- Organisational Performance Reporting

The Year in Review

KEY PROJECTS



COUNCIL ENDORSES LEGANA COMMUNITY SPORTS AND RECREATION PRECINCT PLAN

In April 2026, West Tamar Council supported an intergenerational investment into Legana by endorsing the Legana Community Sports and Recreation Precinct Master Plan and the scoping of stage one works.



The business case for the master plan supported two linked decisions for the Legana Community, Sports and Recreation Precinct on Council land adjacent to the Legana Primary School.

The Master Plan includes an indoor multi-purpose facility, new clubrooms and function and hospitality spaces, change rooms, an outdoor central hub and market area, cricket training nets and staged parking.

As outlined in the business case, stage 1 would commence in the 2026/27 financial year as the first, fundable package – which would include the indoor multi-purpose courts and the cricket clubrooms and change rooms, which will address the region's documented indoor court shortage.

Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the master plan will deliver many benefits for both the community and the regional economy.

"Legana is unquestionably the key growth area of the West Tamar municipality," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"It's important that Council takes a long-term view of providing facilities that keep step with the growth of Legana, while addressing a key shortage of this type of facility in the Northern region."

Mayor Holmdahl said that once the overall project is brought to fruition, it is expected to be the single largest project the West Tamar Council has undertaken to date.

"These types of facilities are developed and built to serve the community for decades and a staged approach will allow Council to make a long-term investment that will provide improved access, participation and community connection," Mayor Holmdahl said.

Modelling outlined in the business case states that total output impacts of the plan would be in the vicinity of $32 million for the Legana area, $33.8 million for the municipality and $41.6 million for the northern region, with up to 68 jobs created in the West Tamar alone.

The federal government committed $5 million towards the indoor multi-purpose facility, with Council to provide a further $5 million for the sports clubrooms, function centre and outdoor cricket nets.

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LICK OF APPROVAL FOR NEW GREYHOUND OFF-LEASH PARK

West Tamar greyhound families celebrated the opening of the municipality's first dedicated off-leash area for greyhounds at the Windsor Community Precinct in November.

Mayor Christina Holmdahl said that the development of the innovative space marked a significant step forward in promoting responsible pet ownership and providing a safe, inclusive environment for one of Tasmania's most beloved breeds.

At a cost of $29,000, the new 1350-square-metre enclosure, complete with shaded seating and secure fencing tailored to the high-speed needs of greyhounds, was developed in response to community feedback and a growing demand for breed-specific facilities.

The greyhound run forms part of a broader Council-funded dog park upgrade program, which saw a significant number of dog parks across the municipality upgraded to include shaded shelters, seats, dog exercise equipment and fresh water.

"Greyhounds are gentle giants with an incredible zest for life, and they've long been cherished members of our West Tamar community for many years – with almost 200 of their breed registered in our municipality," said Mayor Holmdahl.

She said that the need for a specific "greyhound dog area" stems from the breed's unique characteristics as the fastest dog breed in the world and the need for a large, safe, fenced space to run at full speed without risk of injury or escape.

"Opening this dedicated off-leash space is more than just a park – it's a celebration of the unique bond between these elegant athletes and their families and will ensure that greyhounds can stretch their legs," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"This facility – now the fourth of its kind in Tasmania – underscores our commitment to enhancing the wellbeing of all residents, both two-legged and four-legged."

Greyhound welfare advocate Rosie Saville of Greyt Expectations Tasmania said these types of facilities are of the utmost importance for the health and wellbeing of greyhounds, both mentally and physically.

"Greyhounds spend their young life racing – then once adopted as pets they often don't have an opportunity to run as by law, they are not permitted in all breeds off leash areas," Ms Saville said.

"It is an imperative that all councils recognise their needs and provide for these beautiful gentle dogs that have certainly earned a happy life as a pet.

"These areas provide a safe area for them to socialise with other greyhounds and room to stretch their long limbs before doing what they do best, snoozing on the couch.

"Our pet greyhound community applauds West Tamar Council for listening to our needs which will also guarantee the adoption of more greyhounds. We hope to see more councils come on board."



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The Year in Review

COUNCIL EVENTS





WEST TAMAR DESIGN EXCELLENCE RECOGNISED

> West Tamar Council recognised excellence in design and built form through its annual Design Awards at a ceremony held at the Windsor Community Precinct in March 2026.

Properties in Trevallyn, Riverside and Greens Beach caught the collective eyes of the Council's judging panel across three categories:

– Best Single Dwelling

– Best Renovation/Extension

– Best Multiple Dwelling

West Tamar Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the awards, which began in 2016, aim to encourage good design in a positive way, outside the formal planning and building approval process.

"It is always a privilege to view so many amazing examples of exceptional design and attention to detail in our municipality, and their projects are a credit to the owners, designers and builders who think outside the box to create such architecturally appealing homes," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"We have been formally recognising outstanding design in the West Tamar through the Design Awards since 2016 and continue to encourage design in a positive way outside of the formal planning and building approval process."

Planning officers, along with the elected members on the panel, poured over the Council's development and building applications over the past year to narrow the field down to just a select few in each category, from which the winners were ultimately chosen by the panel comprising the Mayor, Councillor Richard Ireland, Principal Strategic Planner Tiffany Heys, Team Leader Planning Krstyna Ennis and Statutory Planner Dee Yuvanesan.

Mayor Holmdahl said the panel was looking for designs that have capacity to stimulate, engage and delight its occupants, visitors and passers-by, as well as considering the extent of innovation, invention and the originality of the designs, sustainability as well as degree of difficulty in terms of ambition and ideas.

"Traditionally, projects that captured the attention of the panel were not necessarily those that cost the most, but those that show ambition and showcase careful design and construction that responded best to the landscape and were pleasing to the eye," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"The project should also be practical for its purpose and designed to consider the surroundings in terms of privacy, views, environment and established character."

All winners received a Tasmanian specialty timber peg hand-crafted by Brad Latham, which represents a survey peg which often marks the beginning of a build project.

WINNERS BY CATEGORY

Best Single Dwelling:
30 Penrith Street, Riverside.
Designer: Lauren Powell and Alan Powell.
Builder: Joel Taylor.

Best Renovation/Extension:
160 Gardners Road, Greens Beach.
Owner: Roger Brissenden.
Designer: Plans to Build.
Builder: Malcom Nicolson Builder.

Best Multiple Dwelling:
83 Lachlan Parade, Trevallyn.
Owner: Grant McCarthy, Lizyl McCarthy, James McCarthy and Nardia Nelson.
Builder: James McCarthy and Nardia Nelson.
Designer: 6tyo.



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CELEBRATING THE FINEST IN THE WEST TAMAR COMMUNITY



> Tasmania's Junior National Doctor of the year and a 30-year volunteer ambulance officer have taken out the Mayor's Awards at this year's West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards ceremony, held in January at the Tailrace Centre.



Dr Jessica Horton and Lorraine Gardiner shared the top gong at the ceremony, which celebrates West Tamar residents who go above and beyond for their community.

More than 230 people packed the Tailrace Centre, with the ceremony doubling as a Citizenship Ceremony.

Thirty conferees celebrated becoming Australian citizens, with Mayor Christina Holmdahl welcoming those taking the oath of citizenship.

The conferees came from Nepal, Brazil, India, Colombia, Sri Lanka, the US, the UK, New Zealand, Ireland, Germany and Canada.

The West Tamar Citizen of the Year Award was also shared between two worthy recipients – Robert Mantach and Lorraine Gardiner.

The Young Citizen of the Year award was announced as Isabelle Wynwood, the Community Group of the Year was won by the Beaconsfield House Garden Volunteers and the Community Event of the Year was won by the Sidmouth Hall Art Show.

Six people were nominated in the Citizen of the Year award – Cynthia Masters, Christine Fulcher, Anna Schofield, Robert Mantach, Lisa Horton and Lorraine Gardiner.

Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the awards recognise individuals and community groups who have made a significant contribution during the current year or have provided an outstanding service over a number of years to their local communities.

Outstanding contributions and community service includes areas such as education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well-being of the region.

"Our award winners represent hard work and selflessness, often over a number of years, and reflect true Australian values," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"On behalf of the West Tamar Council and our community, I thank them most sincerely for their contributions."

Mayor Holmdahl also congratulated the 30 conferees, who can now – officially – call Australia home.





"Every citizenship ceremony is important in my opinion, but to become an Australian citizen at an Australia Day ceremony is an incredibly proud moment for each and every conferee," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"Citizenship is a life-long commitment to Australia's shared values, including respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, the rule of law and democracy, and equality of opportunity for all people," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"Each year we are privileged to welcome new Australians to our growing community and look forward to sharing in their culture and paying tribute to the diversity of experiences which we all bring".

AWARD WINNERS

Mayor's Award:
Dr Jessica Horton and Lorraine Gardiner

Citizen of the Year:
Robert Mantach and Lorraine Gardiner

Young Citizen of the Year:
Isabelle Wynwood

Community Group of the Year:
Beaconsfield House Garden Volunteers

Community Event of the Year:
Sidmouth Hall Art Show





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CELEBRATING BEAUTY POINT FORESHORE PROJECT

> November 2025 marked a significant milestone for the West Tamar community with the official opening of the Beauty Point Foreshore Redevelopment.

This generational project has transformed the iconic waterfront into a vibrant, accessible destination for residents and visitors alike.

The redevelopment, which was guided by the Beauty Point Foreshore Master Plan, delivers enhanced public access to the Tamar River estuary, upgraded amenities, and a renewed focus on the area's natural and cultural heritage.

Key features include new footpaths along the foreshore for improved pedestrian and cycling connectivity, a state-of-the-art all-abilities playground, a new resilient seawall structure, and refreshed public spaces that better integrate with local attractions like Seahorse World and Platypus House.

Developed in partnership with TasPorts and Tourism Northern Tasmania, the project builds on $3 million in Federal Government funding, to create a sustainable hub that supports tourism, recreation, and community well-being.

The initiative addresses long-standing community priorities, including better foreshore connectivity and enhanced safety and usability of public facilities.

West Tamar Council Mayor Christina Holmdahl officiated the ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside Bass Labor MHR Jess Teesdale, joining with residents, project partners, and council representatives.

"This redevelopment is more than just barbecue shelters and new pathways – it's a testament to our community's vision and resilience," Mayor Holmdahl said.

"For years, Beauty Point residents have championed better access to our stunning foreshore, and today we celebrate that dream becoming reality.

"This space will foster connection to our Tamar River heritage, boost local tourism, and provide joyful, inclusive places for play and relaxation.

"On behalf of the Council, I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, and an invitation to all to come explore and enjoy."

The opening festivities included children's activities, a free community barbecue and live demonstrations by the AMC, to name but a few.

"The West Tamar Council is immensely proud of this remarkable facility, which we believe will serve as a vibrant centrepiece for our community for generations to come," Mayor Holmdahl said.



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Road, Civil and Capital Works Projects

THE ORCHARDS PLAYGROUND AT LEGANA

As land development and the construction of dwellings has continued to progress in Legana, members of the community asked Council to consider the funding of a new playground in the Orchards Estate off Freshwater Point Road.

Council supported the request and approved $300,000 for the development of the playground and open space.

The first phase of the project included community consultation to seek input on the playground equipment to be installed.

The construction work was complete under two contracts comprising an initial stage of site preparation, earthworks, concrete paths, fencing and open grassed area, and stage two which included the supply and installation of playground equipment and furniture.

The project was completed earlier this year and has been well received by the community.

RIVERSIDE AQUATIC CENTRE - WATERSLIDE AND LEARNERS' POOL RELINE

There have been a number of capital improvement projects undertaken at the Riverside pool in recent years including change room upgrades, installation of solar panels and relining of the learn-to-swim pool.

This financial year also saw the completion of relining of the slide.

This project was complex and required significant coordination and care during the dismantling of each piece of the slide, transport off site for the relining, and then reinstallation and resealing of joints.

This work will ensure that visitors to the pool can continue to enjoy the "slippery slide" for years to come.

Work for the relining of the learners pool was completed in late 2025 and the refurbished pool was well utilised over the summer period.

The work undertaken included the removal of all existing tiles from the pool and surround, repairs and preparation work to the concrete pool shell, relining with fibreglass to internal and external surfaces, installation of new step access and handrails, lane marking and ropes, and fitting out of an outlet adjustment tube to allow water depth to be increased from 750mm to 900mm when required.

DOG PARKS UPGRADES

Council committed $100,000 during the year to upgrade amenities at a number of dog exercise areas across the municipality.

The proposed works ensured that seating and water are available at all exercise areas.

The work also included the installation of agility equipment at most locations, and shade shelters at the more frequently visited exercise areas at Exeter and Beauty Point.

EXETER GOAT TRACK UPGRADES

Council collaborated with the West Tamar Landcare group to upgrade the existing walking track behind the Exeter Primary School, from the Hub in Murray Street through to the eastern end of Glen Ard Mohr Road.

The track will form part of a future upgraded pedestrian link through to Gravelly Beach.

The work included placement of a fresh gravel base to the path, better shaping, mulching and planting with natives.

The work is a great example of Council working together with a passionate volunteer group to deliver a project for the community.



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BEACONSFIELD FOOTPATH WORK – FOOTPATH RELATED

Council completed work to upgrade footpaths and road infrastructure in Beaconsfield during the financial year as part of a multi-year approach to improve amenity and connectivity for Beaconsfield residents.

Work was completed in Shaw Street, between Fysh Street and Cornwall Street, and also in the southern half of Archer Street, from Grubb Street to Cross Street.

Works included minor pavement widening, kerb and channel, construction of new driveways, service pit alterations and stormwater drainage work.

NEW ECCLESTONE ROAD STORMWATER

The recent collapse of a fibre reinforced concrete pipe required Council to design and construct a new replacement pipeline to mitigate the risk of further infrastructure failure and damage to private property.

The existing 375mm diameter pipe was replaced with a larger 750m diameter pipe to accommodate higher flows associated with current design standards and the increase in runoff from upstream development.

The pipeline was installed on a new alignment within the road reserve with a discharge point to the existing creek in Council's reserve, which avoided the need to remove the existing pipeline and significant mature trees within an easement on private property.

A key challenge included the management of traffic through the construction zone on New Ecclestone Road, and Council's contractor was able to minimise the disruption to bus traffic and the community, with the project being delivered within the scheduled time frame and within budget.

NOTLEY HILLS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Council continued its annual program for the reconstruction of rural roads with the completion of stage 3 of Notley Hills Road.

The work was completed by Walters Contracting in early 2026, and included pavement widening and pavement reconstruction, and the installation of a short section of kerb and channel and also lining of the roadside drain with pre-cast concrete erosion control matting.

The length of road reconstructed was approximately 400 metres. Council will continue to improve Notley Hills Road with another stage of work planned to be undertaken next financial year.

GRAVELLY BEACH FORESHORE MASTER PLAN – GRAND OPENING

The Gravelly Beach foreshore has long been recognised as one of the most important community open spaces and recreational areas along the Tamar River.

Council began working with Gravelly Beach stakeholder and community groups back in 2003 to plan improvements to the Gravelly Beach foreshore.

Some of the recurring themes of that public feedback included maintaining foreshore views, the restoration of the shingle beach, maintaining the existing Phoenix Palms and adding more ornamental landscaping, interpretive signage at Rose Bay Park, increased area for recreation adjacent to the shopping strip through land reclamation, general beautification of the area as well as pedestrian connections further along the Tamar River.

Based on that feedback, Council and its consultants Playstreet Landscape Architects developed the Gravelly Beach Foreshore Master Plan, which outlines key public amenity developments and improvements to Rose Bay Park in addition to the creation area adjacent to the shopping strip.

West Tamar Council used it to secure federal funding for the project - namely a $2 million investment from the Federal Government's Community Development Grants Program, supported by $160,000 from Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) and $152,764 from the West Tamar Council.

The revitalisation was delivered across two key precincts:

- **Precinct 1 (Playground and Boat Ramp):** Included the installation of a new public pontoon with an aluminium gangway, a modern toilet block with accessible facilities, and a new BBQ shelter with picnic seating.
- **Precinct 2 (Village Centre):** Focused on accessibility and infrastructure, delivering over 500m of new shared pathways and footpaths, parking for at least 30 vehicles, and essential stormwater upgrades.

Council celebrated the completion of the Project with the official opening ceremony held in March 2026.

The completed project now provides a premier recreational destination for both locals and visitors alike.

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CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM SUMMARY
(WORKS OVER $20,000 EXCL. GST)

Footpaths	Amount
Beaconsfield (Cornwall Street)	$61,643
Beaconsfield (Shaw Street - Cornwall St to Fysh St)	$201,293
Beaconsfield (Archer Street - Grubb St to Shaw St)	$20,198

Bridges	Amount
Guard rail and crash attenuators upgrades	$93,255
Beaconsfield, Tattersalls Rd over Anderson Creek - Superstructure	$154,515

Road Reseals	Amount
Reseal Program Annual Allocation	$36,143
Trevallyn, Ewart Pl (New World Ave to End)	$27,046
Trevallyn, Forest Rd (Access #70 to Municipal Boundary)	$72,773
Trevallyn, Floreat Cr & Whitford Gr (28 Whitford Gr to 47 Floreat Cr)	$88,530
Trevallyn, Daitom Pl & Lachlan Pde (Daitom Pl & 12-20 Lachlan Pde)	$60,420
Trevallyn, Glencoe Ave (16-24 Glencoe Ave)	$25,381
Flowery Gully, Flowery Gully Rd (O'Reilly's Rd)	$45,705
Flowery Gully, Holwell Rd (Denmans Rd)	$36,465
Riverside, Ecclestone Rd (New Ecclestone Rd West Jctn 30m - 1750m)	$63,631
Glengarry, Long Plains Rd (Frankford Rd to Frankford Rd +2545m)	$90,344

Community Recreation, Parks & Reserves Capital	Amount
Barbeque and shelter replacement program	$51,539
Beaconsfield Grubb Street Recreation Ground public toilet renewal	$124,398
Beaconsfield RSL Park, relocate basketball ring into skatepark area	$35,213
Beauty Point Cricket Club, toilet upgrade	$24,956
Beauty Point Master Plan Foreshore Project	$242,363
Bridgenorth Football Club, electronic scoreboard	$20,000
Dog parks, amenities improvement program	$61,940
Exeter RV parking	$63,016
Exeter, Goat track trail upgrades	$26,500
Gravelly Beach Foreshore Project	$974,886
Green Beach Masterplan implementation - Stage 1	$52,697
Greens Beach Caravan park, sewerage upgrade	$28,446
Greyhound off leash area	$28,921
Kelso toilet & carpark	$457,081
Legana Orchard Estate Jonagold Grove playground	$344,189
Legana recreational developments	$118,532
Legana Tennis Club, rebuild retaining wall	$28,994
Playground, replace worn equipment	$104,979
Pontoon capital maintenance	$280,589

Community Recreation, Parks & Reserves Capital	Amount
Purchase of land - 5 Kelso Jetty Rd	$56,343
Riverside Swimming Centre, capital maintenance	$453,672
Riverside Tennis Club, kitchen upgrade	$40,558
Riverside Tennis Club, upgrade lights to LED	$33,122
Riverside Windsor Pak, resurface for Olympic 2 ground	$1,143,086
Rosevears Pontoon capital upgrade	$55,075
Windsor Community Precinct, CCTV & security lighting upgrade	$49,998
Windsor Community Precinct, Council Chambers establishment	$134,287
Windsor Community Precinct, indoor training centre - replace nets & flooring	$114,303
Windsor Community Precinct, install LEDs	$25,882
Xmas Decorations - Beaconsfield & Exeter	$94,347

Road Gravel Resheeting	Amount
Road Gravel Resheeting	$303,714

Urban Streets	Amount
Beaconsfield, Julian St, upgrade Weld St to Bell St	$92,878
Blackwall, #29 to #45 Gravelly Beach Road, kerb and channel	$78,728
Legana, Legana Boulevard Main Street, extend to Fulton St - Stage 3 - design	$53,633
Riverside, Riverside Drive, #31 to #71, retaining wall construction and pavement repairs	$27,818
Riverside West Tamar Highway, verge treatment Cormiston Rd to creek approx 200m	$74,142

Rural Roads	Amount
Grindelwald, Atkinsons Rd, road base, drainage, kerb and channel	$334,222
Deviot Rd from #635, replace retaining wall and reconstruct road	$30,378
Rosevears, Brady's Lookout Rd, approx 175m reconstruct	$62,887
Rosevears Drive, from Brady's Lookout Rd north 300m, reconstruct	$184,816
Sidmouth, Valley Rd, upgrade pavement and seal - Stage 1	$60,442
Notley Hills Rd reconstruction	$292,640
Glengarry, Loop Road - Culvert, embankment and pavement reconstruction	$49,394

Stormwater	Amount
Beauty Point, 31 Esplanade, stormwater line to reduce flooding	$79,170
Lanena, Paringa Ave, pipe open channel to improve capacity	$111,006
Riverside, New Ecclestone Rd, extend road side drain pipe to creek	$284,296

Purchase of Grouped Assets	Amount
Purchase of Health & Safety assets	$21,784
Purchase of Furniture & Fittings	$46,149
Purchase of Plant & Equipment	$57,803
Purchase of Trucks	$77,578
Purchase of Utilities	$51,478
Purchase of Sedans & Wagons	$74,175

Purchase of Individual & Corporate Assets	Amount
Information Technology - Hardware / User Devices	$63,931
Legana Industrial Estate Extension	$104,216
Depot security improvements	$25,820
Beaconsfield, Waste Transfer Station barrier	$68,792

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Annual Plan Outcomes 2025/26

Each year, Council adopts an Annual Plan, which guides our activities for the year.

The Annual Plan is an important document which is based on Council's Strategic Plan 2022-32.

The purpose of the Annual Plan is to outline the activities and targets identified to achieve Council's identified Strategic Plan goals.

Our Annual Plan has five key goals, with each containing key objectives, strategic actions and measures required to assist meeting those objectives and activity targets, which are directly measured and reported against every three (3) months.

The following information represents an overview of the results achieved for each key goal and highlights some of the activities that have been undertaken.

The Annual Plan report, including results, is available on the Council's website under *Your Council*.

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TOTAL TARGET PLANS

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PLANS IN PROGRESS

THE PILLARS

Our Community

GOAL

To maintain an engaged and active community where partnerships are established, needs are identified, and Council assists in achieving sustainable.

OBJECTIVES

- Council and the community work together building creative, innovative and resilient communities where people feel able and encouraged to participate
- Residents enjoy a safe, equitable and inclusive and sustainable lifestyle

7
COMPLETED PLANS

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PLANS IN PROGRESS

Council engages with a broad cross-section of the community having professional staff working across community development, youth, seniors, recreation, tourism and environmental health.

One of the major highlights of the year was the second iteration of the Council's Community Roadshow, which saw elected members and senior staff attend a number of community Q&A sessions in an informal setting right across the municipality.

Council also continued its support with a significant number of community groups to assist and deliver a range of events, including Australia Day activities and celebrations, Christmas Carols, the Volunteer Dinner and Anzac Day commemorations, as well as a variety of youth and seniors' activities.

A significant number of community groups and organisations were supported through Council's Community Grants programs.

Health and wellbeing was promoted through the provision and upkeep of sporting and recreation facilities, the Windsor Community Garden, the school immunisation program and the ongoing monitoring of recreational water.



Our Future

GOAL

To encourage sustainable growth and prosperity.

OBJECTIVES

- Development is in keeping with the character of the area and natural values.
- Existing businesses grow and sustainable new businesses are attracted to our region with a focus on tourism, hospitality, agriculture, viticulture, artisan trades, home business and light industries.

Council continued its work with other Northern councils to review the Northern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy and the demand and supply of residential land.

Council maintained its membership of the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation, which is established to provide a regional approach to economic development across Northern Tasmania.

Council's ongoing financial support to Launceston's UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy is continues to have many flow-on benefits to the food and agriculture operators within the West Tamar, including its partnership agreement with FermentTas for the development of a world-class food innovation facility at Legana's Innova Business Park.

The West Tamar experienced a small decrease in visitor numbers to the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, recording more than 32,220 visitors during the year. This is a 3 per cent decrease compared with the previous year.

6 COMPLETED PLANS

0 PLANS IN PROGRESS

Our Environment

GOAL

To care for and achieve balance between the natural and built environment.

OBJECTIVES

- Balance between growth and the natural environment
- Acknowledgement of the changing environment and its impact on the community

Council continues to be an active member of key stakeholder groups with an interest in improving the health of the Tamar River Estuary and its environs.

This includes working closely with the Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers Program, the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce and Tamar NRM.

As well as financial support, Council provides staff support and resources to the work and promotion of these organisations.

Council has continued to promote the collection of recyclable materials and the environmental benefits of recycling and reuse.

Council continued to support the Northern Tasmanian Alliance for Resilient Councils (NTARC) - a Collaboration of eight councils across the North-East to develop the region's resilience to natural hazards and emerging climates.

1 COMPLETED PLANS

1 PLANS IN PROGRESS





Our Infrastructure

GOAL

To ensure the provision and maintenance of an efficient and effective infrastructure network.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide for a broad range of infrastructure, services and future developments
- Planning is innovative and smart
- Council is a leader and advocate for regional infrastructure

Council continued to work closely with community groups and users to ensure facilities are fit for purpose and maintained appropriately.

Maintenance and upgrades of Council's buildings and facilities were undertaken in line with operational requirements, condition assessments within the confines of the budget allocated to the tasks.

Council delivered $9.4 million in capital expenditure including $5.3 million of renewed assets and $4.1 million of new and upgraded assets.

7 COMPLETED PLANS

1 PLANS IN PROGRESS



Our Organisation

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COMPLETED PLANS

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PLANS IN PROGRESS

GOAL

To be an organisation that values its people and delivers for our community.

OBJECTIVES

- Council is a preferred employer
- The community is informed and engaged and receives quality customer service
- Council is recognised as a leader in local government
- Council is financially sustainable

Council continued to provide detailed induction to all new employees and volunteers and undertook annual development appraisals to provide a formal opportunity for employees to discuss job performance and accomplishments and to communicate any training, career and/or professional development goals or needs.

Council maintains a Training and Development Policy that commits Council to the development and support of a high performing, skilled and flexible workforce.

This policy aims to provide employees with opportunities through appropriate education, training and development to acquire additional skills that are relevant and of benefit to both the employee and the Council.

To ensure a high-level customer service Council regularly reviews and reports against its Customer Service Charter, achieving 98.1 per cent compliance with its Customer Service Request system over the year.

Budgeting and cost control systems are continually revised to meet best practice, and Council has a financial management strategy and rolling 10-year Long-Term Financial Plan to assist Council in adopting estimates within a longer term prudent financial framework.

The current Financial Strategy and Plan was adopted by Council in February 2023.

Councillor Training

COUNCILLOR ONLINE LEARNING MODULES

Participation rates
(as at June 30, 2026).

The Office of Local Government (OLG) and LGAT have worked together to develop the Local Government Learning and Development Framework, which aims to increase the knowledge and skills of elected representatives.

The online learning modules are an important component of elected representatives' learning and development and are designed to be completed within the council chamber.

The table below outlines the completion rate of individual councillors with respect of each of the three available Learning Packages.

Name	Role	Enrolled	Complete	Percentage
Cr Allen	Councillor	15	3	20.0%
Cr Ferguson	Councillor	15	1	6.7%
Cr Holmdahl	Mayor	15	0	0.0%
Cr Ireland	Councillor	15	15	100.0%
Cr Larner	Councillor	15	15	100.0%
Cr Lyons	Councillor	15	15	100.0%
Cr Manticas	Councillor	15	15	100.0%
Cr Sladden	Councillor	15	15	100.0%
Cr Shegog	Deputy Mayor	15	0	0.0%

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Annual Financial Report

For The Year Ended 30 June 2026

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	Budget 2026 $'000	Actual 2026 $'000	Actual 2025 $'000
Income				
Recurrent Income				
Rates and charges	2.1	27,406	27,503	26,015
Statutory fees and fines	2.2	991	1,192	1,024
User fees and charges	2.3	2,676	2,619	2,546
Grants	2.4	5,496	6,675	3,311
Interest	2.5	920	1,306	1,289
Investment revenue from water corporation	2.6,5.1	656	853	787
Other income	2.7	444	604	480
		38,589	**40,752**	**35,452**
Capital Income				
Capital grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	2.4	7,378	2,862	2,664
Contributions and recognition of assets	2.8	-	2,957	4,066
Net gain on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3.6	-	47	-
Total Income		**45,967**	**46,618**	**42,182**
Expenses				
Employee benefits	3.1	(14,126)	(12,952)	(12,004)
Materials and services	3.2	(12,853)	(11,840)	(12,086)
Statutory contributions - fire levy		(1,713)	(1,713)	(1,639)
Depreciation and amortisation	3.3	(7,791)	(7,598)	(8,397)
Finance costs	3.4	(2)	(1)	(2)
Other expenses	3.5	(1,521)	(1,292)	(1,458)
		(38,006)	**(35,396)**	**(35,586)**
Capital Expenses				
Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3.6	(475)	-	(435)
Total Expenses		**(38,481)**	**(35,396)**	**(36,021)**
Net Result For The Year		**7,486**	**11,222**	**6,161**
Other Comprehensive Income				
Items that will not be reclassified to net result				
Net asset revaluation increment/(decrement)	8.1	-	15,901	14,884
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	5.1,8.1	-	1,992	1,179
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	17,893	16,063
Total Comprehensive Result		**7,486**	**29,115**	**22,224**

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	8,932	4,695
Investments	4.2	24,764	20,764
Trade and other receivables	4.3	2,186	2,848
Inventories	4.4	176	232
Prepayments and other assets	4.5	745	717
Total Current Assets		**36,803**	**29,256**
Non-Current Assets			
Investment in water corporation	5.1	63,596	61,604
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	6.1	468,971	449,086
Right-of-use assets	6.2	17	35
Total Non-Current Assets		**532,584**	**510,725**
Total Assets		**569,387**	**539,981**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7.1	4,884	3,569
Provisions	7.2	2,708	2,376
Lease liabilities	7.3	19	18
Contract liabilities	7.4	769	2,127
Total Current Liabilities		**8,380**	**8,090**
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7.1	-	27
Provisions	7.2	314	267
Lease liabilities	7.3	-	19
Total Non-Current Liabilities		**314**	**313**
Total Liabilities		**8,694**	**8,403**
Net Assets		**560,693**	**531,578**
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		271,616	260,394
Reserves	8.1	289,077	271,184
Total Equity		**560,693**	**531,578**

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

2026	Note	Accumulated Surplus 2026 $'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve 2026 $'000	Other Reserves 2026 $'000	Total Equity 2026 $'000
Balance at the beginning of the financial year		260,394	270,531	651	531,577
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		11,222	-	-	11,222
Other Comprehensive Income:					
Net asset revaluation increment(decrement)	8.1	-	15,901	-	15,901
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	5.1, 8.1	-	-	1,992	1,992
Balance at the end of the financial year		**271,616**	**286,433**	**2,643**	**560,692**

2025	Accumulated Surplus 2025 $'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve 2025 $'000	Other Reserves 2025 $'000	Total Equity 2025 $'000
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	254,233	255,648	(528)	509,353
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	6,161	-	-	6,161
Other Comprehensive Income:				
Net asset revaluation increment(decrement)	-	14,884	-	14,884
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	-	-	1,179	1,179
Balance at the end of the financial year	**260,394**	**270,531**	**651**	**531,577**

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026 Inflows/ (Outflows) $'000	2025 Inflows/ (Outflows) $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Rates		27,576	25,611
Interest received		1,267	1,309
Fees and user charges (inclusive of GST)		4,072	3,736
Finance costs		(1)	(2)
Grants (inclusive of GST)		6,441	3,755
Investment revenue from water corporation		853	787
Other receipts (inclusive of GST)		545	547
Net GST refund/(payment)		1,594	1,921
Payments to employees		(12,970)	(12,009)
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		(12,182)	(14,550)
Statutory contributions		(1,713)	(1,639)
Other payments (inclusive of GST)		(1,293)	(1,445)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8.2	**14,189**	**8,021**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(9,361)	(11,809)
Capital grants		3,280	4,925
Monetary contributions towards assets		-	29
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		139	1,058
Proceeds from investments		22,000	17,750
Payments for investments		(26,001)	(22,251)
Repayments of loans from community organisations		9	23
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		**(9,934)**	**(10,275)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liabilities (principal repayments)		(18)	(19)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	8.3	**(18)**	**(19)**
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4,237	(2,273)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		4,695	6,968
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4.1	**8,932**	**4,695**

The above statement should be read with the accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

Note 1 Overview

Note 1.1 Reporting entity

The West Tamar Council is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal. Council's main office is located at Eden St, Riverside.

The purpose of the Council is to:
-provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community
-to represent and promote the interests of the community
-provide for peace, order and good government in the municipality.

Note 1.2 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes accompanying these financial statements. The general purpose financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the *Local Government Act 1993 (LGA1993) (as amended)*. Council has determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective. Consequently, where appropriate, Council has elected to apply options and exemptions within accounting standards that are applicable to not for-profit entities.

This financial report has been prepared on the accrual and going concern basis.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars and unless stated, have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

This financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except where specifically stated in notes 5.1, 6.1, and 7.2.

Unless otherwise stated, all material accounting policy information is consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

All entities controlled by Council that have material assets or liabilities, such as Special Committees of Council, have been included in this financial report. All transactions between these entities and Council have been eliminated in full. Details of Special committees included in this financial report are detailed in note 9.3.

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Note 1.3 Use of estimates and judgements

Judgements and assumptions

In the application of AASB standards, Council is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Council has made no assumptions concerning the future that may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period. Judgements made by Council that have significant effects on the financial report are disclosed in the relevant notes as follows:

Employee entitlements

Assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's employee entitlement provisions. These assumptions are discussed in note 7.2.

Defined benefit superannuation fund obligations

Actuarial assumptions are utilised in the determination of Council's defined benefit superannuation fund obligations and are discussed further in note 8.4.

Note 1 Overview *(Continued)*

Note 1.3 Use of judgements and estimates *(continued)*

Fair value of property, plant & equipment
Assumptions and judgements are utilised in determining the fair value of Council's property, plant and equipment including useful lives and depreciation rates. These assumptions are discussed in notes 6.1.

Investment in water corporation
Assumptions utilised in the determination of Council's valuation of its investment in TasWater are discussed in note 5.1.

Note 1.4 Functions/Activities of the Council

(a) *Revenue, expenditure and assets attributable to each function as categorised in (c) below:*

	Grants	Other	Total Revenue	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Assets
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Technical Services						
2025-2026	91	27	118	779	(661)	-
2024-2025	25	2	27	410	(383)	-
Road Services						
2025-2026	3,664	2,813	6,477	9,445	(2,968)	365,072
2024-2025	2,250	3,936	6,186	10,278	(4,092)	347,577
Waste Management						
2025-2026	-	5,131	5,131	4,375	756	980
2024-2025	-	4,765	4,765	4,204	561	975
Recreation Facilities						
2025-2026	576	257	833	2,269	(1,436)	27,693
2024-2025	301	247	548	2,197	(1,649)	26,710
Parks and Reserves						
2025-2026	1,486	872	2,358	3,480	(1,122)	42,962
2024-2025	1,298	623	1,921	3,429	(1,508)	40,766
Planning & Development Services						
2025-2026	-	1,373	1,373	3,669	(2,296)	358
2024-2025	-	1,231	1,231	3,854	(2,623)	355
Community Services						
2025-2026	187	1,336	1,523	4,740	(3,217)	21,795
2024-2025	181	1,551	1,732	5,748	(4,016)	21,720
Trading Activities/Undertakings						
2025-2026	-	1,785	1,785	1,970	(185)	-
2024-2025	-	1,720	1,720	1,885	(165)	-
Other Non Attributable						
2025-2026	3,533	23,487	27,020	4,669	22,351	110,527
2024-2025	1,919	22,132	24,051	4,016	20,035	101,878
Total						
2025-2026	**9,537**	**37,081**	**46,618**	**35,396**	**11,222**	**569,387**
2024-2025	**5,974**	**36,207**	**42,181**	**36,021**	**6,160**	**539,981**

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Note 1.4 Functions/Activities of the Council

(b) Reconciliation of Assets from note 1.4(a) with Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June:

	2026	2025
	$'000	$'000
Current assets	36,803	29,256
Non-current assets	532,584	510,725
	569,387	**539,981**

(c) Functions/activities of Council

The activities of Council are to be classified into the following functions, namely

Technical Services
Asset operations
Asset management
Engineering services
Project management

Road Services
Works and services
Bridges
General and depot
Sealed roads
Stormwater
Street lighting
Unsealed roads

Waste Management
Household garbage
Exeter Transfer Station
Beaconsfield Transfer Station
Recycling

Recreation Facilities
Beaconsfield recreation grounds
Beaconsfield tennis club
Beauty Point recreation area
Bridgenorth ground
Exeter RSL and bowls club
Greens Beach caravan park
Legana recreation area
Overnight rest areas
Pontoons
Public halls and community centres
Riverside swimming pool
Riverside Olympic football clubrooms
Rosevears recreation ground
Windsor pavilion

Planning & Development
Cemetery management
Control of animals
Environmental health
General development
Municipal inspectorate
Plumbing surveying
Statutory building surveying
Strategic and statutory planning

Community Services
Area promotion
Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre
Community development
Community grants
Cultural activities
Economic development
Other welfare
Public amenities
Tourism
Youth
Windsor Community Precinct

Trading Activities/Undertakings
Fire protection per area

Parks and Reserves
Parks and public open spaces by area
Windsor Park

Other Activities (other non-attributable)
Administration
Council member expenses
Council housing
Climate change
People & culture
Safety
Fleet services

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 2	**Revenue**		
Note 2.1	**Rates and charges**		

Council uses the Annual Assessed Value (AAV) as the basis of valuation of all properties within the municipality. The AAV of a property is determined by the Valuer-General in terms of the *Valuation of Land Act 2001.*

The valuation base used to calculate general rates for 2025-26 was $301 million (2024-25 $296 million). The 2025-26 general rate in the dollar was 6.806 cents (2024-25 was 6.525 cents).

Fire levy	1,716	1,654
Waste	4,814	4,529
General rates	20,725	19,588
Special rates	248	244
Total rates and charges	**27,503**	**26,015**

The date of the last general revaluation of assessed annual value utilised for rating purposes within the municipal district was 1st July 2021, and the valuation first applied to the rating period commencing 1st July 2022. Adjustment factors provided from the valuer-general were applied to annual assessed values commencing 1 July 2024.

Accounting policy
Council recognises revenue from rates and annual charges for the amount it is expected to be entitled to at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate, or when the charge has been applied. Rates and charges in advance are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period to which they relate.

Note 2.2 Statutory fees and fines

Animal control fees and infringements	222	202
Planning fees and charges	438	356
Land information certificates	299	265
Building permits, levies and infringements	152	129
Plumbing permits	19	26
Health licences	62	46
Total statutory fees and fines	**1,192**	**1,024**

Accounting policy
Statutory fees and fines are recognised as income when the service has been provided, the payment is received, or when the penalty has been applied, whichever first occurs.

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 2.3	**User fees and charges**		
	Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre entrance charges	534	521
	Building surveying	98	156
	Brochure displays tourism	9	7
	Cemetery charges	30	53
	Commissions	2	4
	Merchandise TVC and Heritage Centre	274	284
	Non statutory planning	15	3
	Plumbing surveying	302	217
	Riverside Swimming Centre	113	109
	Special committees	3	5
	Waste transfer stations	234	236
	Operating leases	807	790
	Other rentals	168	153
	Other fees and charges	30	8
	Total user fees and charges	**2,619**	**2,546**

Accounting policy

Council recognises revenue from user fees and charges at a point in time or over time as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided. A provision for impairment is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.
Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than the term of the licence.

Rental income

Council holds properties that it derives rents from. Council records rents on an accrual basis in accordance with lease or licence arrangements. Some details relating to Council as a lessor are presented at note 8.10.

Operating leases as lessor

Council is a lessor and enters into agreements with a number of lessees. These include commercial and non-commercial agreements. Where leases are non-commercial agreements, these are generally with not (for) profit groups, such as sporting organisations. In these cases, subsidised or peppercorn rents are charged because Council recognises part of its role is community service and community support. In these situations, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at depreciated replacement cost.

Where leases are commercial agreements, but properties leased are part of properties predominantly used by Council for its own purposes, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as part of land and buildings within property, plant and equipment. Buildings are recognised at current replacement cost.

Where leases are commercial agreements, and properties leased are predominantly used for leasing to third parties, Council records lease revenue on an accruals basis and records the associated properties as investment property. These properties are recognised at fair value. These leases may include incentives which have not been recognised in the statement of financial position, on the basis the amounts are unlikely to be material and or could not be reliably measured at balance date.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 2.4	**Grants**		
	Grants were received in respect of the following:		
	Summary of grants		
	Commonwealth funded grants	7,871	5,009
	State funded grants	1,525	735
	Others	142	232
	Total	**9,538**	**5,976**
	Grants - recurrent		
	Commonwealth financial assistance grants - General Purpose (Untied)	3,312	1,772
	Commonwealth financial assistance grants - Roads (Untied)	2,484	1,199
	Trails design	182	25
	Transport	150	25
	Youth	142	136
	Recreation plan	50	-
	Climate change	220	148
	Storm damage	121	-
	Other	14	6
	Total recurrent grants	**6,675**	**3,311**

In the preceding year the Commonwealth made early payment of instalments of untied Financial Assistance Grants for the following year. In accordance with AASB 1058 council recognises grant revenue without performance obligations when received. Council received an early payment in June 2025 of $2.201 million for 50% of 2025-26 allocations and an early payment in June 2026 of $3.608m for 80% of 2026-27 allocations. Budgets were set in anticipation of an annual allocation in each year.

Capital grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets		
Beauty Point Foreshore	32	1,212
Riverside Tennis Club	27	-
Caravan and motorhome plan	55	-
Emergency equipment	28	-
Riverside, Windsor Olympic 2 Oval	499	-
Exeter bowling green	-	200
Gravelly Beach foreshore	955	8
Pontoons	331	-
Greens Beach Rd, Kelso	53	250
Kelso toilet and carpark	3	46
Legana recreational developments	60	75
Blackspot funding	-	100
Roads to Recovery	819	675
Windsor oval resurface	-	74
Other	-	24
Total capital grants	**2,862**	**2,664**
Total grants	**9,537**	**5,975**
Timing of revenue recognition		
Grants recognised over time	3,421	2,979
Grants recognised at a point in time	5,946	2,996
Total grants	**9,367**	**5,975**

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 2.4	**Grants *(continued)***		
	Unspent grants and contributions		
	Grants and contributions which were obtained on the condition that they be spent for specified purposes or in a future period, but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions, are as follows:		
	Operating		
	Balance of unspent funds at 1 July	675	287
	Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	40	538
	Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(281)	(150)
	Less: Funds received in a prior year but refunded to the grant provider in the current year from unspent funds	(8)	-
	Balance of unspent funds at 30 June	**426**	**675**
	Capital		
	Balance of unspent funds at 1 July	524	49
	Add: Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	14	521
	Less: Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(405)	(46)
	Balance of unspent funds at 30 June	**133**	**524**
	Total unspent funds held as a contract liability	**559**	**1,199**

Accounting policy
Council recognises untied grant revenue and those without performance obligations when received. In cases where funding includes specific performance obligations, or is to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance and income is recognised as obligations are fulfilled.
Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control. Within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.
For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin. For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

Note 2.5	**Interest**		
	Interest on cash and investments	1,306	1,288
	Interest on loan receivables	-	1
	Total interest	**1,306**	**1,289**

Accounting policy
Interest is recognised progressively as it is earned. Interest on rates is recognised in rates revenue.

Note 2.6	**Investment revenue from water corporation**		
	Dividends	**853**	**787**

Accounting policy - investment revenue
Dividend revenue is recognised when Council's right to receive payment is established and it can be reliably measured.

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		2026	2025
		$'000	$'000
Note 2.7	**Other income**		
	Donations	4	5
	Commissions	72	68
	Cash contributions	214	227
	Reimbursements	215	162
	Recycling Rebates	83	-
	Other	16	18
	Total other income	**604**	**480**

Accounting policies for other income

Council recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Council and specific criteria have been met for each of the Council's activities as described below. Council bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

Donations

Donations revenue is recognised when the payment is received.

Cash contributions

Council recognises contributions without performance obligations when received. In cases where the contributions is for a specific purpose to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance and income recognised as obligations are fulfilled.

Commissions, Recycling, reimbursements and other

Revenue is recognised when a right to receive payment arises.

Other

Council recognises revenue from other income when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided.

Note 2.8	**Contribution and recognition of assets**		
	Cash - various infrastructure	**-**	**29**
	Non-monetary assets		
	Stormwater infrastructure	1,370	1,708
	Road infrastructure	1,083	1,463
	Furniture & Fittings	47	-
	Land public open space	-	334
	Land under roads	457	532
	Total contributions - non-monetary assets	**2,957**	**4,037**
	Total Contribution and recognition of assets	**2,957**	**4,066**

Accounting policy

Council recognises contributions without performance obligations when received. In cases where the contributions are for a specific purpose to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance and income recognised as obligations are fulfilled.

Council recognises revenue from user fees and charges when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods / services being provided. A provision for impairment is recognised when collection in full is no longer probable.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 3	**Expenses**		
Note 3.1	**Employee benefits**		
	Salaries and wages	10,865	10,017
	Superannuation	1,680	1,512
	Payroll tax	673	623
	Workers compensation insurance premiums	378	397
		13,596	12,549
	Less amounts capitalised	(644)	(545)
	Total employee benefits	**12,952**	**12,004**

Accounting policy

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Employee benefits include, where applicable, entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits.

Note 3.2	**Materials and services**		
	Animal Control	48	46
	Building and other subsidiary maintenance	651	632
	Cemeteries	16	39
	Cleaning contractors	482	501
	Collection costs debtors	57	55
	Consumables	131	98
	Economic and regional projects	410	253
	Electricity	464	428
	Election and councillor expenses	42	43
	Emergency relief	27	20
	Fringe benefits tax	80	99
	Fuel fleet	264	264
	Garbage collection and recycling	3,377	3,257
	Information technology contractors	48	25
	Insurance (excluding workers compensation insurance)	410	387
	Labour Hire	894	1,156
	Land tax	92	72
	Licences and registrations	510	456
	Maintenance and repair fleet	207	215
	Merchandise	131	133
	Minor furniture and equipment	39	44
	Parks and reserves contractors, materials and services	434	667
	Printing, postage and stationery	158	148
	Promotions	142	92
	Recruitment, people and culture	88	174
	Recreational facilities	111	72
	Road and bridge contractors, materials and services	836	1,060
	Safety management	50	5
	Stormwater maintenance	101	94
	Swimming pool contractor	300	294
	Telephone and communications	147	151
	Town planning projects and reviews	238	250
	Training and conferences	153	152
	Trails strategy	92	25
	Uniforms / personal protection equipment	36	26
	Water and sewerage	327	359
	Windsor Community Precinct contractors	29	30
	Youth programs	39	60
	Other	179	204
	Total materials and services	**11,840**	**12,086**

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Note 3.2 Materials and services *(Continued)*

Accounting policy
Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Routine maintenance, repair costs and minor renewal costs are expensed as incurred. Where the repair relates to the replacement of a component of an asset and the cost exceeds the capitalisation threshold the cost is capitalised and depreciated. The carrying value of the replaced asset is expensed.

Note 3.3 Depreciation and amortisation

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Plant and machinery	574	691
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	121	138
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	1,018	977
Roads and streets infrastructure	3,310	3,220
Bridges	269	243
Buildings	1,250	2,273
Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities	996	778
Right-of-use assets	18	19
Other property, plant & equipment	42	58
Total depreciation and amortisation	**7,598**	**8,397**

Accounting policy
Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.
Buildings, plant and equipment, infrastructure and other assets having limited useful lives are systematically depreciated over their useful lives to Council in a manner which reflects consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets. Estimates of remaining useful lives and residual values are made on a regular basis with major asset classes reassessed annually. Depreciation rates and methods are reviewed annually.

Where assets have separate identifiable components that are subject to regular replacement, these components are assigned distinct useful lives and remaining values and a separate depreciation rate is determined for each component.

Land, heritage, and road earthwork assets are not depreciated on the basis that they are assessed as not having a limited useful life.

The non-depreciation of road earthwork assets shall be reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period to ensure that the accounting policy applied to particular earthwork assets reflects the most recent assessment of the useful lives of the assets having regard to factors such as asset usage, physical deterioration and technical and commercial obsolescence.

Straight line depreciation is charged based on the residual useful life as determined each year.

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Note 3.3 Depreciation and amortisation

Accounting policy *(continued)*
Major depreciation periods used are listed below and are consistent with the prior year unless otherwise stated:

Classification	Years
Plant and machinery	3-30
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	2-50
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	80-90
Roads and streets infrastructure	3-180
Bridges	23-105
Buildings	19-100
Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities	5-100
Right-of-use assets	5
Other assets	3-10

Note 3.4 Finance costs

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Interest - lease liabilities	1	2
Total finance costs	**1**	**2**

Accounting policy - finance expense
Finance costs are expensed as incurred using the effective interest method.

Note 3.5 Other expenses

Advertising	128	110
Auditors remuneration		
Auditing the financial report	53	52
Auditing grant acquittals and travel	15	2
Bank fees	66	60
Community and business grants program	65	162
Councillor sitting allowances	358	323
Councillor other costs	35	42
Discount on rates	94	88
Entertainment	38	38
Legana landslip investigations	2	46
Legal costs	78	156
Organisational development / cultural reform	-	26
Subscriptions	167	147
Tamar Natural Resource Management strategy	74	72
Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) program	39	38
Valuation fees	58	68
Warranties	17	17
Other	5	11
Total other expenses	**1,292**	**1,458**

Accounting policy
Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 3.6	**Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant, equipment and leased assets**		
	Proceeds from disposal	800	396
	Add: Carrying amount of assets disposed	(753)	(831)
	Net gain/(loss) on disposal	**47**	**(435)**

Accounting policy
The profit or loss on sale of an asset is determined when control of the asset has irrevocably passed to the buyer.

Note 4 Current assets

Note 4.1 Cash and cash equivalents and short term investments

Cash on hand	7	7
Cash at bank	5,364	1,198
Short term deposits	3,561	3,490
Total cash and cash equivalents	**8,932**	**4,695**

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number external restrictions and internal commitments that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

Restricted funds		
i) Contract liabilities (note 7.4)	768	2,127
ii) Retention amounts and sundry deposits	346	309
Internal committed funds		
iii) Current provisions (note 7.2)	2,709	2,376
iv) Sale proceeds quarantined for Legana Town Park	358	358
Committed funds	**4,181**	**5,170**
Total uncommitted cash and cash equivalents	**4,751**	**(475)**
Total investments (note 4.2)	24,764	20,764
Total uncommitted funds	**29,515**	**20,289**

Accounting policy
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits at call, and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.
Cash on hand and at bank and money market call accounts are valued at face value.
Cash, surplus to requirements, and investments are held to maximise interest return whilst maintaining an acceptable level of risk in accordance with Council's investment policy.
Restricted and internally committed funds include:
i) Includes contract amounts held in trust by Council for completion of specific purposes.
ii) Includes refundable building retentions or bonds and other sundry refundable amounts
iii) Monies set aside to meet employee leave provision obligations
iv) Monies held in trust for Legana Town park developments

Note 4.2 Investments

Current - term deposits	24,764	20,764

Accounting policy
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, investments include term deposits with original maturities of greater than three months.
Term deposits are measured at face value.
Investments are held to maximise interest return whilst maintaining an acceptable level of risk in accordance with Council's investment policy.

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 4.3	**Trade and other receivables**		
	Current		
	Rate debtors	1,472	1,447
	GST receivable	402	337
	Grant debtors	133	925
	Sundry debtors	179	129
	Community loan debtor	-	10
	Total trade and other receivables	**2,186**	**2,848**

Council believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade and other receivables despite a negative economic outlook. For ageing analysis of the financial assets, refer to note 8.7.

Accounting policy

Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at amortised cost, which represents their transaction value. Impairment is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis. When determining whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating the ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience, an informed credit assessment and forward-looking information.

For rate debtors, Council takes the view that unpaid rates represent a charge against the rateable property that will be recovered when the property is next sold. For non-rate debtors, Council writes off receivables when there is information indicating that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. No material bad debts were written off during either year.

Loan debtors have attracted an interest rate no more than Council's long-term borrowing rate.

For sundry debtors, payment is required within thirty days of issue of the account. No interest is attracted to sundry debtors.

Should amounts remain unpaid outside of approved payment options, Council will instigate collection proceedings. Collectability of overdue accounts is assessed on an ongoing basis.

Note 4.4	**Inventories**		
	Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre	60	59
	Tamar Visitor Centre	10	7
	Roadworks and Waste Management	106	166
	Total inventories	**176**	**232**

Accounting policy

Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost and adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential. Other inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where inventories are acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, the cost shall be the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 4.5	**Prepayments and other assets**		
	Accrued interest	472	432
	Creditor prepayments	273	285
	Total accrued revenue and prepayments	**745**	**717**

Accounting policy
Accruals and Prepayments are recognised in accordance with relevant accounting standards with materiality a major factor in determining their applicability.

Note 5 **Investments**

Note 5.1 **Investment in water corporation**

Investment in water corporation		
Opening Balance	61,604	60,425
Fair value adjustments on equity investment assets	1,992	1,179
Total investment in water corporation	**63,596**	**61,604**

Council has derived returns from the water corporation as disclosed in note 2.6.

Accounting policy - investments
Investments, other than investments in the water corporation, are measured at cost.

Accounting policy - investment in water corporation
Council's investment in TasWater is held for long-term strategic purposes and Council has elected to irrevocably classify this equity investment as designated as fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent changes in fair value on designated investments in equity instruments are recognised in other comprehensive income (for fair value reserve, refer note 8.1) and not reclassified through the profit or loss when derecognised. Dividends associated with the equity investments are recognised in profit and loss when the right of payment has been established and it can be reliably measured.
Fair value was determined by using Council's ownership interest against the water corporation's net asset value at balance date. At 30 June 2026, Council held a 3.19% ownership interest in TasWater which is based on Schedule 2 of the Corporation's Constitution which reflects the Council's voting rights.

Note 6 **Non-current assets**

Note 6.1 **Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment**

Summary		
at cost	40,113	36,871
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,545)	(11,326)
	27,568	**25,545**
at fair value as at 30 June	609,619	581,718
Less accumulated depreciation	(168,215)	(158,178)
	441,404	**423,540**
Total	**468,972**	**449,085**

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 6.1	**Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment *(continued)***		
	Plant & Equipment		
	Furniture, fittings and office equipment		
	at cost	1,555	1,181
	Less accumulated depreciation	(752)	(697)
		803	**484**
	Plant and machinery		
	at cost	7,585	7,575
	Less accumulated depreciation	(3,377)	(3,047)
		4,208	**4,528**
	Other property, plant & equipment		
	at cost	1,000	1,020
	Less accumulated amortisation	(931)	(909)
		69	**111**
	Total heritage assets		
	at cost	637	637
		637	**637**
	Total Plant & Equipment	**5,717**	**5,760**
	Infrastructure		
	Stormwater and drainage infrastructure		
	at fair value as at 30 June	94,911	88,876
	Less accumulated depreciation	(29,517)	(27,299)
		65,394	**61,577**
	Roads and streets infrastructure		
	at fair value as at 30 June	275,707	255,501
	Less accumulated depreciation	(94,621)	(86,998)
		181,086	**168,503**
	Bridges		
	at fair value as at 30 June	22,917	21,622
	Less accumulated depreciation	(9,768)	(9,168)
		13,149	**12,454**
	Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities		
	at cost	26,261	24,114
	Less accumulated depreciation	(7,485)	(6,673)
		18,776	**17,441**
	Total Infrastructure	**278,405**	**259,975**

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		2,026	2,025
		$'000	$'000
Note 6.1	**Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment *(continued)***		
	Property - Land		
	Land		
	at fair value as at 30 June	30,934	30,789
		30,934	**30,789**
	Land under roads		
	at fair value as at 30 June	102,741	102,284
		102,741	**102,284**
	Total Land	**133,675**	**133,073**
	Property - Buildings		
	at fair value as at 30 June	82,409	82,647
	Less accumulated depreciation	(34,309)	(34,713)
		48,100	**47,934**
	Total Property	**181,775**	**181,007**
	Works in progress at cost		
	Furniture, fittings and office equipment	57	5
	Land developments	-	679
	Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	7	11
	Roads and streets	946	938
	Buildings	1,665	177
	Parks, recreation and community amenities	399	534
	Total Works in progress	**3,074**	**2,344**
	Total property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	**468,971**	**449,086**

Accounting policy - recognition and measurement of assets

Acquisitions of assets are initially recorded at cost. Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure received in the form of contributions are recognised as assets and revenues at fair value by Council valuation where that value exceeds the recognition thresholds for the respective asset class. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining the cost of Non-Current Assets constructed by Council, "cost" includes all materials used in construction, direct labour used on the project and an appropriate proportion of overhead. The cost of all materials includes all consulting fees.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The following classes of assets have been recognised. In accordance with Council's policy, the threshold limits detailed below have applied when recognising assets within an applicable asset class and unless otherwise stated are consistent with the prior year:

Asset category	Threshold
Plant, machinery, equipment, furniture and fittings	$2,500
Infrastructure, land and all other assets	$5,000

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Note 6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment *(continued)*
Reconciliation of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment

2026	Balance at beginning of financial year	Recognition and acquisition of assets	Revaluation increments (decrements) (note 8.1)	Depreciation and amortisation (note 3.3)	Written down value of disposals (note 3.6)	Transfers	Balance at end of financial year
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Land	30,789	-	118	-	(333)	360	30,934
Land under roads	102,284	457	-	-	-	-	102,741
Plant and machinery	4,528	-	-	(574)	(85)	339	4,208
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	484	47	-	(121)	-	393	803
						-	-
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	61,577	1,370	2,709	(1,018)	(63)	819	65,394
Roads and streets infrastructure	168,503	1,083	11,563	(3,310)	(261)	3,508	181,086
Bridges	12,454	-	707	(269)	-	257	13,149
Buildings	47,934	-	804	(1,250)	-	612	48,100
Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities	17,441	-	-	(996)	(12)	2,343	18,776
							-
Heritage	637	-	-	-	-	-	637
Other Property, Plant & Equipment	111	-	-	(42)	-	-	69
Works in progress	2,344	9,361	-	-	-	(8,631)	3,074
	449,086	**12,318**	**15,901**	**(7,580)**	**(754)**	**-**	**468,971**

2025							
Land	26,110	-	3,017	-	-	1,662	30,789
Land under roads	101,753	531	-	-	-	-	102,284
Plant and machinery	4,196	-	-	(692)	(289)	1,313	4,528
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	485	-	-	(138)	-	137	484
						-	-
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	59,230	1,708	680	(977)	(23)	959	61,577
Roads and streets infrastructure	161,740	1,463	3,633	(3,219)	(472)	5,358	168,503
Bridges	11,292	-	1,386	(243)	-	19	12,454
Buildings	43,171	-	6,168	(2,273)	-	868	47,934
Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities	14,194	334	-	(778)	(47)	3,738	17,441
							-
Heritage	637	-	-	-	-	-	637
Other Property, Plant & Equipment	86	-	-	(58)	-	83	111
Works in progress	4,671	11,810	-	-	-	(14,137)	2,344
	427,565	**15,846**	**14,884**	**(8,378)**	**(831)**	**-**	**449,086**

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Note 6.1 Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment *(continued)*

Accounting policy - revaluation

Council has adopted the following valuation bases for its non-current assets:

Land	fair value
Land under roads	fair value
Plant and machinery	cost
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	cost
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	fair value
Roads and streets infrastructure	fair value
Bridges	fair value
Buildings	fair value
Other property, plant and equipment	cost
Parks, recreation facilities and community amenities	cost
Heritage	cost
Work in progress	cost

Subsequent to the initial recognition of assets, non-current physical assets other than asset classes above listed under the cost basis are measured at their fair value in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant & Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. An annual assessment is undertaken to determine whether the carrying amount of the assets are materially different from the fair value. If any variation is considered material, a revaluation is undertaken either by comprehensive revaluation or by applying an interim revaluation using appropriate indices. The cost of acquisitions and capital works during the year is considered to represent their fair value.

Council undertakes a formal revaluation of asset classes measured on the fair value basis on a five-year rolling cycle or with sufficient regularity to ensure assets represent fair values. The valuations are performed either by experienced Council officers or independent experts. Between such valuations, Council considers and, when necessary, applies indexation to assets to ensure the carrying values continue to represent fair values. Regarding land and land under road revaluations they will be revalued in sync with valuation timing from the Valuer General.

Fair value valuations are determined in accordance with a valuation hierarchy. Changes to the valuation hierarchy will only occur if an external change in the restrictions or limitations of use of an asset result in changes to the permissible or practical highest and best use of the asset. Further details regarding the fair value hierarchy are disclosed in note 8.9, Fair value measurements.

Where the assets are revalued, the revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve, except to the extent that an increment reverses a prior year decrement for that class of asset that had been recognised as an expense, in which case the increment is recognised as revenue up to the amount of the expense. Revaluation decrements are recognised as an expense, except where prior increments are included in the asset revaluation reserve for that class of asset, in which case the decrement is taken to the reserve to the extent of the remaining increments. Within the same class of assets, revaluation increments and decrements within the year are offset.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 6.2	**Right-of-use asset**		
	Right of use assets comprise photocopiers under a lease arrangement		
	Balance at beginning of the financial year	35	54
	Amortisation	(18)	(19)
	Balance at the end of the financial year	**17**	**35**

Accounting policy - Leases Council as Lessee

In contracts where Council is a lessee, Council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease, unless the short-term or low-value exemption is applied. Refer to note 7.3 for details on accounting policy of lease liability.

A right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, comprising the initial measurement of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made before the commencement date (reduced by lease incentives received), plus initial direct costs incurred in obtaining the lease and an estimate of costs to be incurred in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located, or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

All right-of-use assets are measured as described in the accounting policy for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment in Note 6.1. Also, Council applies AASB 136 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in the aforesaid note.

Right-of-use assets are amortised over the shorter period of lease term or useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset, or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Council expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

Note 7 Current Liabilities

Note 7.1 Trade and other payables

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Current payables		
Accrued wages	404	758
Rates and charges in advance	1,041	943
Statutory fees in advance	25	30
Retention amounts	317	270
Sundry deposits	29	39
Trade creditors	3,068	1,529
Total	**4,884**	**3,569**
Non-current payables		
Payroll	-	27
Total trade and other payables	**4,884**	**3,596**

For ageing analysis of trade and other payables, refer to note 8.7

Note 7.1 Trade and other payables *(continued)*

Accounting policy

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services provided to Council as at balance date whether or not invoices have been received. General Creditors are unsecured, not subject to interest charges and are normally settled within 30 days of invoice receipt.

Rates and charges in advance

Rates, charges and statutory fees in advance represent amounts received by Council prior to the commencement of the rating or charging period. Revenue is recognised by Council at the beginning of the rating or charge period to which the advance payment relates.

Subdivision bonds and sundry deposits

Amounts received as bonds, sundry deposits and retention amounts controlled by Council are recognised as Trust funds until they are returned or forfeited.

Note 7.2 Provisions

	Annual leave $'000	RDOs and time in lieu $'000	Long Service Leave $'000	Other provisions $'000	Total $'000
2026					
Balance at beginning of the financial year	941	228	1,474	-	2,643
Additional provisions	1,154	156	487	-	1,797
Amounts used	(964)	(168)	(286)	-	(1,418)
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,131	216	1,675	-	3,022
Current	1,131	216	1,361	-	2,708
Non-current	-	-	314	-	314
Total	**1,131**	**216**	**1,675**	**-**	**3,022**
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	702	100	385	-	1,187
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	429	117	1,290	-	1,836
Total	1,131	217	1,675	-	3,023
2025					
Balance at beginning of the financial year	939	203	1,638	20	2,800
Additional provisions	714	144	176	75	1,109
Amounts used	(713)	(119)	(339)	(95)	(1,266)
Balance at the end of the financial year	940	228	1,475	-	2,643
Current	940	228	1,208	-	2,376
Non-current	-	-	267	-	267
Total	**940**	**228**	**1,475**	**-**	**2,643**
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	583	98	383	-	1,064
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	357	130	1,090	-	1,577
Total	940	228	1,473	-	2,641

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Note 7.2 Provisions *(continued)*

Accounting policy - employee benefits *(continued)*

i) Short term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and time in lieu expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service, are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period, and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave and time in lieu are recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

ii) Other long term employee benefit obligations

The liability for long service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months of the end of the period in which the employees render the related service, is recognised in the provision for employee benefits, and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period, using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds, with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

iii) Sick leave

No accrual is made for sick leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, sick leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken sick leave.

iv) Defined benefit plans

Council makes superannuation contributions for two of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund (the Fund), a sub-fund of Care Super. The Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund has been classified as a multi-employer sponsored plan. As the Fund's assets and liabilities are pooled and are not allocated by employer, the Actuary is unable to allocate benefit liabilities, assets and costs between employers. As provided under paragraph 34 of AASB 119 Employee Benefits, Council does not use defined benefit accounting for these contributions. Council accounts for its obligations to defined benefit plans as an expense when it becomes payable.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 7.3	**Lease liabilities**		
	Current	19	18
	Non-Current	-	19
	Total lease liabilities	**19**	**37**

Lease liabilities are secured by the related underlying assets. Future minimum lease payments were as follows:

	Minimum lease payments due						
	Within 1 Year $'000	1-2 Years $'000	2-3 Years $'000	3-4 Years $'000	4-5 Years $'000	After 5 Years $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2026							
Lease payments	19	-	-	-	-	-	19
Finance charges	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
As at 30 June 2025							
Lease payments	18	19	-	-	-	-	37
Finance charges	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	19	20	-	-	-	-	39

Accounting policy leases - Council as lessee

The lease liability is measured at the present value of

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

Council has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases i.e. leases with a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets i.e., when the value of the leased asset when new is $10,000 or less. Council recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 7.4	**Contract Liabilities**		
	Grant funds received to acquire or construct an asset controlled by Council	133	524
	Other grant funds received prior to performance obligation being satisfied	426	675
	Regional climate change program - funds received prior to performance obligation being satisfied	121	182
	Property proceeds in advance	-	661
	Security deposit lease	1	-
	Lease payments in advance	88	85
		769	2,127
	Revenue recognised that was included in the liability balance at the beginning of the period		
	Grant funds to construct Council controlled assets	405	46
	Other grant funds received prior to performance obligation being satisfied	281	150
	Regional climate change contributions received prior to performance obligation being satisfied	-	86
	Lease payments received in advance of services provided	85	169
		771	451

Accounting policy

Grant funds received to acquire or construct an asset controlled by Council

Grants received in advance are under enforceable contracts which require Council to construct an identified asset which will be under Council's control on completion. The revenue is recognised as Council constructs the asset and the contract liability reflects the funding received which cannot yet be recognised as revenue.

Climate Change Program contributions in advance and lease payments in advance

Upfront payments of funding are recognised as a contract liability until performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15 are satisfied and recognition criteria are met.

Note 8 Other financial information

Note 8.1 Reserves

Asset revaluation reserves

	Balance at beginning of reporting year 2025 $'000	Asset Revaluation 2025 $'000	Balance 2025 $'000	Asset Revaluation 2026 $'000	Balance at end of reporting year 2026 $'000
Roads and streets	113,715	3,633	117,348	11,563	128,911
Buildings	16,004	6,168	22,172	804	22,976
Land	15,576	3,017	18,593	118	18,711
Land under roads	69,924	-	69,924	-	69,924
Bridges	6,232	1,386	7,618	707	8,325
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	34,197	680	34,877	2,709	37,586
Total asset revaluation reserve	**255,648**	**14,884**	**270,532**	**15,901**	**286,433**

The purpose of the asset revaluation reserve is to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of non-current assets.

Other reserves

	Balance at beginning of reporting year 2025 $'000	Fair value movement 2025 $'000	Balance 2025 $'000	Fair value movement 2026 $'000	Balance at end of reporting year 2026 $'000
Investment in water corporation	**(527)**	**1,179**	**652**	**1,992**	**2,644**

The investment in water corporation reserve was established to capture the fair value movements in Council's water corporation investment.

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Total reserves	**289,077**	**271,184**

Note 8.2 Reconciliation of net surplus to net cash inflow from operating activities

Net surplus / (deficit)	11,222	6,161
Items not involving cash		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	7,598	8,397
Other non-cash income (non-monetary assets)	(2,957)	(4,037)
	4,641	4,360
Investing activity		
Capital grants received specifically for new or upgraded assets	(3,280)	(4,925)
Proceeds to contract liability	661	(661)
Monetary contributions towards assets		(29)
Net (Profit)/Loss on disposal of assets	(47)	435
	(2,666)	(5,180)

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		2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Note 8.2	**Reconciliation of net surplus to net cash inflow from operating activities *(continued)***		
	Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
	(Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables	653	1,216
	(Increase) decrease in inventories	56	(10)
	(Increase) decrease in prepayments and accrued revenue	(28)	(148)
	Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	1,289	272
	Increase (decrease) in employee provisions	379	(157)
	Increase (decrease) in contract liabilities	(1,358)	1,507
		991	2,680
	Net cash provided by operating activities	**14,188**	**8,021**

Note 8.3 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

Liabilities arising from financing activities are liabilities for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Statement of Cash Flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Lease liabilities $'000
Balance as at 1 July 2025	37
Changes from financing cash flows	
Cash repayments	(18)
Balance as at 30 June 2026	**19**
Balance as at 1 July 2024	56
Changes from financing cash flows	
Cash repayments	(19)
Balance as at 30 June 2025	**37**

Note 8.4 Superannuation

During the year Council made superannuation contributions for 2 of its employees to the Quadrant Defined Benefits Fund (the Fund). The Fund is closed to new members. As at 30 June 2025 the Fund had 55 members. Assets accumulate in the Fund to meet member benefits as they accrue, and if assets within the Fund are insufficient to satisfy benefits payable, Council is required to meet its share of the deficiency. The last actuarial review of the Fund at 30 June 2023 disclosed assets of the Fund were adequate to meet the liabilities in respect of vested and accrued benefits as at 30 June 2023. Favourable investment returns since that date has seen further improvement in the financial position of the Fund. The financial position of the Fund will be fully investigated at the actuarial review as at 30 June 2026.

Council also contributes to other accumulation schemes on behalf of a number of employees, however the Council has no ongoing responsibility to make good any deficiencies that may occur in those schemes.

During the year Council made the required superannuation contributions for all eligible employees to an appropriate complying superannuation fund as required by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* . During the reporting period the amount of contributions paid to defined benefits schemes and the amount paid to other accumulation schemes is reported below.

Employer superannuation contributions	**$'000**	**$'000**
Defined benefit fund employer contributions	7	7
Accumulation funds employer contributions	1,673	1,505
	1,680	1,512

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	2026 $'000	2025 $'000

Note 8.5 Financing arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at the reporting date to the following lines of credit:

Total facilities corporate credit cards	50	33
Used at reporting date corporate credit cards	(2)	-
Available at reporting date corporate credit cards	**48**	**33**

Council has a business card facility of $50,000 with the balance cleared monthly. Council does not have any other unused borrowing facilities at 30 June 2026.

Note 8.6 Commitments for expenditure

The Council has entered into the following commitments. Commitments are not recognised in the Balance Sheet. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value and presented inclusive of the GST payable.

2026	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Capital expenditure commitments				
Community, parks and recreation facilities	403	-	-	403
Local road system	794	-	-	794
Plant & equipment	82	-	-	82
Technology	56	-	-	56
Waste	3	-	-	3
Total capital expenditure commitments	**1,338**	**-**	**-**	**1,338**
Other commitments				
Advertising, tourism & events	70	11	-	81
Administration	44	-	-	44
Building services	2	-	-	2
Caretaking services	8	2	-	10
Climate Change	274	-	-	274
Collection costs debtors	18	38	-	56
Community Grants	22	22	-	44
Emergency relief	20	-	-	20
Information technology	37	-	-	37
Natural resource management	40	41	-	81
Parks & reserves	51	-	-	51
Roads and stormwater	141	123	-	264
Swimming pool contractor	389	1,673	5	2,067
Waste management	2,208	5,789	2,564	10,561
Welfare	11	11	-	22
Other	9	-	-	9
Total other expenditure commitments	**3,344**	**7,710**	**2,569**	**13,623**
Total contractual commitments	**4,682**	**7,710**	**2,569**	**14,961**

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Note 8.6 Commitments for expenditure *(Continued)*

2025	Not later than 1 year	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	Later than 5 years	Total
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Capital expenditure commitments				
Community, parks and recreation facilities	328	-	-	328
Land developments	30	-	-	30
Local road system	592	-	-	592
Plant & equipment	105	-	-	105
Total capital expenditure commitments	**1,055**	**-**	**-**	**1,055**
Other commitments				
Advertising, Tourism & Events	80	138	-	218
Building services	29	-	-	29
Cleaning services & caretaking toilets	10	9	-	19
Collection costs debtors	15	-	-	15
Community Grants	22	22	-	44
Emergency relief	19	20	-	39
Information technology	151	-	-	151
Natural Resource Management	38	81	-	119
Northern Tasmania Development	95	-	-	95
Planning & development	229	-	-	229
Roads & stormwater	64	-	-	64
Swimming pool contractor	291	7	-	298
Valuation	28	-	-	28
Waste management	2,048	7,077	2,790	11,915
Welfare	11	22	-	33
Other	14	-	-	14
Total other expenditure commitments	**3,144**	**7,376**	**2,790**	**13,310**
Total contractual commitments	**4,199**	**7,376**	**2,790**	**14,365**

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Note 8.7 Financial instruments

a) Interest Rate Risk

The exposure to interest rate risk of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

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				Fixed interest maturing in:				
	Note	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Non interest bearing	Total
			$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	4.67%	12	3,561	-	-	5,359	8,932
Investments	4.2	4.75%	-	24,764	-	-	-	24,764
Trade and other receivables	4.3	10.30%	-	1,472	-	-	714	2,186
Investment in water corporation	5.1		-	-	-	-	63,596	63,596
Total financial assets			12	29,797	-	-	69,669	99,478
Financial liabilities								
Trade and other payables	7.1		-	-	-	-	4,884	4,884
Total financial liabilities			-	-	-	-	4,884	4,884
Net financial assets (liabilities)			12	29,797	-	-	64,785	94,594

2025

				Fixed interest maturing in:				
	Note	Weighted average interest rate	Floating interest rate	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Non interest bearing	Total
			$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	4.1	4.07%	4	3,490	-	-	1,201	4,695
Investments	4.2	4.59%	-	20,764	-	-	-	20,764
Trade and other receivables	4.3	10.11%	-	1,457	-	-	1,391	2,848
Investment in water corporation	5.1		-	-	-	-	61,604	61,604
Total financial assets			4	25,711	-	-	64,196	89,911
Financial liabilities								
Trade and other payables	7.1		-	-	-	-	3,596	3,596
Total financial liabilities			-	-	-	-	3,596	3,596
Net financial assets (liabilities)			4	25,711	-	-	60,600	86,315

b) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is represented by the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position.

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Note 8.7 Financial instruments *(continued)*

c) Classification of financial instruments and net fair values

The classifications and aggregate net fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date are as follows:

	Carrying Amount 2026	Fair Value 2026	Carrying Amount 2025	Fair Value 2025
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets				
Trade and other receivables	2,186	2,186	2,848	2,848
Investments	28,325	28,325	24,254	24,254
Cash and cash equivalents	5,371	5,371	1,205	1,205
Investments in water corporation	63,596	63,596	61,604	61,604
	99,478	99,478	89,911	89,911
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	4,884	4,884	3,596	3,596
	4,884	4,884	3,596	3,596
Net financial assets / (liabilities)	**94,594**	**94,594**	**86,315**	**86,315**

d) Risks and mitigation

The Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Council's risk management framework. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse risks faced by the Council, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

The risks associated with our main financial instruments and our practices for minimising these risks are detailed onwards.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in the market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from interest bearing financial assets and liabilities that Council uses.

Council's liabilities are either non-interest bearing or at fixed rates, so there is no ongoing exposure to interest rate risk for existing financial liabilities. Council obtains loans with competitive fixed interest rates to manage its exposure to interest rate risk when loans are taken. Approvals from the Department of Treasury and Finance are required for any new borrowings.

A component of Council's cash is subject to floating interest rates. It is predicted any variations in future cash flows from interest rate movements will not be material in effect on Council incomes. Interest rate risk on deposits is managed by adopting practices that ensures:

- Conformity with State and Federal regulations and standards,
- Adequate safety,
- Appropriate return on investment,
- Staggering maturity dates to provide for interest rate variations,
- Benchmarking of returns and comparisons with budget.

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Note 8.7 Financial instruments *(continued)*

d) Risks and mitigation *(continued)*

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a contracting entity will not complete its obligations under a financial instrument and cause Council to make a financial loss. Council has exposure to credit risk on some financial assets included in our Statement of Financial Position. To help manage this risk:

- we ensure financial institutions maintaining material Council cash deposits have significant securities and adequate risk-management practices in place and they have a recognised credit rating specified in our investment policy;
- we ensure total amounts invested with any one institution does not exceed the maximum percentage under Council's investment policy;
- we may require collateral where appropriate.

Credit risk arises from Council's financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other receivables. Council's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at balance date is addressed in each applicable policy note. Council generally trades with recognised, creditworthy third parties, and as such collateral is generally not requested, nor is it Council's policy to securitise its trade and other receivables.

Receivables balance are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that Council's exposure to bad debts is not significant. Receivables consist of a large number of customers with no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Credit quality of contractual financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired.

	Financial Institutions	Government Agencies	Other	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
2026				
Cash and cash equivalents	8,932	-	-	8,932
Investments	24,764	-	-	24,764
Trade and other receivables	-	618	29	647
Total contractual financial assets	**33,696**	**618**	**29**	**34,343**
2025				
Cash and cash equivalents	4,695	-	-	4,695
Investments	20,764	-	-	20,764
Trade and other receivables	-	1,239	98	1,337
Total contractual financial assets	**25,459**	**1,239**	**98**	**26,796**

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Ageing of Trade and Other Receivables		
Current (not yet due)	647	1,337
Rate debtors over 60 days past due	1,472	1,447
Sundry debtors over 60 days past due	58	55
Sundry debtors over 30 days past due but less than 60 days	2	3
Sundry debtors less than 30 days past due	7	6
Total trade and other receivables	2,186	2,848

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Note 8.7 Financial instruments *(continued)*

d) Risks and mitigation *(continued)*

Impairment losses

Impairment is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis. When determining whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, and when estimating the ECL, Council considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on Council's historical experience, an informed credit assessment and forward-looking information.

Based on historic rates, the Council believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade receivables despite a negative economic outlook.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Council will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. To help reduce risks, Council monitors budget to actual performance and carries loans well within the lending benchmarks set by Department of Treasury and Finance and in accordance with Council's investment policy. Investments are managed in such a way that Council is able to meet its obligations as and when they fall due. The Council's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

Liquidity analysis

The table below lists the contractual maturities for financial liabilities. These amounts represent undiscounted gross payments including both principal and interest amount.

2026	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	>5 years	Contracted Cash Flow	Carrying Amount
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Trade and other payables	4,884	-	-	-	-	4,884	4,884
	4,884	-	-	-	-	4,884	4,884

2025	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	>5 years	Contracted Cash Flow	Carrying Amount
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Trade and other payables	3,569	-	11	12	4	3,596	3,596
	3,569	-	11	12	4	3,596	3,596

Market rate risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of our financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, such as interest rates. The Council's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk with only insignificant exposure to other price risks and no exposure to foreign currency risk.

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Note 8.7 Financial instruments *(continued)*

e) Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performances, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the Council believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months (Base rates are sourced from the Reserve Bank of

- A parallel shift of +1.5% and -1.5% in market rates (AUD) from year-end rates.

The table below discloses the impact on net operating result and equity for each category of financial instruments held by the Council at year-end, if the above movements were to occur.

2026	Interest rate risk				
	Carrying amount subject to interest	-1.5% 150 basis points		+1.5% 150 basis points	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents*	3,573	(54)	(54)	54	54
Investments	24,764	(371)	(371)	371	371

2025	Interest rate risk				
	Carrying amount subject to interest	-2% 200 basis points		+2% 200 basis points	
		Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents*	3,494	(70)	(70)	70	70
Investments	20,764	(415)	(415)	415	415

* Cash and cash equivalents and investments are both treated as subject to interest rate risk as term deposits are renewed at various times during the year.

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Note 8.8 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Contingent liabilities

Bank guarantees held by Council against the provision of services were $6,976 (2024/25 $nil).

Contingent Assets

A number of developer contributions are to be received in respect of subdivisions under development. As these matters are yet to be finalised, and the financial outcomes are unable to be reliably estimated, no allowance for these contingencies has been made in the financial report.

Note 8.9 Fair value measurements

Council measures and recognises the following assets at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Investment in water corporation
- Land
- Land under roads
- Buildings
- Roads and streets infrastructure
- Bridges
- Stormwater and drainage infrastructure

Council does not measure any liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the Council. The table presents the Council's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 30 June 2026.

The fair values of the assets are determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable data, where it is available, and minimise the use of entity specific estimates. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the asset is included in level 3. This is the case for Council infrastructure assets, which are of a specialist nature for which there is no active market for similar or identical assets. These assets are valued using a combination of observable and unobservable inputs.

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As at 30 June 2026

	Note	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurements		**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Investment in Water Corporation	5.1	-	63,596	63,596
Land	6.1	30,934	-	30,934
Land under roads	6.1	-	102,741	102,741
Buildings	6.1	-	48,100	48,100
Roads and streets infrastructure	6.1	-	181,086	181,086
Bridges	6.1	-	13,149	13,149
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	6.1	-	65,394	65,394
		30,934	474,066	505,000

As at 30 June 2025

	Note	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Recurring fair value measurements		**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Investment in Water Corporation	5.1	-	61,604	61,604
Land	6.1	30,789	-	30,789
Land under roads	6.1	-	102,284	102,284
Buildings	6.1	-	47,934	47,934
Roads and streets infrastructure	6.1	-	168,503	168,503
Bridges	6.1	-	12,454	12,454
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	6.1	-	61,577	61,577
		30,789	454,356	485,145

Note 8.9 Fair value measurements *(continued)*

(a) Fair Value Hierarchy *(continued)*

No transfers between levels occurred during the year and Council had no non-recurring fair value measurements as at 30 June 2026. There have been no changes in valuation techniques throughout the period to 30 June 2026.

(b) Highest and best use

AASB 13 requires the fair value of non-financial assets to be calculated based on their "highest and best use". Council considers that all assets valued at fair value in this note are being used for their highest and best use.

(c) Valuation techniques and significant inputs used to derive fair values

Investment in Water Corporation (level 3)

Refer to Notes 6.1 for detail of valuation techniques used to derive fair values.

Land (level 2)

Land is based on valuations determined by the Valuer-General effective 1 July 2021 and has since been updated by the application of Valuer-General adjustment Factors in 2025-26. The valuations are determined after in-depth research of property sales and rental information within each municipal area and each market sector. General attributes that are taken into consideration include land area, location, views and aspect; access to services such as water supply, sewerage, electricity and roads; the present use of the land, its zoning and the land's highest and best use.

Land under roads (level 3)

The value of the Land Under Road network at 30 June 2024 is based on valuation data determined by the Valuer-General. The valuation approach uses site values adjusted for englobo (undeveloped and/or unserviced) characteristics, access rights, private interests of other parties and entitlements of infrastructure assets and services. This adjustment is an unobservable input in the valuation.

Buildings (level 3)

The fair value of buildings were determined by independent valuer, Herron Todd White, effective 28th February 2025. Values have since been indexed to June 2026 based on the movement in the "Non-residential building constriction Tasmania" index issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The index movement applied since February 2025 was 1.7%. The gross current values have been derived from reference to market data for recent projects and costing guides. The most significant input into this valuation approach was price per square metre.

In determining the level of accumulated depreciation, allowance has been made for the typical asset life cycle and the condition of the asset. Condition was assessed taking into account both physical characteristics as well as holistic factors such as functionality, capability, utilisation and obsolescence. Buildings where the impact of componentisation could materially impact depreciation have been disaggregated into significant components which exhibited different useful lives.

Infrastructure assets (level 3) - Roads, streets, stormwater, drainage and bridges

Current replacement costs were measured at the cost of replacing the existing economic benefits based on an efficient set of modern equivalent assets to achieve the required level of service output.

The valuation approach estimated the replacement cost of each asset by componentising the assets into significant parts with different useful lives and taking into account a range of factors. The calculation of current replacement cost involves a number of inputs that require judgement and are therefore classed as unobservable.

Council assumes that environmental factors such as soil type, climate and topography are constant across each segment. Council also assumes a segment is designed and constructed to the same standard and uses a consistent amount of labour and materials.

In determining the level of accumulated depreciation, infrastructure assets were disaggregated into significant components which exhibited different useful lives. In most instances the replacement cost has been depreciated from the actual construction date to the valuation date against a notional useful life. However where condition assessments did not support the remaining life estimate under this approach, the replacement cost was depreciated using a re-assessed remaining life estimate based on condition against the "notional" useful life. Estimated useful lives are disclosed in note 3.3 to the Financial Report.

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Note 8.9 Fair value measurements *(continued)*

(c) Valuation techniques and significant inputs used to derive fair values *(continued)*

Methods for calculating current replacement cost

Bridges current replacement cost (level 3)
A full valuation of bridges was undertaken by AusSpan effective 30th June 2025. Values have since been indexed up to 30th June 2026 based on the movement of the ABS road and bridge construction index Australia (Index number 3101). The movement of the index for 2025-26 was 5.8%. Each bridge is assessed individually and componentised into sub-assets representing the deck and sub-structure. The valuation is based on the material type used for construction and the deck and sub-structure area. The next revaluation of bridges is planned to occur during 2026-27.

Roads and streets current replacement cost (level 3)
A full valuation of roads and streets infrastructure was undertaken 1st of July 2023 by Council staff. Values have since been indexed up to 30th June 2026 based on the movement of the ABS road and bridge construction index Australia (Index number 3101). The index movement used to update values as at 30th June 2026 was 6.6%.The next revaluation of roads and streets is aimed to occur during 2026-27.

The unit rates and quantities applied to determine the current replacement cost were mainly based on a "Brownfield" assumption with the exception of earthworks. Unit rates were constructed from various sources including supplier contract rates, subdivision as constructed costs, Council's Works Department costs, supplier price lists and construction handbook rates. Additional cost factors included engineering design, earthworks, site preparation, project management, traffic management, contingency costs and reinstatement.

Stormwater and drainage infrastructure current replacement cost (level 3)
A full valuation of stormwater and drainage infrastructure was undertaken 1st of July 2023 by Council staff. Current replacement was calculated by the use of unit rates. Values have since been indexed up to 30th June 2026 based on the average movements between the ABS index Heavy and civil engineering construction Australia (Index number 31) and Other heavy and civil engineering construction Australia (Index number 3109). The index movement used to update values as at 30th June 2026 was 4.2%. The next revaluation of stormwater and drainage is aimed to occur during 2026-27.

Construction unit rates were obtained by rates from suppliers, cost guides and subdivision asset price averages. Additional costs factors taken into account were reinstatement, traffic management, contingency, supervision, engineering, CCTV and transport.

(d) Unobservable inputs and sensitivities

Asset/liability categ	Carrying amount (at fair value)	Key unobservable inputs*	Expected range of inputs	Description of changes in inputs will affect the fair value
Investment in water corporation	$63.6m	Refer to Note 5.1 for a description of the valuation basis		

*There were no significant inter-relationships between unobservable inputs that materially affect fair values.

(e) Changes in recurring level 3 fair value measurements

The changes in level 3 assets with recurring fair value measurements are detailed in note 6.1 (Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment). Investment in water corporation, which is classified as level 3 has been separately disclosed in note 5.1.

There have been no transfers between level 1, 2 or 3 measurements during the year.

Valuation processes
Council's current policy for the valuation of land, buildings, roads, bridges, stormwater and investment in water corporation (recurring fair value measurements) is set out in notes 5.1 and 6.1 respectively.

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Note 8.9 Fair value measurements *(continued)*

(f) Valuation techniques and significant inputs used to derive fair values *(continued)*

Assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed
Council has assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value, but for which fair values are disclosed in other notes. Council borrowings are measured at amortised cost with interest recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

Note 8.10 Operating leases as lessor

Council is a lessor and enters into agreements with a number of lessees. These include commercial and non commercial agreements. Most commercial leases are related to occupancies of Council's Health and Well-Being Centre at Windsor Community Precinct.

The future (undiscounted) lease payments to be received on an annual basis for all operating leases are as follows:

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Maturity analysis of operating lease payments to be received		
Year 1	219	510
Year 2	124	108
Year 3	120	21
Year 4	124	10
Year 5	127	11
Year 6 and onwards	116	57
Total	**830**	**717**
The following table presents the amounts reported in profit or loss:		
Lease income on operating leases	803	791

Note 9 Other matters

Note 9.1 Events occurring after balance date

There are no subsequent events after 30 June 2026 that have had a material impact on the accounts.

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Note 9.2 Related party transactions

(a) Councillor Remuneration

Section 72(1)(cb) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the disclosure of expenses paid to Councillors.

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Name	Position	Period	Allowances	Vehicles[1]	Expenses[2]	Total allowances and expenses section 72
			$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Mrs C Holmdahl	Mayor	Full Year	102	10	12	124
Mrs J Greene	Deputy Mayor	Part Year	7	-	-	7
Mrs J Allen	Councillor / Acting Deputy Mayor	Full Year	34	-	3	37
Mr G Lyons	Councillor	Full Year	30	-	7	37
Mr R Shegog	Councillor / Deputy Mayor	Full Year	52	-	5	57
Mr R Ireland	Councillor	Full Year	31	-	1	32
Mr L Ferguson	Councillor	Full Year	29	-	1	30
Mr J Manticas	Councillor	Full year	32	-	3	35
Dr J Sladden	Councillor	Full Year	29	-	3	32
Mrs C Larner	Councillor	Part Year	27	-	2	29
Total			**373**	**10**	**37**	**420**

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Name	Position	Period	Allowances	Vehicles[1]	Expenses[2]	Total allowances and expenses section 72
			$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Mrs C Holmdahl	Mayor	Full Year	92	18	15	125
Mrs J Greene	Deputy Mayor	Full Year	48	-	3	51
Mrs J Allen	Councillor / Acting Deputy Mayor	Full Year	31	-	1	32
Mr G Lyons	Councillor	Full Year	28	-	5	33
Mr R Shegog	Councillor	Full Year	28	-	5	33
Mr R Ireland	Councillor	Full Year	30	-	1	31
Mr L Ferguson	Councillor	Full Year	26	-	1	27
Mr J Manticas	Councillor	Full year	30	-	6	36
Dr J Sladden	Councillor	Full Year	27	-	2	29
Total			**340**	**18**	**39**	**397**

[1] Includes total cost of providing and maintaining vehicles provided for private use, including registration, insurance, fuel and other consumables, depreciation and maintenance cost

[2] Section 72(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the disclosure of expenses paid to Councillors. The main category of Councillor expenses directly relate to communications (i.e. telephone and internet costs). Other areas include travel and accommodation costs with attending a conference or function.

(b) Key management personnel remuneration

Section 72(1)(cd) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to report the total annual remuneration paid to employees of the Council who hold positions designated by the Council as being senior positions.

Senior Positions

Chief Executive Officer: Kristen Desmond

Director Community & Corporate, Acting CEO: David Gregory

Director People, Culture & Safety: Richard Heyward

Acting Director People, Culture & Safety: Seven Summits HR (10/09/2025 to 17/10/2025)

Manager Works: Michael Foster (left 2/08/2024)

Acting Director Corporate: Jason Barker (14/12/2024 to 07/02/2025)

Acting Director Community: Elizabeth Nye (14/12/2024 to 07/02/2025)

Director Planning & Development, Acting CEO: Michelle Riley

Director Community Assets, Acting CEO: Dino De Paoli

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Note 9.2 Related party transactions *(continued)*

(b) Key management personnel remuneration *(continued)*

2026

Annualised remuneration band[1]	Employees number[2]	Short term employee benefits		Post employment benefits		Non monetary benefit[7]	Total
		Salary[3]	Vehicles & Other Benefits[4]	Super-annuation[5]	Termination benefits[6]		
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
$180,000 - $200,000	2	314	17	44	-	16	391
$220,000 - $240,000	1	189	14	26	-	7	236
$240,000 - $260,000	1	179	18	25	-	33	255
$340,000 - $360,000	1	256	20	38	-	29	343
		938	69	133	-	85	1,225

Seven Summits HR was remunerated $16,160 for acting arrangements for the Director of People, Culture & Safety.

2025

Annualised remuneration band[1]	Employees number[2]	Short term employee benefits		Post employment benefits		Non monetary benefit[7]	Total
		Salary[3]	Vehicles & Other Benefits[4]	Super-annuation[5]	Termination benefits[6]		
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
$160,000 - $180,000	1	23	3	3	-	2	31
$180,000 - $200,000	4	362	35	56	94	4	551
$200,000 - $220,000	1	170	17	24	-	20	231
$220,000 - $240,000	1	186	15	26	-	(13)	214
$280,000 - $300,000	1	242	20	35	-	8	305
		983	90	144	94	21	1,332

[1] Annualised remuneration includes salary payable, employer contributions to superannuation, value of the use of any motor vehicle provided to the employee and the value of any other allowance or benefit to or provided for the benefit of the employee.

[2] Number of employees includes total number of employees that held a key management personnel position during the financial year.

[3] Gross Salary includes all forms of consideration paid and payable for services rendered, compensated absences during the period and salary sacrifice amounts.

[4] Vehicles based on gross taxable value of the car fringe benefit. Other benefits include travel benefits paid based on gross taxable value of the fringe benefit and is only applicable to the highest remuneration band listed.

[5] Superannuation means the contribution to the superannuation fund of the individual.

[6] Termination benefits include all forms of benefit paid or accrued as a consequence of termination.

[7] Non monetary benefits include annual, long service and time in lieu leave movements.

(c) Remuneration principles

Councillors

Regulation 42(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025 (the Regulations)* specifies the allowances payable to councillors, mayors and deputy mayors. Further, Council has adopted guidelines for expenses which provides for reimbursements of relevant council expenditure.

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Note 9.2 Related party transactions *(continued)*

(c) Remuneration principles *(continued)*

Management

The employment terms and conditions of management are contained in individual employment contracts and prescribe total remuneration, superannuation, annual and long service leave and vehicle and salary sacrifice provisions. In addition to their salaries, council contributes to post-employment superannuation plans on their behalf.

The performance of each manager and director, including the Chief Executive Officer, is reviewed annually which includes a review of their remuneration package.

Acting arrangements

When members of key management personnel are unable to fulfil their duties, consideration is given to appointing other members of senior staff to their position during their period of absence.

Individuals are considered members of key management personnel when acting arrangements are for more than a period of one month.

(d) Transactions with related parties

During the period Council entered into no transactions with related parties

(e) Reporting of material interests under the *Local Government Act 1993*

In accordance with s84(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, no interests have been notified to the General Manager / Chief Executive Officer in respect of any body or organisation with which the Council has major financial dealings.

Note 9.3 Special committees

The statements include transactions for the following Special Committees:

		Revenue $'000	Expenses $'000	Cash $'000
Exeter Recreation Centre	2025/26	11	91	-
	2024/25	9	91	-
Rowella Hall	2025/26	7	4	27
	2024/25	13	8	24
Winkleigh Hall	2025/26	15	8	13
	2024/25	2	4	6
TOTAL	**2025/26**	**33**	**102**	**40**
	2024/25	**24**	**103**	**30**

The cash balances form part of the cash at bank or investments balance as appropriate.

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Note 9.4 Other significant accounting policies and pending accounting standards

(a) Taxation

Council is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax, Land Tax, Payroll Tax and Goods and Services Tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a GST inclusive basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(b) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, Council reviews the carrying value of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the assets carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income, unless the asset is carried at the revalued amount in which case, the impairment loss is recognised directly against the revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

For non-cash generating assets of Council such as roads, drains, public buildings and the like, value in use is represented by the deprival value of the asset approximated by its written down replacement cost.

(c) Allocation between current and non-current

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within Council's operational cycle of 12 months, or if Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

(d) Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value. Contingent assets and liabilities are presented inclusive of GST receivable or payable respectively in note 8.8.

Commitments are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position. Commitments are disclosed at their nominal value inclusive of the GST payable.

(e) Budget

The estimated revenue and expense amounts in the Statement of Comprehensive Income represent original budget figures where relevant.

(f) Adoption of new and amended accounting standards

In the current year, Council has reviewed and assessed all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and determined that none would have a material effect on Council's operations or financial reporting.

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Note 9.4 Other significant accounting policies and pending accounting standards *(continued)*

(g) Pending accounting standards

Certain new Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2026 reporting period. Council assesses the impact of these new standards.
The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has issued AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements. When applicable AASB 18 supersedes AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements. AASB 18 aims to improve how entities communicate in their financial statements, with a focus on information about financial performance in the statement of profit or loss. It is expected to result in presentation and disclosure changes, primarily to Council's Comprehensive Income Statement. AASB 18 is expected to first apply to Council for the 2028-29 financial year.

Note 9.5 Significant business activities

Council is required to report the operating capital and competitive neutrality costs in respect of each significant business activity undertaken by the council. Council has determined that there are no such significant business activities.

Note 9.6 Material Budget Variations

Council's original budget was adopted in June 2025 with a capital review approved in August 2025. The original projections on which the budget was based have been affected by a number of factors. These include Federal decisions on grant timing, changing economic activity, the weather, and by decisions made by the Council. Some material variations of more than 10% and $100,000 impacting comprehensive income are explained below:

	Note	Original Budget $'000	Actual $'000	Variance $'000
Income				
Grants	1	5,496	6,675	1,179
Interest	2	920	1,306	386
Other income	3	444	604	160
Capital				
Capital grants	4	7,378	2,862	(4,516)
Net gain / (loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	5	(475)	47	522
Expenses				
Other expenses	6	1,521	1,292	(229)

Notes

[1.] Council received an early payment in June 2026 of $3.6m being 85% of 2026-27 grant instalments of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants. This was partially offset by the early receipt of $2.201m for 50% of 2025-26 instalments in June 2025. Budgets were set in anticipation of no prepayment of financial assistance grant instalments. Further Council had a lag of $0.36m in use of trails strategy funding from the state and $0.15m in climate resilience funding from the Commonwealth.

[2] Increased interest revenue from greater than estimated interest rates and greater than estimated investment funds.

[3] Variations mainly driven by public open space contributions and recycling rebates but partially offset from timing impacts of reimbursements from the regional climate change program being administered through Council's accounts.

[4] The majority of variances relate to timing of grant activity.

[5] The variance mainly caused from sale of land at Innova Business Park

[6] Legal, landslip investigations and valuation expenditure together $0.18m below budget with many minor variances making up much of the remaining variance

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Note 9.7 Management indicators

(a) Underlying result

The intent of the underlying result is to show the outcome of a council's normal or usual day to day operations.

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Net Result For The Year	**11,222**	**6,161**	**10,054**	**9,076**
less non operational income				
Contributions and recognition of assets	(2,957)	(4,066)	(3,211)	(1,485)
Capital grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	(2,862)	(2,664)	(4,221)	(3,067)
Profit on disposal of land	(578)	-	-	-
Federal assistance grants received in advance				
Allocation received in prior financial year	2,201	3,742	4,469	2,866
Allocation received for future financial year	(3,608)	(2,200)	(3,742)	(4,469)
***add* non operational expenses**				
Landslip investigations	-	-	-	47
Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	**3,418**	**973**	**3,349**	**2,968**

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Financial management indicators				
Underlying surplus or deficit	**3,418**	**973**	**3,349**	**2,968**
Benchmark $0				

The surplus results above the benchmark in all years and their size are positive indicators towards assessments of sustainability. Except for 2020/21 budgeting, Council had intended surplus results above the benchmark as part of Council's longer term strategic approach to sustainability.

Underlying surplus ratio	**8.7%**	**2.6%**	**9.6%**	**9.2%**
Benchmark 0%				
Underlying surplus or deficit	3,418	973	3,349	2,968
Recurrent income	39,345	36,722	34,834	32,165

The underlying surplus ratio assesses overall financial operating effectiveness. The positive results in all years indicate sufficient operating revenue by Council to cover its operational expenses.

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Note 9.7 Management indicators *(continued)*

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
(b) Asset management indicators				
Net financial liabilities	**27,188**	**19,904**	**21,309**	**17,084**
Benchmark $0				
Liquid assets less	35,882	28,307	27,873	26,875
Total liabilities	(8,694)	(8,403)	(6,564)	(9,791)

Net financial liabilities can be used to assess whether total liabilities can be met by liquid assets. The size of the excess over the benchmark indicates that Council can easily meet its liabilities from liquid assets.

Net financial liabilities ratio	**69%**	**54%**	**59%**	**66%**
Benchmark 0%- (50)%				
Net financial liabilities	27,188	19,904	20,510	21,309
Recurrent income	39,345	36,722	34,834	32,165

The net financial liabilities ratio indicates the extent to which net financial liabilities could be met by recurrent income. The positive ratios outside the benchmark indicate Council was in an acceptable liquidity position with Council able to meet existing commitments and in a position of capacity to borrow.

Asset consumption ratio

Benchmark > 60%

An asset consumption ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.

Buildings	**58%**	**58%**	**59%**	**60%**
Fair value (Carrying amount)	48,100	47,934	43,171	42,786
Current replacement cost (Gross)	82,409	82,647	73,188	71,066
Transport Infrastructure	**65%**	**65%**	**65%**	**65%**
Fair value (Carrying amount)	194,235	180,957	173,032	169,126
Current replacement cost (Gross)	298,624	277,123	265,445	258,757
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	**69%**	**69%**	**69%**	**70%**
Fair value (Carrying amount)	65,394	61,577	59,230	54,907
Current replacement cost (Gross)	94,911	88,876	85,292	78,521

This ratio assesses the level of service potential available in Council's existing asset base. The higher the percentage, the greater future service potential is available to provide service to ratepayers. The percentage results more than meet the benchmark to indicate a low asset sustainability risk.

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Note 9.7 Management indicators *(continued)*

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000	2024 $'000	2023 $'000
Asset renewal funding ratio				
Benchmark 90-100%				
An asset renewal funding ratio has been calculated in relation to each asset class required to be included in the long-term strategic asset management plan of Council.				
Buildings	**100%**	**100%**	**132%**	**100%**
Projected capital funding outlays**	3,948	3,974	4,706	5,288
Projected capital expenditure funding***	3,948	3,974	3,575	5,288
Transport Infrastructure	**100%**	**100%**	**109%**	**100%**
Projected capital funding outlays**	23,444	23,066	23,935	27,262
Projected capital expenditure funding***	23,444	23,066	22,027	27,262
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	**100%**	**100%**	**95%**	**100%**
Projected capital funding outlays**	3,290	3,311	2,824	3,171
Projected capital expenditure funding***	3,290	3,311	2,979	3,171

**Current value of projected capital funding outlays for an asset identified in Council's long-term financial plan.
***Value of projected capital expenditure funding for an asset identified in Council's long-term strategic asset management plan.

The asset renewal funding ratio is used to assess Council's capacity to fund future asset replacement requirements. The results meet or exceed the benchmark indicating Council is accommodating dollars sufficiently in planning for projected renewals for the asset classes reported.

Asset sustainability ratio	**70%**	**85%**	**118%**	**98%**
Benchmark 100%				
Capex on renewal of existing assets	5,303	7,128	8,127	6,121
Annual depreciation expense (note 3.3)	7,598	8,397	6,885	6,228

The asset sustainability ratio assesses the extent to which Council is maintaining operating capacity through renewal of the existing asset base. The benchmark is generic and the results below the benchmark should be viewed with caution as depreciation costs tend to be relatively stable over a period of time whereas capital renewal requirements can tend to be much more variable. Generally a high asset consumption ratio would indicate an expectation of a low asset sustainability ratio.

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Note 9.7 Management indicators *(continued)*

2026

Asset Class	Capital renewal expenditure $'000	Capital new/ upgrade expenditure $'000	Total capital expenditure $'000
Plant and machinery	261	-	261
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	692	35	727
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	77	435	512
Roads and streets infrastructure	1,656	915	2,571
Bridges	201	47	248
Buildings	244	813	1,057
Parks, recreation and community amenities	2,172	1,653	3,825
Land and land developments	-	160	160
	5,303	4,058	9,361

2025

Asset Class	Capital renewal expenditure $'000	Capital new/ upgrade expenditure $'000	Total capital expenditure $'000
Plant and machinery	1,267	46	1,313
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	264	50	314
Stormwater and drainage infrastructure	28	-	28
Roads and streets infrastructure	2,793	496	3,289
Bridges	29	29	58
Buildings	206	318	524
Parks, recreation and community amenities	2,541	1,627	4,168
Land and land developments	-	2,115	2,115
	7,128	4,681	11,809

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Note 9.8 Auditor's remuneration

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Audit fees to conduct external audit - Audit Tasmania		
Auditing the financial report	53	52
Auditing grant acquittals and travel claims	15	2
	68	54

Certification of the Financial Report

The financial report presents fairly the financial position of the West Tamar Council as at 30 June 2026, the results of its operations for the year then ended and the cash flows of the Council, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Australian Accounting Standards (including interpretations) and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.



Chief Executive Officer
Kristen Desmond

Dated 22/9/26

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.



Audit Tasmania

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Councillors of West Tamar Council

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of West Tamar Council (Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement of certification signed by the Chief Executive Officer.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

(a) presents fairly, in all material respects, Council's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended

(b) is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Local*

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Government Act 1993 and for such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for assessing Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament or the Councillors intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Chief Executive Officer's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause Council to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Chief Executive Officer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

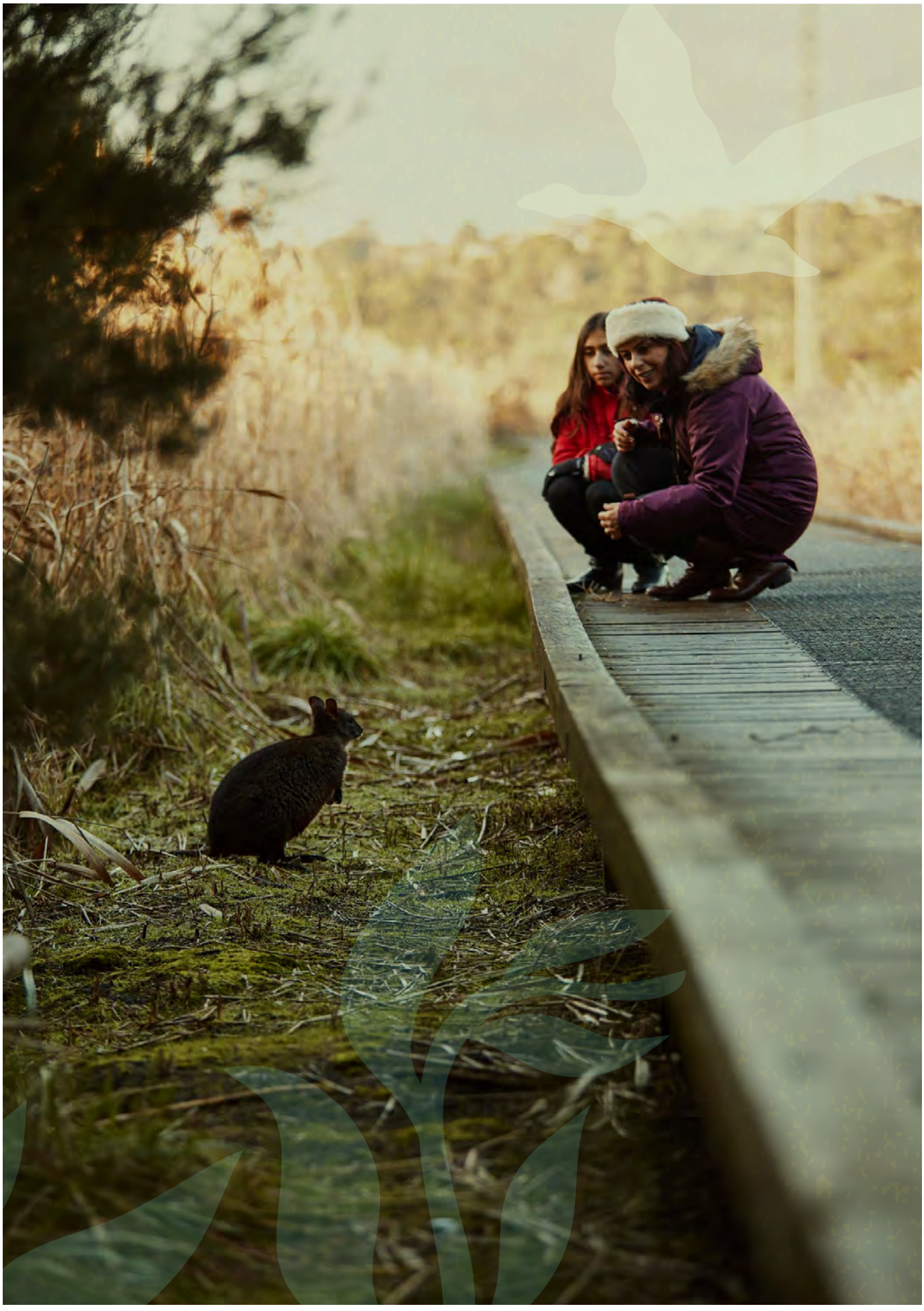


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Director, Financial and Sustainability Audit
Delegate of the Auditor-General

22 September 2026
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COUNCIL

8.7 CEO 7 - Public Meeting Report

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive Officer - Kristen Desmond

REPORT DATE: 14 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:
1. [**8.7.1**] Submission 1
2. [**8.7.2**] Submission 2

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the outcome of the Public Meeting into road safety in Exeter held on Tuesday 13 October 2026.

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 September 2026, Council tabled a petition received from Ms Anne Brumby of Exeter entitled "Petition regarding road safety in Exeter". The petition requested "*that we the residents of the West Tamar call on the West Tamar Council to hold a public meeting regarding the road safety issues relating to pedestrians and vehicles on the Main Street of Exeter between Frankford Highway and Glen Ard Mohr Road*".

Whilst the petition did not meet the minimum number of signatures required under the *Local Government Act 1993* (**the Act**) to automatically enact a public meeting, Council exercised its ability under section 60(3) of the Act and resolved to hold a public meeting regarding the subject matter of the petition. Accordingly, Council had 30 days from the meeting held on 15 September 2026 to hold a public meeting.

On 13 October 2026, Council held a public meeting to discuss the following:

1. The road safety issues relating to pedestrians and vehicles on the Main Street of Exeter between Frankford Highway and Glen Ard Mohr Road; and

2. Council's advocacy position that roundabouts be constructed at the intersections of the West Tamar Highway with Frankford Road and Glen Ard Mohr Road, and that a signalised pedestrian crossing be installed on the West Tamar Highway in the Exeter shopping strip.

As required by Section 60A of the Act, Council now provides this report to report a summary of any submission received and any decision made at the public meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 2: Centres and destinations are active, useful and confidently local

2.2 Improve access, walkability, public spaces, amenity and infrastructure that is event-ready so towns feel worth using, not just worth driving through.

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 4: West Tamar grows from its distinctive strengths without weakening them

4.5 Work regionally where it improves outcomes for West Tamar, while keeping West Tamar's own priorities, identity and environmental limits clear.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

Public Meeting Submissions Summary & Order of Business

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk is considered to be low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of the outcome of the public meeting will be variable depending on any actions decided on by Council.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors occurred at the Pre-Meeting Workshop on 15 September 2026 and with the community at the Public Meeting in Exeter held on 13 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As required under the Act, Council now provides the summary of the submission and the decisions made at the Public Meeting.

Submission Summary

Total Submissions Received:	2

Submission 1:

Current situation:	Current pedestrian crossings are not in accessible locations for main public, create obstacles for larger vehicles and reduce parking.
Response to Council's advocacy position:	Opposition to roundabouts at Frankford Road intersection and Glen Ard Mohr intersection.
Suggested solution:	Suggestion of road hump/crossing with continuous orange flashing lights. Suggested location of middle of shopping precinct, opposite hardware store or hairdressers. Pedestrian right of way.

Submission 2:

Current situation:	Traffic is at least half made up of people who are travelling to Exeter as a destination. This requires parking and a capacity to turn around. The main street of the shopping centre gets more dangerous as trucks get bigger. It is too narrow for big trucks.
Response to Council's advocacy position:	Support for pedestrian signals. Opposition to two roundabout proposal as considered to be very disruptive and a very expensive short term proposition. It will allow for the destination issue, it does not deal with the truck issue.
Suggested solution:	Design of the future bypass to occur, parking on the north side of the shopping centre block.

The full submissions are attached to this report for reference.

Meeting attendance and statements

The public meeting was attended by 50 members of the community. 10 community members chose to speak at the meeting:

1. Anne Brumby (as petitioner)
2. Barry Blenkhorn
3. Peter Kearney
4. Richard Beckett
5. Jamie Walker
6. Jane Horwood
7. Cheryl Swan
8. Justine Brooks
9. Jack Davenport
10. David Duncan

Decisions

Following all speakers, the Chief Executive Officer, as Chair of the meeting, sought to test support for Council's stated advocacy position followed by other motions arising from the key points raised by the speakers. Voting was carried out by show of hands.

Motion 1: Council's advocacy position

A motion for community support Council's advocacy position that roundabouts be constructed at the intersections of the West Tamar Highway with Frankford Road and Glen Ard Mohr Road, and that a signalised pedestrian crossing be installed on the West Tamar Highway in the Exeter shopping strip was LOST.

Motion 2: Signalised pedestrian crossing

A motion for community support for a signalised pedestrian crossing in the Exeter shopping strip was CARRIED.

Motion 3: Bypass (longer term, heavy vehicles)

A motion for community support for a longer-term solution by the construction of a bypass designed for heavy vehicles was CARRIED.

Motion 4: Moving the speed limit signs (moving further out)

A motion for community support for the 40km speed limit signs to be moved further out to allow for a larger zone and better sight lines and notice of the change in speed limit was CARRIED.

Motion 5: Explore where parking changes assist sight lines, pedestrian safety and access (including disabled access)

A motion for community support for Council to explore changes to the current parking (without a reduction in available parking) to assist sight lines for vehicular traffic, pedestrian safety and access (including disabled access) was CARRIED.

Other themes included:

- a lack of support for a roundabout at Glen Ard Mohr Road
- the potential to open up the "Goat Track" to allow direct access to Gravelly Beach
- lack of support for the current trial pedestrian refuges, citing difficulties for heavy traffic and improper placement for ideal pedestrian usage along the strip.

The overall community sentiment was that the safety of all road users – vehicles and pedestrians alike – needs to be considered as a priority by both Council and the State government.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. acknowledges the concerns of the community in relation to safety in Exeter;
2. acknowledges the community support for:
    a. a signalised pedestrian crossing;
    b. a bypass;
    c. moving the speed limit signs further out; and
    d. exploring changes to the current parking situation;
3. defers consideration of next steps in relation to advocacy to the November 2026 Interim Workshop for discussion with the new Council.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

From: [redacted]
To: WTC General Enquiries
Subject: I2026332710 - Exeter Road Safety
Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2026 10:06:40 AM

You don't often get email from [redacted]. Learn why this is important

In relation to the Exeter Road Safety, I am opposed to the idea of roundabouts at the Frankford Road Intersection and the Glen Ard Mohr intersection. The trucks that use our roads are already under pressure with tight turns etc. Not sure that a roundabout at either end of the main shopping centre will slow traffic.

I understand that we need to slow traffic through the shopping precinct and the current pedestrian crossings are in the wrong locations. My suggestion is a road hump/crossing similar to the one at the entrance to Foreshore Road at Legana where pedestrians have the right of way and can cross safely or as I have suggested previously, lights for pedestrians similar to the ones outside the Launceston General Hospital where they are flashing orange continually and traffic needs to stop when pedestrians need to cross. Location for this I suggest is in the middle of the shopping precinct, maybe opposite the Hardware store or Hairdressers. The current pedestrian crossings are not in accessible locations for the main public to use and create obstacles for larger vehicles and also reduces the parking along the street.

Kind regards
Judy Beane

Public Meeting Exeter Road Safety 13 October 2026

Submission for the meeting from Peter Kearney.

Background.

We met in the upstairs area of the flat above the northern supermarket in Exeter. Bill Green, the Supermarket owners, Rene Hidding, myself, one or two others. In late 1996 or early 1997.

We discussed Exeter traffic and the Exeter Shopping Centre.

We agreed to have an architect do a simple concept plan. The plan faced the shopping centre north with car parking in the area north of the shops.

The plan had the traffic moving around the shopping centre block. People coming to Exeter from the Beaconsfield direction would enter at the north of the shopping centre, using the shopping centre block as a circuit exiting along Murray St.

Those coming from the south would enter via Murray St and Exit from the car park space north of the shops.

I agreed to put this to the Council. Nearly 30 years ago.

I got told that this was not council business!

New councillor, taking initiative, Dreadful!!

Many people at this meeting have been asked to engage with Exeter shops and Exeter traffic in the distant and recent past.

What was needed and still needs to occur was, to my mind, bleeding obvious. Still is, but harder to do now.

I would like to apologise to the people of Exeter that despite many attempts I have never managed to get support for what was and is needed. Maybe this time things will change!

Traffic in Exeter

Exeter is a natural market town.

Meaning it's location makes it the natural place for businesses to locate.

Traffic in Exeter is at least half made up of people who are travelling to Exeter as a destination. That means there has to be parking and a capacity to turn around.

The rest of the traffic is either through traffic or traffic going off to the Frankford Highway.

The road through Exeter is the West Tamar Highway. That is significant. Because it is a truck route. As the trucks get bigger, the main street of the shopping centre gets more dangerous. It is too narrow for big trucks.

The proposal suggested. The Council's Proposal.

The pedestrian signals. Yes, if they can be agreed by the Road Authorities. I support getting pedestrian signals

I do not support the council's two roundabout proposal. It will be a very disruptive and a very expensive short term proposition. It will allow, to an extent, for the destination issue (turning around to go back to where you came from). It absolutely does not deal with the truck issue.

A vision for Exeter as a township.

The proposal has no vision about the long term for Exeter.

Exeter is increasingly becoming more than just a shopping centre. It is a significant service centre. It has a remarkable number of services that make it a good place now and will become an even better place in the future.

The Hub, the Hotel, Bert Munro's, Tamar Wine Centre and the Exeter Show building are all growing their business and changing how Exeter is viewed. One part of a future Exeter Vision is that of a place you go to eat, especially at weekends.

The Exeter District Structure Plan 2026

This Plan contains the really important proposal for meeting the road traffic needs of Exeter.

Growth and Development Opportunity No 8 is the

'Future Exeter By-pass'.

The plan says 'a heavy vehicle by-pass of Exeter town centre to improve amenity and safety'.

That is exactly what this meeting is called to deal with?

So: **The first action that needs to occur is for the design of that 'Future Exeter By-pass' to occur.**

Then we will know what the traffic impacts will be on Exeter township. With an Exeter By-pass (more than just heavy vehicles) in place, the other Exeter traffic issues will be easier

to resolve. The economic impact can be assessed. Other connected projects are detailed in the Structure Plan.

For example **Growth and Development Opportunities No 5**

This Item No 5 addresses the Exeter 'Loop. So the traffic that comes to Exeter as a destination can travel around the shopping block and then go back the way they have come from.

This Item No 5 needs to have parking added to it. On the North side of the Shopping Centre block. Where it was proposed 30 years ago!!

Then Exeter as 'A Town' can then develop as a town.

Funding.

Getting money for any proposal will be difficult. Especially over the next decade. But serious long term rigorous proposals will have the traction that expensive short term proposals will not. It will be Federal money that will be needed. The Federal road authorities will have to be convinced.

Conclusion.

The Exeter By-pass corridor will be complex. That is why design should start soon. Not least will be ensuring that the Exeter High School farm retains sufficient land area, as much or more land area as it has now, so it can continue to deliver it's really valued agricultural education programs.

I commend this submission to the meeting and the council

Peter Kearney OAM

9 GOVERNANCE

Nil

10 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 Special 1 - Youth Advisory Council Minutes - September

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 10 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.1.1**] YAC Minutes - 10 September 2026

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the minutes of the most recent Youth Advisory Council (**YAC**) meeting to Councillors for noting.

BACKGROUND

YAC holds monthly meetings at the Windsor Community Precinct after school hours chaired by the Youth Mayor. The meetings are recorded through meeting minutes in order to record and report on the activities of YAC and discussions held.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 8: West Tamar works better across life stages, with stronger youth pathways and better conditions to age well in place

8.2 Expand youth spaces, local activity, early work links and ways to get around that respond to boredom, isolation and the need to stay connected to school, sport, work and friends.

8.3 Improve age-friendly movement, clear information, outreach links and accessible community places so older residents can stay active, independent and involved for longer.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

West Tamar Youth Strategy 2023-2026

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

LOW – YAC is an established and ongoing initiative. The membership process is transparent, and activities are recorded and reported each month. YAC is facilitated by the Council's Youth Development Officer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The minutes for the 10 September 2026, YAC meeting are provided to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the Youth Advisory Council Meeting held on 10 September 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

West Tamar COUNCIL	**MINUTES** **WEST TAMAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

DATE/TIME	10 September 2026	4.00PM	**VENUE**	Windsor Community Precinct
PRESENT	Arianna, Ruth, Josie, Nina, Millie, Evie, Jack, Esther, Serena, Jolisa (V), Kirsten (YDO), Michael, Cr Allen, Cr Ferguson			
APOLOGIES	Sam, Elizabeth, Nicole, Cr Holmdahl			

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1.1 GENERAL BUSINESS AND YAC MEMBERSHIP

Introduction

Chairperson: Millie
Acknowledgement of Country: Millie
Minutes: Josie

Previous meeting minutes

Minutes moved by Esther, Seconded by Evie

New member application

We had 2 new member applications – Meg and Isabelle.

- Meg, due to conflict-of-interest Evie and Cr Ferguson stepped out of the room. Meg's application was endorsed by Esther and seconded by Jack.
- Isabelle's application was endorsed by Jack and seconded by Nina.

Youth Mayor Update

- Since the last meeting Millie has completed another public speaking session with Dylan. Millie also attended council meeting and a Citizenship Ceremony.

Advice to Council

- Ruth – The Windsor Community Precinct (opposite the doctors) is boring and appears neglected. The seats are broken on the swing play equipment, and it seems dangerous. Esther suggested we add water features and more play equipment to the area.
- Evie – Requested update on the status of Cleghorn Avenue parking situation.
- Serena – Requested update on enquiry about Beaconsfield Community Hall accessible toilets.
- Millie – Provided positive feedback on the Rosie's Reading corner in the Windsor Community Precinct.
- Jolisa – Suggested installation of streetlights between the Beaconsfield skatepark and Tamar Treasures shop. She said recently her Mum and her were walking home from the shops and once it gets late and you run out of streetlights it can be quite dark and scary.

Updates on action items

- YDO gave an update on roadkill removal to Jack.
- YDO provided update that YAC's won't be renewing CPR through YAC as there isn't enough people to do so. People can do this individually if they wish to do so.
- YDO delivered response about the Beaconsfield Community Hall toilets to Serena.

- YDO delivered response about the road between Sidmouth and Exeter for Sam, however in Sam's absence she will be provided this information by email.
- YDO provided update on Youth Festival budget to Jack.

General Business

- Masquerade Ball. Two more working group meetings: 24th Sept & 1st Nov.
- Children's Week event – Beaconsfield event on the 28th of October.
- Youth art display opportunities at the Tamar Visitor Centre if anyone knows a young artist who may be interested.
- Future Changers camp 2027 – applications close on October 6th, and yes YAC members need to apply.
- Youth Mayor 2027 – applications close on October 2nd.
- Christmas breakup; confirm activity/event for 21st Nov

Discussion topic: Youth Strategy

- Each member was given a copy of the 2023-2026 Youth Strategy to review. They were given some time to read through the goals and priority actions and share their thoughts on what we have or have not achieved and what is still relevant currently for young people.
- Serena discussed the goals about our outdoor spaces and mentioned how it would be good to have initiatives that get young people back outdoors.
- We discussed the idea of having a music event over spring/summer at the Windsor Soundshell in line with Goal 4, priority C.

Actions Arising

	Action	Responsible person/group	Date raised	Date Due
1	YDO to send acceptance letters to two new members	YDO	10/09/2026	17/09/2026
2	Book YAC's end of year break-up	YDO	10/09/2026	22/10/2026
3	Complete maintenance request for Windsor Community park broken swing	YDO	10/09/2026	22/10/2026

MEETING CLOSED	5:11		
Next Meeting	22 October 2026	4.00PM	Windsor Community Precinct

10.2 Special 2 - Positive Ageing Committee Minutes - September

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Development Officer - Todd Mitchell

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.2.1**] 28.09.2026 PAC minutes

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the minutes from the latest Positive Ageing Committee (**PAC**) meeting to Councillors for noting.

BACKGROUND

PAC holds monthly meetings at the Windsor Community Precinct. The meetings are recorded through meeting minutes in order to record and report on the activities of PAC and discussions held.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Shape: Growth and Place

Goal 4: Everyday movement is safer, easier and more inclusive

4.3 Build access into everyday works through safer surfaces, accessible toilets, seating, shade and public spaces that work for wheelchairs, prams and people with limited mobility.

4.4 Expand community transport responses and keep pressing for more useful public transport coverage, timing and frequency, especially for young people, older residents and households without a car.

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 1: People feel part of local life and can see themselves in West Tamar's future

1.2 Keep safety, inclusion and accessibility in view when shaping public spaces, facilities, events and local communications.

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 3: West Tamar works better across life stages, with stronger youth pathways and better conditions to age well in place

3.3 Improve age-friendly movement, clear information, outreach links and accessible community places so older residents can stay active, independent and involved for longer.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

West Tamar Council Positive Ageing Strategy 2022-2027
West Tamar Council Community Health and Wellbeing Plan

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

LOW – PAC is an established and ongoing committee of Council. The membership process is transparent, and activities are recorded and reported each month. PAC is facilitated by Council's Community Development Officer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The minutes for the 28 September 2026 PAC meeting are provided to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes as presented for the West Tamar Positive Ageing Committee meeting held on 28 September 2026.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

MINUTES
WEST TAMAR POSITIVE AGEING COMMITTEE

DATE/TIME	28 September 2026	10.00AM	**VENUE**	Windsor Community Precinct
PRESENT	Liz Swain - Chairperson, Cr Joy Allen – Deputy Chairperson, Carl Cooper, Ian Saunders			
APOLOGIES	Christine Fulcher, Fran Mamo, John Farrar, Heather Jolly, Cr Julie Sladden – not present			
ADDITIONAL	Cr Christina Holmdahl – Mayor WTC, Kristen Desmond - CEO WTC, Cr Caroline Larner, Todd Mitchell – CDO WTC.			

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

CORRESPONDENCE

- N/A

BUSINESS ARISING

Previous minutes resolved

Committee membership. Update on committee membership numbers and recent resignation

Chairperson provided update that Robyn Reid has resigned from the Positive Ageing Committee. Letters have been drafted to be sent to Robyn. PAC appreciates Robyn's contributions to the committee.

Recruiting a new PAC member. CEO suggests waiting until November, after Council election to fill roles of PAC.

Review of current Action Items. CEO to talk through with the committee the existing actions for council

CDO to archive completed action items. Ian to gather further trail information for Riverside and Trevallyn. CEO Kristen Desmond to review PAS with AI.

CEO discussed which four key action items committee could focus on

1. Survey
2. Booklet
3. Review PAS
4. Preventative health/proactive forum April 2027

Review of Positive Ageing Strategy. Which actions to focus on.

CDO to collate PAS reviews from PAC members and present at next PAC meeting.

Update on Community Health Forum

- Guest speakers locked in.
- Catering is through the Green Bean Café
- Promotion and registration underway. Road signs to go up two weeks prior to the event.
- COTA bringing portraits from the Beyond Age exhibition that will be displayed for the event. PAC members to help set up event on Friday 30 October from 8.30am.
- Medical centres to promote event
- Radio promotion – Mayor Christina Holmdahl. Tamar FM and City Radio. Simon Tennant to communicate with radio stations.
- Put on a bus for the Community Health Forum. Contact Manion's to find out how much a bus is. PAC to liaise with Neighbourhood House and community groups.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Potential guest speakers for PAC

- Jess Teesdale MP and Rebecca White MP to potentially talk to PAC together
- Peter Kearney
- COTA Care Finder – navigating the health care system
- Services Australia – My Aged Care
- Carers Gateway

Preparation for next meeting

CDO to add action item of reviewing how many activities should PAC run in 2027 for next PAC meeting. Email old activity booklet to PAC in the lead up to next meeting.

Request Peter Kearney to speak to PAC (30 minutes)

Review of the strategy (30 minutes)

Activities for 2027 (30 minutes)

ACTION ITEMS

Action items	Owner(s)	Actions Undertaken (What has been done so far)	Status
1: Create survey to find out what mass media they use and how they like to receive information/promotion	Todd	Initial conversation had with Communication officer. Preparing survey	Started

		for Community Health Forum.	
2. Review effectiveness in six months' time.	PAC	Start of February	Not started
3. Talk to UTAS about trail mapping they have completed. Include trails in Riverside & Trevallyn	Ian to talk to his niece	Sent to committee on 12.09.2026. Ian to gather further trails	In progress
4. Collect stories from healthy ageing in the community (long term action item)	PAC	One collected so far (Marlene)	In progress
5. Christina to review PAS using AI and compare to similar strategies in Australia. Kristen Desmond CEO has volunteered to undertake this work.	Kristen	Compare similar size councils	In progress
6. CDO to archive completed action items	Todd	Archived	Completed
7. CDO to collate PAS reviews from PAC members and present at next PAC meeting.	Todd	Reviews received	In progress
8. Put on a bus for the Community Health Forum. Contact Manion's to find out how much a bus is. PAC to liaise with Neighbourhood House and community groups.	PAC members	Not started	In progress
9. Send 2025 PAC-activity guide to PAC for review with October PAC Agenda	Todd	CDO to send with next PAC Agenda	In progress
10. Contact CEO's office to request Peter Kearney to speak at next PAC meeting	Todd	Gathering questions/topics from PAC members	In progress
11. Mayor to promote Community Health Forum event on community radio.	Mayor/CDO	CDO to contact Mayor via PA to CEO	In progress

MEETING CLOSED	11.00AM		
NEXT MEETING	26 October 2026	10.00AM	Windsor Community Precinct

10.3 Special 3 - Winkleigh Hall Committee - Minutes of Annual General Meeting 21 September 2026

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory
Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12/10/2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**10.3.1**] Minutes of AGM 21 Sept 2026

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting, held on 21 September 2026, for Council's information and noting.

BACKGROUND

The Winkleigh Hall Committee is a special committee of Council established under section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and appointed to assist the operations of the Winkleigh Hall.

The Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference requires minutes of each Committee meeting, including Annual General Meetings, to be provided to Council for presentation at the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration and noting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 2: Shared places and social infrastructure stay strong as the population grows

2.4 Work with clubs, volunteers, arts groups and community organisations to reduce governance strain and keep local participation strong.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

WT-HRM75.00 – Governance of Special Committees Policy

WT-TOR04.00 - Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The Winkleigh Hall Committee operates under established governance arrangements, and the risk is considered low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The minutes of the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting held on 21 September 2026 are provided to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 2026, as presented.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

Winkleigh Hall Committee

Minutes of AGM

21th September 2026

Present:, Donald (Chair) & Janet beams (Treasurer), Joel (Deputy Chair) & Sally Clements, Karen Plapp, Liz Jordan (Sec) Steve & Deb Buckland, Lynden Ferguson (Council Rep), Rick Shegog (Council Proxy), Ed Dark.

Apologies: Tanya Ellis, Tim Beams, Rosie Callaghan, Aaron, Lynn & Garry Olner

Meeting Opened: 7:05pm

Minutes of previous meeting approved by: Joel & Lynden

Chairmans Report:

Comments of thanks to all members, office holders and West Tamar Council. Success both in the past year's events including the 125 Year Anniversary.

Donald Beams (Chairman)

Chairman's report received & moved: Lynden, seconded Steve. All agreed.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's books were sent to council and have been audited as true & correct.

$502.08 payable to the council ($176.62 GST and $325.45 public liability)

Income for the year was $14,681.86

Expenses $7,571.07

Balance as at the June 30th 2026, was $12,222.58

Treasurers report received & moved: Debbie, seconded Steve. All agreed.

General Business:

Comments on the anniversary specifically and lessons learnt including around the catering. All agreed it was a great success. Lots of history, fun dances and special thanks to Tanya and Ed for their time researching for the event.

Awaiting funding confirmation through the Premiers Discretionary Fund (or similar), Lynden to follow up with MP Palmers office.

Grass around the hall is getting high and coming into fire season needs attention, Lynden to advise council.

Future events: Annual Christmas Carols 29th Nov 2026

Discussion around arrangements for the next Winkleigh Cup.2027 & future Paint n sips & Just A Farmer film.

Janet received enquiries into hall hire for more kitchen prep and for the hall to be used as a roller-skating venue for parties etc.

Lynden and Rick updated the group on the new meeting procedures and requirements in transitioning to the currently approved Terms of Reference.

Change of Chair

Donald moved that the chair of the meeting moved to Lynden. Seconded by Steve. All in agreement.

Lynden thanks the office holders and committee members for making the hall a success. Further that the manner in which they maintain their meetings and care of the hall is outstanding.

Vacating of committee and Office Bearers

Moved by Lynden and Seconded by Rick that all committee members and office holders be vacated and all nominations are received for incoming committee members. All in agreement.

Next meeting 26th of October 2026.

Meeting Closed: 7:45pm

10.4 Special 4 - Winkleigh Hall Committee - Nomination of Members

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory
Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Winkleigh Hall Committee (the **Committee**) members as received at the Winkleigh Hall Committee Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) held on 21 September 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Committee is a special committee of Council appointed to assist in the running of the Winkleigh Community Hall. Under the Winkleigh Hall Terms of Reference, the Committee is required to hold their AGM on a date between 1 July and 30 September each year. In 2026, the Committee held their AGM on 21 September 2026.

The Terms of Reference provide for the appointment of between four (4) and twelve (12) Community Members to be recommended to Council for endorsement at the next Ordinary Council meeting following the AGM. Ordinary Community Members will be appointed for a term of one (1) year. Any subsequently appointed by the Committee to Office Bearer positions, will hold the positions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 2: Shared places and social infrastructure stay strong as the population grows

2.4 Work with clubs, volunteers, arts groups and community organisations to reduce governance strain and keep local participation strong.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

WT-HRM75.00 Governance of Special Committees Policy

WT-TOR04.00 - Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

With a formal Terms of Reference and governance policy, and oversight by Council members, the overall risk is considered Low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

During the AGM nine (9) Community Member nominations were received, with one (1) being received in the following days. All nominees meet the residence eligibility criteria. As there are under 12 nominations in total, all nominations have been provided to Council for endorsement as Community Members of the Winkleigh Hall Committee.

Council Officers note that the Officer Bearers will be appointed by the new Community Members at the next meeting of the Winkleigh Hall Committee. This meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, 26 October 2026. The Committee will advise Council of the names of the Office Bearers and their terms of appointment will be in line with the endorsed Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with the WT-TOR04.00 - Winkleigh Hall Committee Terms of Reference endorses the appointment of the following ten (10) people as Community Members (pending nomination of Office Bearers) of the Winkleigh Hall Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Committee:

1. Sally Clements
2. Joel Clements
3. Edwin Darke
4. Stephen Buckland
5. Donald Beams
6. Elizabeth Jordan
7. Janet Beams
8. Karen Plapp
9. Tanya Ellis
10. Rose-Marie Callaghan

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

11 DEVELOPMENT

Nil

12 CORPORATE

Nil

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Comm 1 - Sponsorship request - Exeter Cricket Club

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**13.1.1**] Exeter Cricket West Tamar Council 26_27

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a $1,000 sponsorship application from Exeter Cricket Club to support uniforms for the newly created West Tamar Over 50s cricket team.

BACKGROUND

Sponsorship applications are assessed by Council officers against the relevant eligibility requirements and assessment matrix. Applications seeking funding or in-kind support above the CEO delegation threshold are referred to Council for consideration and determination.

Exeter Cricket Club sought a total sponsorship contribution of $3,000 from West Tamar Council for the 2026/27 season. This included $2,000 to support the club's junior cricket program, which was supported by Council officers and approved by the CEO in accordance with the Sponsorship Policy.

The club has also sought a further $1,000 as a one-off sponsorship contribution for the newly created West Tamar Over 50s cricket team, including uniforms featuring the Council logo. As this additional request brings the club's total sponsorship request above the CEO delegation threshold for the financial year, it is being referred to Council for consideration.

Sponsorship overview

Exeter Cricket Club is seeking $1,000 in sponsorship to support the purchase of uniforms for the West Tamar Over 50s cricket team. The funding would contribute to cricket shirts and matching hats featuring the West Tamar Council logo, providing the team with a stronger sense of identity, visibility and recognition within the community. The request supports an active community sporting group that promotes physical activity, social connection and healthy lifestyles for older residents, and aligns with the club's broader focus on providing safe, affordable and inclusive access to cricket.

Sponsorship Assessment against Evaluation Matrix

The sponsorship application was assessed by three Council officers independently against Council's Sponsorship Evaluation Matrix, which consists of 11 criteria, including the ten sponsorship benefit criteria contained within Council's Sponsorship Policy [WT-HRM62.00] and an additional criterion relating to financial stability and risk management. Each criterion is scored out of five, with a maximum possible score of 55.

The average of the three officer scores is the final result.

Taken as a summary of the three scores, the application scored well in criteria relating to building a sense of identity and belonging by increasing community participation and connectedness.

The application received an average Evaluation Matrix score of 18.7 out of 55.

Sponsorship Benefits offered

As a support sponsor, West Tamar Council would receive:

- West Tamar Council logo displayed on the uniform
- Sponsorship announcement on Club social media

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 1: People feel part of local life and can see themselves in West Tamar's future

1.3 Work with community organisations, schools, clubs and service providers to widen participation for people facing barriers to local life.

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 2: Shared places and social infrastructure stay strong as the population grows

2.4 Work with clubs, volunteers, arts groups and community organisations to reduce governance strain and keep local participation strong.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

WT-HRM 62.00 Sponsorship Policy

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risks of supporting the applicant are set out below.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation
Precedence that Council funds general sporting/business expenses	High	Low	Medium	Policy/contract outlines expectations for Council/community benefit for sponsorship spend.
Funding is inappropriately allocated	Medium	Medium	Medium	Contract developed outlining the details and expectations for sponsorship spend.
Sponsorship benefits not fully realised	Low	Low	Low	Sponsorship agreement to specify recognition obligations.
Pressure on sponsorship budget allocations	Medium	Medium	Medium	Funding to be sourced from existing sponsorship budget allocation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Exeter Cricket Club has requested a sponsorship contribution of $3,000 ($2,000 already supported under CEO authority, with this application for $1,000), for FY2026/27.

Sponsorship funding is allocated each financial year until funds are exhausted. For 2026/27, the total sponsorship budget is $50,000; however, part of this amount is already committed to approved sponsorships that carry over multiple years. The current sponsorship funding pool is outlined below:

Item	Amount
Exeter Cricket Club (Juniors Program)	$2,000
2026–2028 Exeter Show Society	$20,000
2026 National Transplant Games – BBQ Breakfast	$5,000
Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania – 2027 Three Peaks Race	$10,000
Total commitment to date	$37,000
Balance remaining	$13,000

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors occurred at the Interim Workshop held on 15 September 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The sponsorship proposal from Exeter Cricket Club for the Over 50s cricket program was assessed against Council's sponsorship criteria and received an average score of 18.7 out of 55. While the application demonstrates some benefit in supporting club identity, connectedness, and promotional recognition, the overall assessment indicates limited broader community or strategic benefit.

The assessment panel noted the Exeter Cricket Club's co-contribution towards upgrading the pitch on the main oval at Exeter at a club cost of $16,066. It was also noted that the competition is expected to proceed regardless of Council sponsorship.

However, these factors can only be considered within the Sponsorship Policy's 11 assessment criteria.

Against the 11 criteria, the assessment found limited evidence that the sponsorship would increase wider community participation, generate additional local spending, support broader Council

objectives, or provide substantial community benefit beyond the direct benefit to the club and team members.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not approve the Exeter Cricket Club sponsorship application for $1,000 to purchase uniforms for the club's Over 50s team.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

July 2026

West Tamar Council

2026/27 Exeter Cricket Club season sponsorship

Dear Kristen and David,

With planning for the 2026/27 Tasmanian Cricket League season now underway, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Exeter Cricket Club, to invite West Tamar Council to partner with us as one of our valued corporate sponsors.

For more than a century, the Exeter Cricket Club has been an integral part of the West Tamar community, providing opportunities for people of all ages to participate, compete and connect through the game of cricket. As a volunteer-driven club, we are proud of the role we play in fostering healthy lifestyles, developing young people, building friendships and creating a strong sense of community.

Keeping Cricket Affordable

Everything we do is guided by one simple philosophy: Keeping Cricket Affordable.

We believe that every member of our community should have the opportunity to play cricket, regardless of their financial circumstances. By keeping participation costs as low as possible, we continue to provide an inclusive environment where juniors, seniors, families and veteran players can all enjoy the game.

The generous support of our sponsors makes this possible. Every sponsorship dollar is reinvested into the Club to reduce participation costs, improve facilities, provide quality coaching and equipment, and ensure the long-term sustainability of cricket in the West Tamar region.

Looking Ahead to 2026/27

The upcoming season promises to be an exciting one for the Exeter Cricket Club.

We are pleased to welcome back Jack Upson as Club Coach and will once again field teams in the Tasmanian Cricket League A Grade and C Grade competitions. We also remain committed to expanding our Cricket North junior program, providing local children with opportunities to learn, develop and enjoy the game in a supportive environment.

This season also marks a significant milestone for the Club, having successfully secured a Cricket Australia grant to upgrade the wicket on the main oval at the Exeter Showgrounds. This important investment will enhance playing conditions for all users and represents another positive step towards securing the future of cricket in our community.

Classified as Internal

Partnership Opportunity

We again invite West Tamar Council to become a Major Sponsor of the Exeter Cricket Club and our junior cricket program through a sponsorship contribution of $3,000 for the 2026/27 season.

Sponsorship Benefits

As our major sponsor partner, your organisation will receive:

- Logo in our clubrooms and on the boundary fence.
- Logo on our uniforms
- Sponsorship announcement on Club social media (if required?)
- On going Social Media exposure (if required?)
- Attendance at our annual sponsor's function

Your sponsorship directly helps us to:

- Keep cricket affordable for local families and players of all ages.
- Deliver quality coaching and player development opportunities.
- Support our growing junior cricket program.
- Maintain and improve playing facilities and equipment.
- Provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all participants.
- Support the dedicated volunteers whose commitment keeps our Club operating successfully.
- Continue growing cricket participation throughout the West Tamar region.

Every dollar invested in the Exeter Cricket Club is reinvested into the community, helping ensure that cricket remains accessible, affordable and sustainable for future generations.

Thank You

At Exeter Cricket Club, we see our sponsors as genuine partners in our success. Your support not only strengthens our Club but also contributes to a healthier, more connected and more active community.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this partnership further and explore how we can work together throughout the 2026/27 season.

Thank you for considering our sponsorship proposal. We look forward to the opportunity of partnering with the West Tamar Council to continue Keeping Cricket Affordable for our community.

Yours Sincerely,

Heath Sturzaker

President

Exeter Cricket Club

Classified as Internal

13.2 Comm 2 - Community Grant Application - Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc

REPORT AUTHOR: Manager Community Development - Marcus Grantham

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**13.2.1**] Grant Application - Beaconsfield Park Homes

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Community Grant application received from Beaconsfield Park Homes Incorporated for the purchase of two defibrillators at its Greens Beach Road homes.

BACKGROUND

Grant applications are first assessed for eligibility and then scored against an assessment matrix containing various established criteria. Applications are then provided to Council for approval.

Grants up to $1,000, applicants are not required to contribute financially to the project but must provide in-kind contributions. Evidence of these contributions must be included in the application.

Grants ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 applicants must contribute at least 10% of the overall project cost, either from their own funds or from a confirmed external funding source (excluding in-kind contributions).

The Application

Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc (the applicant) is a not-for-profit organisation that offers affordable independent living for those over 60 years of age. Situated in Beaconsfield, the complex consists of 25 units, varying in size from studio apartments to two-bedroom units.

The applicant is seeking $4,450 to procure and install two external Automatic Defibrillators (AEDs) at the park.

Evidence of appropriate Public Liability Insurance has been provided to the Council.

Applicant	Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc
Purpose	Procurement of 2x AED Defibrillators (32 and 35 Greens Beach Road, Beaconsfield).
Amount Requested	$4,450
Matrix Score	9.6/20
Grant Summary	Purchase two St John Ambulance G5 Fully Automatic Defibrillators—one to be installed on the office wall at 35 Greens Beach Road and the other on the wall of Unit 19 at 32 Greens Beach Road—making them accessible for both

	residents and the wider Beaconsfield community in case of a cardiac emergency. External cabinets have been provided by the Access Health Program.
Community Health and Wellbeing Plan	**Pillar Four: Best Communities** *Planned sustainable communities 4.1.5* Well-planned services, facilities and programs match community needs

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Heart: Community and Wellbeing

Goal 1: People feel part of local life and can see themselves in West Tamar's future

1.3 Work with community organisations, schools, clubs and service providers to widen participation for people facing barriers to local life.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

WT-HRM-42.00 Grants and Assistance Policy

West Tamar Council's Community Grants program provides funding for projects and initiatives that respond to the social, cultural, recreational, economic, and environmental needs of West Tamar residents.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The existence of a consistent, equitable and transparent process to respond to requests for donations, grants and financial support should help reduce council's potential exposure to financial and reputational loss. The overall risk to Council is considered LOW.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

An established level of financial assistance is provided in the budget each year. For 2025-2026 Council has allocated a total funding pool of $65,000:

- Community Grants $45,000
- Business Grants $20,000

Grant funding is allocated first come first serve until funds are exhausted.

The current funding pool for Community Grants is as follows:

COMMUNITY GRANTS	
N/A	
Total commitment to date	**$0**
Balance Remaining	$65,000
Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc	$4,450
Pending Balance	**$60,550**

**Pending Council approval at Ordinary Council Meeting 20 October 2026*

CONSULTATION

An Application Matrix was completed by Council Officers on 9 September 2026.

Councillors were consulted at Council's Interim Workshop held on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The application requires officers to consider both the potential community benefit of installing publicly accessible automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and the limitations of the proposal, including location, access and ongoing management.

Council officers contacted both the applicant and the local hospital to clarify matters relevant to the assessment. The hospital confirmed that it does not dispatch paramedics and that its AED is located internally, meaning after-hours access may not always be readily available. The applicant confirmed that two AEDs have been requested because the residential units are located on opposite sides of Greens Beach Road. The applicant has also advised that staff members are to be trained in providing first aid/CPR once the AEDs are procured and considering resident training.

The proposed community benefits include:

- the closest publicly listed AEDs within Beaconsfield are approximately 1.25 kilometres away and concentrated within the school district. AEDs located at the northern end of Beaconsfield may therefore benefit residents and the local community in this area;
- the applicant has committed to maintaining the AEDs, including replacement of pads and batteries; and
- St John Ambulance reports that an AED can increase the chance of survival by up to 70 per cent when used in conjunction with CPR.

Other factors for Council's consideration include:

- the proximity of the complex to Beaconsfield District Health Service;
- whether both AEDs would be clearly visible, externally accessible, appropriately signed, registered on relevant AED location platforms, and always remain available to the public;

- whether the purchase could reasonably be regarded as an operational expense for a not-for-profit organisation located on private land;
- whether funding AEDs on private land may create a precedent for similar requests from other organisations, and whether the proposed public benefit is sufficient to distinguish the application from an operational or site-specific expense;
- whether the primary benefit is to the residents of the complex or to the broader community, and whether the proposed access arrangements provide a sufficient level of public benefit;
- whether the request aligns strongly with the intent of the Community Grants program when compared with projects that deliver broader participation, inclusion or community development outcomes;
- whether two AEDs are justified given the location, proposed public access arrangements, proximity to existing health infrastructure and overall scale of community benefit; and
- whether public access to the AEDs would be maintained if the devices were relocated or access arrangements changed in the future.

Against the balance of these considerations, officers scored the application with a weighted average of 9.6/20, slightly below the threshold of a passing score.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not approve the Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc community grant application for the amount of $4,450 to procure and install two AEDs.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

Grants Program 2026/2027 - Application Form

Grant Overview

West Tamar Council's Grants Program responds to funding requests for projects displaying evidence of community engagement, involvement and benefit.

Applications open on the 1 July 2026, and close 17 February 2027 (4pm or until the funding pool is exhausted. Applications will be assessed and funded on a 'first-in' basis. Applicants are responsible to ensure that their application is received by council by the closing date and time.

Funding applications can be made for amounts up to $5000.00

Applicants seeking funding of up to $1,000 are not required to contribute to the project financially, but are expected to provide in-kind contributions. Evidence of this is required in the application and during the acquittal process.

For applicants seeking $1,000.00 – $5,000.00, at least 10% of the overall financial cost of the project must be contributed by the applicant, or confirmed by an external funding source (excluding in-kind contributions).

Example: where an applicant has applied for a funding amount of $5000, they would also need to contribute a minimum of $500 ($500 = 10% of $5000) in addition to the grant amount.

Grant guidelines are available to the West Tamar Council website (wtc.tas.gov.au).

Applicants are advised to contact the Community Services Team to provide an overview of the project. Please read the guidelines thoroughly prior to submitting your application, and make contact on 6323 9200 to arrange a time.

Applicant Details

Organisation/Group Name	Beaconsfield Park Homes Incorporated	
ABN (if applicable)	43 361 293 304	
Postal Address	35 Greens Beach Road, Beaconsfield TAS 7270	
Email Address	beaconsfieldpark@gmail.com	
Contact Name	Sue Kanarev	
Contact Number	[redacted]	
Is your organisation registered for GST?	Yes ☒	No ☐

Project Overview

Project Name	Debrillators for Beaconsfield Park Homes
Project Location	35 & 32 Greens Beach Road, Beaconsfield
Project Dates	September - December 2026
Grant Funding Amount Requested	$4,4500
Consulting Council Officer	Todd Mitchell

The personal information on this form is required by Council for the Community Grants Program. Your personal information will be used for this related purpose. If this information is not provided, we may not be able to deal with this matter. You may access and/or amend your personal information at any time. How we use this information is explained in our Privacy Policy, which is available at www.wtc.tas.gov.au or at Council offices.

Project Description - Describe your project and why you are undertaking it. (50 - 250 words)

Beaconsfield Park is an inclusive residential community offering affordable independent living for those over 60 years of age. It is situated on the outskirts of Beaconsfield, Tasmania and consists of 25 units, varying in size from studio apartments to two bedroom units. Residents of Beaconsfield Park range from 60 to 90 years of age, most of whom are single and many of whom receive aged-care or community -care assistance packages.

Beaconsfield Park Inc. is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation run by a voluntary Board of Management and supported by three part-time staff who facilitate the daily running of the complex. The complex is located on both sides of a busy main road, with 15 studio apartments occupying 35 Greens Beach Road and 10 one and two bedroom apartments occupying 32 Greens Beach Road.

Because all our residents are over 60 and, whilst independent, are in varying degrees of health, the Board wishes to purchase 2 debribillator units to be installed at the complex, one defibrillator for the units located at 32 Greens Beach Road, and the second defibrillator on the complex's office wall at 35 Greens Beach Rd. These defibrillators would be available to the Beaconsfield wider community should they be required in an emergency located nearby the complex.

Assessment Criteria

Community Benefit – Describe how the project benefits the West Tamar community. (100 - 250 words)

This may include:

- The expected number of people the project directly and indirectly benefits
- Supporting evidence/Demographic data
- Projected benefit/outcome
- How the project aligns with your strategic/business plan

Benefits of defibrillator access at Beaconsfield Park:

Direct benefit to any Park residents or staff suffering from a cardiac emergency - approximately 30 people;

Direct benefit to the wider Beaconsfield/West Tamar community of access to 2 x defibrillators located in prominent positions at 35 and 32 Greens Beach Rd, Beaconsfield;

Direct benefit to Emergency Service/Paramedical support personnel requiring defibrillator access in Beaconsfield or close-by West Tamar surrounding areas;

Installation of defibrillators at Beaconsfield Park meets the Board's objective to provide wellbeing and health safeguarding for the residents and staff of the Park.

Project Delivery – Outline how your organisation/business/group will be able to undertake and complete the proposed project, including how West Tamar Council will be acknowledged? (100-250 words)

This may include:

- A summary of the project timeline (recommended) and a brief overview of the steps involved in your project to demonstrate how it will be completed (tell us your plan)
- Site plans, photos (if applicable)
- Outline the roles/responsibilities of any group members, volunteers, service providers and/or contractors who will be undertaking work on this project. WTC Contractor Induction details will need to be provided prior to any works commencing (wtc.tas.gov.au/contractor_inductions)

The Board of Beaconsfield Park wishes to order, purchase and install 2 defibrillators in September\October 2026;
1. Quotations have been obtained online from St John's Australia for:
2 x St Johns G5 Defibrillators @ $2,450.00 ea (cabinets already supplied by the Access Health Program)
2. 35 Greens Beach Road, defibrillator and cabinet to be installed on the wall of the office in a prominent easily identified position;
3. 32 Greens Beach Road, defibrillator and cabinet to be installed on the wall of Unit 19 in a easy to see position for anyone entering that complex.
4. Defibrillator cabinets and defibrillators to be installed by the Park's maintenance staff.

Community Engagement – Outline clear engagement and partnerships with the community, enabling social connections and community participation. (50 - 250 words)

This may include:

- How does the project deliver a social/lifestyle benefit to the community
- Details of how the project is inclusive in its membership and supports the broader community
- Letters of support (copies submitted with the application)

1. The project provides lifesaving access to defibrillators for member of the public and for staff and residents of Beaconsfield Park Homes at 32 and 35 Greens Beach Road.
2. As described above, access to defibrillators is for residents and staff of Beaconsfield Park Homes, local community members, and local emergency workers/paramedics.

Budget – Detail the items of expenditure that Council funding will be used for. Refer to 'Community Grants Program 2026/2027 - Application Guidelines' available on West Tamar Council's website (wtc.tas.gov.au) to check funding eligibility.

2 x St Johns Ambulance G5 Fully Automatic Defibrillators with CPR Feedback @ $2,450 each = $4,900 Total

Shipping $50 x 2 = $100

Reminder: For grant applications over $1000.00, applicants must contribute at least 10% of the overall financial cost of the project, or have this funding confirmed from an external source. In-kind labour is not an eligible income source and only donations of labour from qualified professionals may be included in the income description (when supported in writing by the contractor/provider). Incomplete budget will not be scored.

Project Expenditure – Include all cost associated with the project and attached quotes (inclusive of GST, if applicable).

Expenditure Description	$
2 x St Johns Ambulance G5 Defibrillator Fully Automatic with CPR Feedback @ $2450 ea = $4900 less 10% BPH contribution (Pending)	4,410.00
Shipping	100.00
10% Contribution Beaconsfield Park Homes Inc	500.00

Expenditure Total	5,010.00

Project Income – Include all confirmed funding and donations, including materials.

Income Description:	**$**
West Tamar Council Community Grant (pending) $4,450	4,4500
10% contribution by Beaconsfield Park Homes	500.00
Income Total	$4,950

All relevant quotes are attached	☐

Declaration

By signing and submitting this form I declare that:

- The information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree to liaise with Council, should my application be successful OR do seek approval for any changes or variations to the project
- I agree to complete and submit an acquittal form within six (6) weeks of the project's completion and no later than 29 May 2027

Name	Sue Kanarev
Role/Position	Secretary, Beaconsfield Park Homes Board
Signature	Susan Kanarev
Date	21/8/26

Application Checklist

Before you lodge your application, check that you have provided all the required details and documents and check that your budget is accurate and complete.

The following may assist you, check that you have:

☐	Checked eligibility against the guidelines
☐	Contacted the Community Services Team on 6323 9200 prior to submitting an application
☐	Completed all sections of application form (incomplete **will not** be assessed)
☐	Attached relevant supporting documents (quotes matching the budget, insurances, letters of support etc.)
☐	Kept a copy of your application
☐	Signed the completed application

14 COMMUNITY ASSETS

14.1 Asset 1 - Review of Mobile Food Vendor Policy

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli
Director Corporate & Community - David Gregory

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [**14.1.1**] WT-HRM45.00 - Mobile Food Vendor Policy - Draft 260922 Tracked Changes
2. [**14.1.2**] WT-HRM45.00 - Mobile Food Vendor Policy - Draft 260922 - Clean
3. [**14.1.3**] Mobile Food Business - Application for Permit 260922
4. [**14.1.4**] Mobile Food Business - Certificate of Permit - 260922
5. [**14.1.5**] Work Instruction - Mobile Food Vendor Application Approval Process -260922

SUMMARY

This report is for Council to consider and approve proposed changes to the Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

BACKGROUND

Council introduced a Mobile Food Vendor Policy in 2019, which was last reviewed and revised in 2023. The current Policy review has focused on permitted locations with a number of new and changed locations proposed. Some wording changes throughout the Policy are also proposed.

A “tracked changes” version and "clean" version of the proposed Policy are attached for information. The main changes to the Policy include:

- Additional sites included at the Windsor Community Precinct;
- The site at Biloo Street, Exeter, removed and replaced with a site at Murray Street, Exeter;
- Additional sites added in Greens Beach along Greens Beach Road;
- Sites at Tatana Way, Legana, removed and replaced with a site at Legana Hall, Fulton Street, and a site at Old Dairy Way, Legana;
- New sites added at Tailrace Park, Riverside; and
- New sites added along the Esplanade, Beauty Point.

To provide some clarity around the availability of permitted food vendor sites the Policy now explicitly stipulates that:

- Parking spaces at permitted locations are not reserved exclusively for mobile food vendors and may not always be available.
- Not all sites have an available electricity supply and vendors may be required to provide their own power source.
- More than one (1) permit may be issued for each site depending on site capacity and trading times required by individual operators.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 1: Local jobs and enterprise grow closer to home

1.3 Work with business networks, regional bodies and services providers to strengthen capability, resilience and practical support for local operators.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- *Traffic Act 1925*
- *Vehicle & Traffic Act 1999*
- *Food Act 2003*

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Private businesses operating on public streets does incorporate an element of risk to Council. Having an up-to-date Policy and processes reduces Council's exposure to potential risk.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Direct impact on Council's budget is considered immaterial. It is noted Council has an approved budget allocation of $20,000 in the 2026/27 capital works program for the installation of electrical connection points at mobile food vendor sites.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councilors occurred at the pre-meeting workshop of 15 September 2026 and interim workshop of 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments; or
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Following an initial review with Council at the pre-meeting workshop in September, a number of proposed site changes, as discussed above, have been included in the reviewed Policy. Wording has also been revised in a number of areas to provide increased clarity.

As part of the review, officers have also revised supporting processes, and application and permit templates. These are attached for information.

The proposed Policy is presented for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Rescinds the existing Mobile Food Vendor Policy;
2. Adopts the revised Mobile Food Vendor Policy as presented, effective 20 October 2026;
3. Updates the version number to 3.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2030.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

Mobile Food Vendor Policy

Document No.:	*WT-HRM-45.00*	Approved By:	*Council*
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Issue 3	*20.10.26*	*Update of locations*		*Council*

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the granting of permits for mobile food vehicles to operate from C~~c~~ouncil owned or managed property.

2 SCOPE

This policy only relates to Council owned or managed property as defined in the T*raffic Act 1925* as a public street.

Section 56C of the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* (the Act) contains provisions for the General Manager of a Council to issue~~s a~~ permit*s* for vehicles to operate from a public street. In assessing whether to grant a permit, the Act requires the General Manger to take into account traffic and pedestrian safety, public convenience and any other relevant issues.

The permit will be known as the Mobile Food Vendor Permit (Permit).

Two types of Permits will be available:

- Twelve (12) month permit- for the period 1 October to 30 September.
- Six (6) month permits- for the periods of 1 October to 31 March and 1 April to 30 September.

A Permit grants the vendor the use of one site only for trading. A further application and Permit will be required for operation at additional sites.

Permits granted are only for the business identified in the Permit and are not transferrable.

Permits granted are for one vehicle only: a business must obtain a separate permit to sell from additional vehicles. For the purposes of this Policy a non-motorised van/trailer coupled with a vehicle solely used to tow will be defined as one vehicle.

Permits are not automatically renewed and a new application will be required for each permit period and location.

Trading Times

Mobile food vehicles at Council permitted locations are ~~permitted~~ limited to operate between the hours of 7:00AM - 9:00PM. Specific trading times will be detailed in each issued Permit.

Permit Fees

Permit fees will be determined by Council and included in the annual fees and charges.

Payment of the fee must accompany the application for a permit, if no payment is received, the application will not be considered.

Permits issued through the year will be charged a fee equal in units of a quarter with the current quarter applying in full.

Exemptions

A Mobile Food Vendor Permit will not be required for mobile food vendors that:

a) Parks for less than 15 minutes at a single location at a time (and not returning to a same location within 24 hours); or
b) Operates from a public street specifically as part of a Council supported or endorsed event.
~~b)~~c) Operates from private property, however other permits may be required. (To obtain a permit for operation of mobile food vehicle on private property, ~~please~~ contact Council's Planning team prior to operations commencing).

3 DEFINITIONS

- A mobile food vehicle: is a registered food business that operates from a mobile structure under the *Food Act 2003* that seeks to trade from Council owned or managed property. A mobile food vehicle includes a vehicle or trailer that is not permanently fixed to the whole, or part, of a building, structure or land, in, at or from which food is, or is intended to be, handled or sold.
- A public street: means any street, road, lane, thoroughfare, footpath, bridge or place open to the public, or to which the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise as defined in the *Traffic Act 1925*.
- Council owned or managed property: includes (but is not limited to) Council managed parks, reserves, sports grounds, car parks and road reserves.

4 POLICY STATEMENT

This policy aims to support the operation of mobile food vendors in the West Tamar municipality and encourage diversity in food business, support local

entrepreneurialism and ensure a high standard of food business service delivery. This policy will assist to:

- Diversify the local economy;
- Encourage mobile food vending while maintaining support for existing businesses;
- Enable cultural experiences that encourage social interaction; and
- Enhance the community's sense of safety and wellbeing.

Operational Requirements

Mobile food vendors:

a) must be in possession of a current state-wide mobile food business registration or notification, valid within Tasmania;
b) must hold ~~a~~ current public and product liability insurance policies~~y~~ to operate;
c) must provide rubbish receptacles at the site and ensure all rubbish generated from their use at the site is removed and disposed of responsibly;
d) must maintain community access to parking, taxi, loading and bus zones as well as footpaths, roads, driveways and wheelchair access ramps at all times;
e) must ensure that all noise associated with trade, including customer activity, is kept to a minimum;
~~c)~~f) must comply with all permit conditions; and
~~d)~~g) must not, unless otherwise authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or delegate, leave the vehicle or trailer from which they conduct their food business unattended on a public street for a period longer than one hour (excluding a public street adjacent to the address at which the vehicle or trailer is registered, whilst not operating the business).

Permitted Locations

The Council has the discretion to consider new locations, and update this policy, as and when required.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* and *Local Government Act 1993*, the Chief Executive Officer has the discretion to add or remove the permitted locations, amend the trading hours, duration of permit periods and fees and charges, and to cancel Permits.

Applications for a Mobile Food Vendor Permit will be considered for the following locations and trading hours.

It should be noted that:

parking spaces at permitted locations are not reserved exclusively for mobile food vendors and may not always be available.

- not all sites have an available electricity supply and vendors may be required to provide their own power source.

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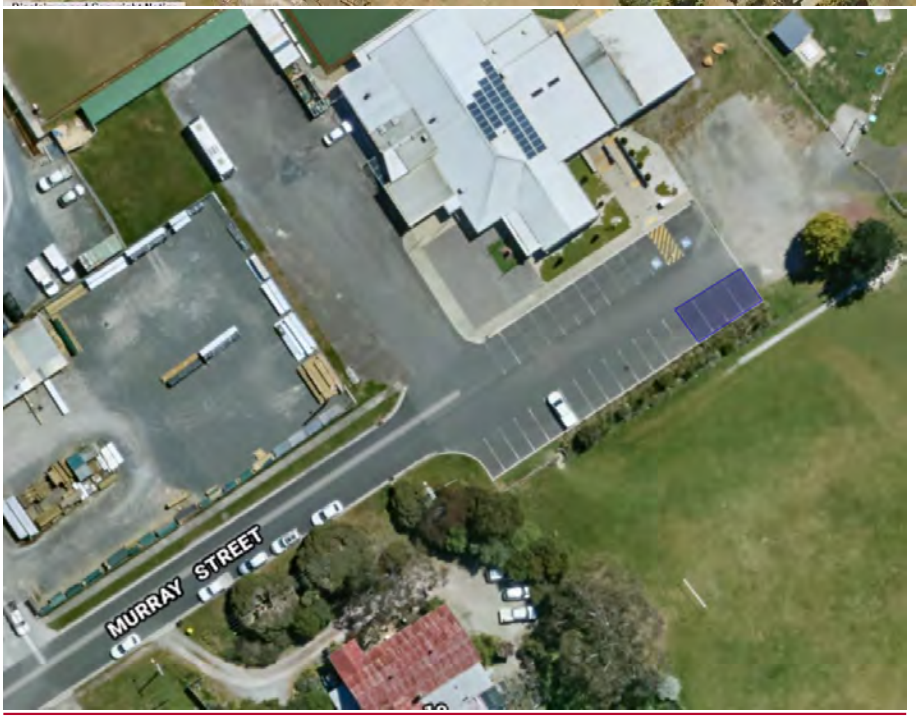
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5 RESPONSIBILITIES

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Responsibility for the operation of the policy sits with the Directorate of ~~Infrastructure and Works~~Community Assets.

Responsibility for compliance and permit administration is a shared responsibility across relevant staff and teams within Council.

6 PROCEDURES

An application form must be completed and submitted to Council together with the Vendor Permit fee and copies of the following documents:

- Current state-wide mobile food business registration or notification;
- Current Public Liability and Product Liability Insurance with cover of $ 20 million (minimum); and
- Current road vehicle registration;

The particular days, times and location from which a mobile food vehicle proposes to operate must be specified on the application form along with a description of the food and/or drinks to be sold.

Council will assess the suitability of each nominated site taking into consideration activities in the surrounding area, proximity to sensitive uses and road safety. The Chief Executive Officer or delegate has the discretion to refuse a Permit based on these considerations.

7 LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

- *Traffic Act 1925*
- *Vehicle & Traffic Act 1999*
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8 APPROVAL

Approved by the Council on ~~19 December 2023~~20 October 2026

Signed: _____

Chief Executive Officer

Mobile Food Vendor Policy

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the granting of permits for mobile food vehicles to operate from Council owned or managed property.

2 SCOPE

This policy only relates to Council owned or managed property as defined in the *Traffic Act 1925* as a public street.

Section 56C of the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* (the Act) contains provisions for the General Manager of a Council to issue permits for vehicles to operate from a public street. In assessing whether to grant a permit, the Act requires the General Manger to take into account traffic and pedestrian safety, public convenience and any other relevant issues.

The permit will be known as the Mobile Food Vendor Permit (Permit).

Two types of Permits will be available:

- Twelve (12) month permit- for the period 1 October to 30 September.
- Six (6) month permits- for the periods of 1 October to 31 March and 1 April to 30 September.

A Permit grants the vendor the use of one site only for trading. A further application and Permit will be required for operation at additional sites.

Permits granted are only for the business identified in the Permit and are not transferrable.

Permits granted are for one vehicle only: a business must obtain a separate permit to sell from additional vehicles. For the purposes of this Policy a non-motorised van/trailer coupled with a vehicle solely used to tow will be defined as one vehicle.

Permits are not automatically renewed and a new application will be required for each permit period and location.

Trading Times

Mobile food vehicles at Council permitted locations are limited to operate between the hours of 7:00AM - 9:00PM. Specific trading times will be detailed in each issued Permit.

Permit Fees

Permit fees will be determined by Council and included in the annual fees and charges.

Payment of the fee must accompany the application for a permit, if no payment is received, the application will not be considered.

Permits issued through the year will be charged a fee equal in units of a quarter with the current quarter applying in full.

Exemptions

A Mobile Food Vendor Permit will not be required for mobile food vendors that:

a) Parks for less than 15 minutes at a single location at a time (and not returning to a same location within 24 hours); or
b) Operates from a public street specifically as part of a Council supported or endorsed event.
c) Operates from private property, however other permits may be required. (To obtain a permit for operation of mobile food vehicle on private property, contact Council's Planning team prior to operations commencing).

3 DEFINITIONS

- A mobile food vehicle: is a registered food business that operates from a mobile structure under the *Food Act 2003* that seeks to trade from Council owned or managed property. A mobile food vehicle includes a vehicle or trailer that is not permanently fixed to the whole, or part, of a building, structure or land, in, at or from which food is, or is intended to be, handled or sold.
- A public street: means any street, road, lane, thoroughfare, footpath, bridge or place open to the public, or to which the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise as defined in the *Traffic Act 1925*.
- Council owned or managed property: includes (but is not limited to) Council managed parks, reserves, sports grounds, car parks and road reserves.

4 POLICY STATEMENT

This policy aims to support the operation of mobile food vendors in the West Tamar municipality and encourage diversity in food business, support local entrepreneurialism and ensure a high standard of food business service delivery. This policy will assist to:

- Diversify the local economy;

- Encourage mobile food vending while maintaining support for existing businesses;
- Enable cultural experiences that encourage social interaction; and
- Enhance the community's sense of safety and wellbeing.

Operational Requirements

Mobile food vendors:

a) must be in possession of a current state-wide mobile food business registration or notification, valid within Tasmania;
b) must hold current public and product liability insurance policies to operate;
c) must provide rubbish receptacles at the site and ensure all rubbish generated from their use at the site is removed and disposed of responsibly;
d) must maintain community access to parking, taxi, loading and bus zones as well as footpaths, roads, driveways and wheelchair access ramps at all times;
e) must ensure that all noise associated with trade, including customer activity, is kept to a minimum;
f) must comply with all permit conditions; and
g) must not, unless otherwise authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or delegate, leave the vehicle or trailer from which they conduct their food business unattended on a public street for a period longer than one hour (excluding a public street adjacent to the address at which the vehicle or trailer is registered, whilst not operating the business).

Permitted Locations

The Council has the discretion to consider new locations, and update this policy, as and when required.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* and *Local Government Act 1993*, the Chief Executive Officer has the discretion to add or remove the permitted locations, amend the trading hours, duration of permit periods and fees and charges, and to cancel Permits.

Applications for a Mobile Food Vendor Permit will be considered for the following locations and trading hours.

It should be noted that:

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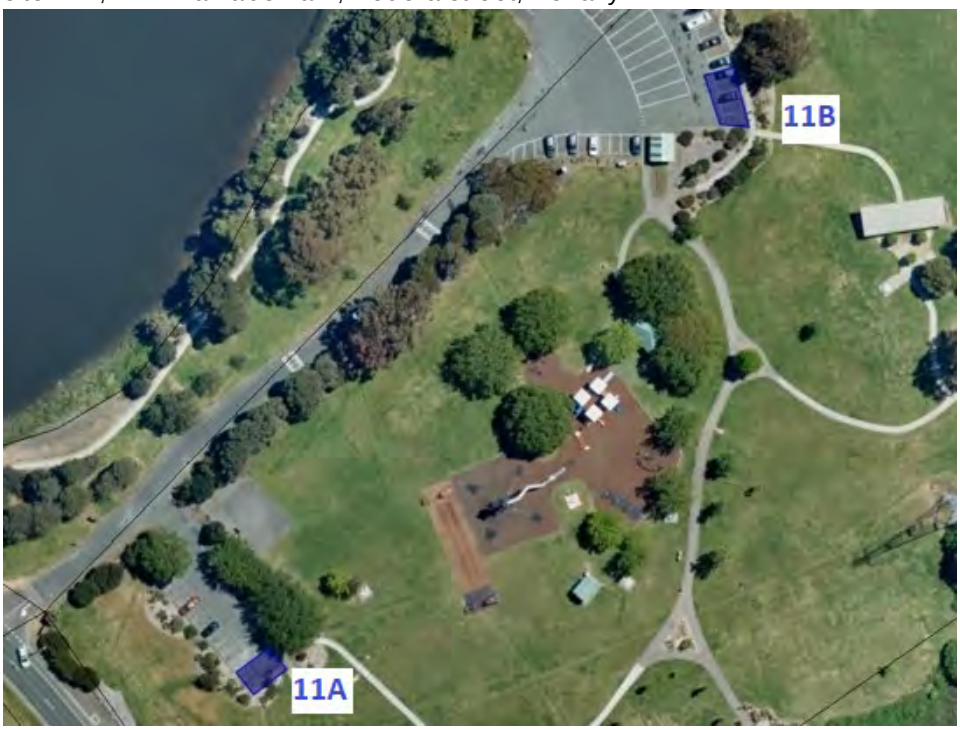
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An application form must be completed and submitted to Council together with the Vendor Permit fee and copies of the following documents:

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8 APPROVAL

Approved by the Council on 20 October 2026

Signed: _____

Chief Executive Officer

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
MOBILE FOOD VENDOR ON A PUBLIC STREET

Any business wanting to operate as a mobile food vendor on a public street is required to apply for and obtain an appropriate permit from West Tamar Council, pursuant to *S.56C* of the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* and in accordance with Council's *Mobile Food Vendor Policy* (WT-HRM-45.00).

This application applies to the operation of one mobile food vehicle at one approved site only. Separate applications must be submitted for any additional vehicles or sites. Permits are not automatically renewed, and a new application is required upon expiry of the permit.

This application relates only to approval under the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999*. It does not provide approval or consent under any other legislation or Council process. Mobile food vendors must be separately registered under the *Food Act 2003* and provide evidence of current registration with this application.

1. Permit type and fees (refer www.wtc.tas.gov.au)

Permit type	Fee
☐ 6 monthly (Peak season): 1 October to 30 March	
☐ 6 monthly (Off season): 1 April to 30 September	
☐ 12 monthly (Annual): 1 October to 30 September	
☐ Charitable and not for profit organisations Note: To be eligible the organisation must be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission	50% fee remission

2. Business Details

Business Name:	
Business Address:	
ABN /ACN:	
Primary Contact Name: Telephone: Email:	
Secondary Contact Name: Mobile:	
Vehicle description/s, approximate dimensions, and registration details	
Social media/website link	

3. Operating frequency and duration

Total period of operation	
Frequency of operation	
Day/s of operation	
Time of operation (between 7am-9pm daily)	

4. Location and Council Site No. (refer Mobile Food Vendor Policy

5. Other information relevant to the application (E.g. type of food or beverages to be sold, power source, waste disposal arrangements

6. Conditions of Permit:

HEALTH & SAFETY • Comply with all environmental health laws pertaining to Mobile Food Premises registration and maintain a current Mobile Food Business Registration. • Comply with all Australian Standards relating to the installation, maintenance and operation of gas and/or electrical appliances within the mobile food vehicle. • Keep the mobile food vehicle well presented, clean and in roadworthy condition always. • For road-registered mobile food vehicles parked on the road reserve, serve customers from the footpath side of the mobile food vehicle only. • For road-registered mobile food vehicles parked on the road reserve, park the mobile food vehicle in the direction of traffic flow only. • Not receive deliveries while trading.

TRADING TIMES, LOCATION & DURATION

- Park in lawful parking bays where applicable on a public street while trading.
- Trade within the parking limitations relevant to the parking bays of the trading location.

COMMUNITY ACCESS

- Maintain community access to parking, taxi, loading and bus zones as well as footpaths, roads, driveways and wheelchair access ramps at all times.
- For road-registered vehicles, ensure that all trade is wholly from within the mobile food vehicle and that food or beverage preparation, cooking or serving equipment or structures are not installed or erected outside the vehicle to display, prepare or serve food.
- Not provide tables, trestles, marquees, tents, chairs, boxes, crates or similar items for patrons to use as tables or seats if the mobile food vehicle is trading directly on or onto a paved footpath or other pedestrian thoroughfare.
- Ensure access to all street furniture such as public seats, bicycle parking, drinking fountains and rubbish bins is not compromised as a result of permitted trade.
- Ensure that trees and/or street furniture such as public seats, bicycle parking, drinking fountains and rubbish bins are not modified as a result of permitted trade.
- Ensure that all advertising or signage is fixed securely to the mobile food vehicle and does not protrude onto the road and/or footpath.
- Ensure customers do not queue across footpaths, onto roadways, driveways or other pedestrian or trafficked accesses.

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- Where possible use power sources that generate low or no noise and/or air pollution.
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WASTE

- Ensure that all waste created from the preparation and consumption of food is removed from the trading site and not disposed of in West Tamar Council rubbish bins.
- Whilst trading to the public, a mobile food vehicle must place out for use, at least one bin to accept waste and one bin for recyclable materials. The bins must be at least fifty (50) litres and are to be removed by the operator and contents disposed of responsibly.
- Ensure that wastewater and waste oil are contained according to Environmental Health Standards and removed and disposed of appropriately.
- Ensure that no wastewater, oil or other liquid is deposited into the stormwater system.
- Ensure that no hosing down of the mobile food vehicle or trading site takes place.
- Where Council has to undertake extra cleaning and/or removal of litter as a direct result of trade under a Mobile Food Business Permit, the permit holder must reimburse Council for all costs incurred in cleaning and/or tidying the area.

GENERAL

- Display the Mobile Food Vendor Permit within the mobile food vehicle at all times.
- Not transfer the Mobile Food Vendor Permit to another person or business.
- Inform Council of any intention to cease trading under the permit at least four (4) weeks prior to the last day of trade.
- Maintain current insurance policies and food business certificates for the term of the permit.
- Maintain trade with a frequency not less than every 8 weeks.
- Not place, install or leave any permanent fixtures at the site as part of the business operation.
- Follow all instructions issued by a duly authorised officer of the West Tamar Council.

- Assume responsibility for any and all liabilities that arise as a direct result of mobile food vendor trading within the Council area under the permit granted.
- Cover the costs of any damage to trees and/or public infrastructure, including public seats, bicycle parking, drinking fountains and rubbish bins, that directly results from trading under the Mobile Food Vendor Permit.
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7. Please provide current evidence of the following with this application:

- ☐ Tasmania Mobile Food Business Certificate of Registration
- ☐ Public and Product Liability Insurance with cover of $20 million
- ☐ Vehicle registration
- ☐ Australian Registration as Charity or Not-for-Profit (if applicable)
- ☐ Site plan, map or marked image showing proposed trading location/s
- ☐ Menu or summary of food and beverages to be sold

8. Applicant Acknowledgement:

In applying for this permit, I/we acknowledge and agree that the information provided is true and complete, that incomplete applications may be delayed or refused, and that I/we will comply with all permit conditions and required Tasmanian registrations. I/we understand that the permit may be amended, suspended or cancelled if conditions are breached.

Name and position held: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to West Tamar Council: PO Box 16, Riverside, 7250
wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au

For enquiries please contact the Community Assets team on T: 03 6323 9300

CERTIFICATE OF PERMIT

MOBILE FOOD VENDOR ON A PUBLIC STREET

Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 (S.56C)

West Tamar Council, pursuant to S.56C of the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* and in accordance with *WT-HRM45.00 - Mobile Food Vendor Policy* hereby grants a permit to the following business to operate as a mobile food vendor for longer than 15 minutes at the location specified below.

1. Business Details

Business Name:	
Business Address:	
ABN /ACN:	
Primary Contact Name: Telephone: Email:	
Secondary Contact Name: Mobile:	
Vehicle description/s, approximate dimensions, and registration details	

2. Location of Activity:

[with image]

3. Operating frequency and duration

Total period of operation	
Frequency of operation	
Day/s of operation	
Time of operation	

4. General Terms and Conditions - as stipulated below.

Please note this permit is not transferrable and may be revoked if any of the required permit conditions are breached.

Permit authorised by:

Kristen Desmond
Chief Executive Officer
Dd mmmm yyyy

Council Reference: Synergy Reference

N.B. This Permit is issued for the purposes of the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 only and does not provide approval or consent under any other legislation. Mobile Food vendors are required to be separately registered under the Food Act 2003

4. Mobile Food Vendor Permit – General Terms & Conditions

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Mobile Food Vendor Application Approval Process					
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1. PURPOSE

To outline the process for receiving, recording, assessing, approving and issuing permits for mobile food vendors seeking to operate from approved public street locations in accordance with Council's Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

2. SCOPE

This work instruction applies to mobile food vendor permit applications that are consistent with Council Policy *WT-HRM45.00 – Mobile Food Vendor Policy*, including applications to operate a mobile food vehicle from an approved public street location. It covers initial enquiries, application receipt, assessment, site availability checks, fee calculation, invoicing, approval, permit issue, recordkeeping and end-of-permit follow-up. Applications relating to private land, events, markets or activities managed under another approval pathway are outside the scope of this work instruction unless otherwise specified.

3. DEFINITIONS

CSR: Customer Service Request raised in Synergy to record and allocate an enquiry or action.

EHO: Environmental Health Officer responsible for confirming whether the applicant has current state-wide mobile food business registration.

Mobile Food Vehicle: A registered food business that operates from a mobile structure under the *Food Act 2003*.

Mobile Food Vendor Register: The register used to record approved vendors, approved sites, permit periods, trading times and site availability.

Public Street: Any street, road, lane, thoroughfare, footpath, bridge or place open to the public, or to which the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, as defined in the *Traffic Act 1925*.

Responsible Officer: The officer assigned to assess and coordinate the mobile food vendor permit application on behalf of Community Assets.

Synergy: Council's system used to record enquiries, applications, correspondence, tasks, recalls and related records.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1. Initial enquiry

Where an enquiry is received by telephone, Customer Service must transfer the call to the Responsible Officer where practicable or raise a Customer Service Request (CSR) in Synergy and task it to Community Assets.

Where an enquiry is received by email, Information Management must record the email in Synergy and task it to Community Assets.

The Responsible Officer must provide the applicant with the current application requirements and advise that the application cannot be assessed until all required information has been received.

4.2. Receipt and registration of application

Upon receipt of a completed application, Information Management or the Responsible Officer must record the application and all supporting information in Synergy and task the matter to Community Assets for assessment.

4.3. Application completeness check

The Responsible Officer must review the application to confirm that all required information has been provided, including the proposed site, proposed trading days and times, power source (if required), waste disposal arrangements and any supporting documentation required under the Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

If information is missing or unclear, the Responsible Officer must request clarification or further information from the applicant and record the request in Synergy. Assessment should not proceed until the required information has been received.

4.4. Approved sites

Site No.	Permitted Location	Trading Hours	Days	Power
1	Lions Park, Addison Street, Riverside	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available
2A, 2B	Windsor Community Precinct, Windsor Drive, Riverside	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Own source
3	Rosevears Recreation Ground, Hall Street, Rosevears	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available
4	Bradys Lookout, West Tamar Highway, Rosevears	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Own source
5	Exeter Community Hub, Murray Street, Exeter	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Own source
6	Beaconsfield Community Centre, Weld Street, Beaconsfield	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available soon
7A, 7B, 7C	Greens Beach Park, Greens Beach Road, Greens Beach	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Own source

Site No.	Permitted Location	Trading Hours	Days	Power
8	Rose Bay Park, Gravelly Beach Road, Gravelly Beach	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available soon
9	Legana Memorial Hall, 43 Fulton Street, Legana	7:00AM-9:00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available
10	Legana Oval, Old Dairy Way, Legana	7.00AM – 9.00PM	7 days per week	Own source
11A, 11B	Tailrace Park, Elouera Street, Trevallyn	7.00AM – 9.00PM	7 days per week	Own source
12A, 12B, 12C	Esplanade, Beauty Point	7.00AM – 9.00PM	7 days per week	Electricity available soon

The Responsible Officer must confirm that the requested location is an approved site and that the proposed trading days, times, power requirements and waste disposal arrangements are appropriate for the site.

4.5. Site capacity and availability

Site capacity will vary depending on the physical dimensions/restrictions of the site and the days/times permitted for individual operators. Applications should be approved on a first in basis.

The Responsible Officer must review the *Mobile Food Vendor Register* to confirm that the requested site and trading times are available. If the site or times are unavailable, the Responsible Officer must contact the applicant to discuss alternative approved sites or trading times or advise that the application cannot proceed as requested.

4.6. Food business registration check

The Responsible Officer must task the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) via Synergy to confirm that the applicant has current state-wide mobile food business registration. The confirmation must be recorded in Synergy before the permit is issued.

4.7. Permit fee calculation

The Responsible Officer must calculate the applicable permit fee using Council's adopted fees and charges and the Mobile Food Vendor Policy. Permits issued part-way through a permit period are charged in quarterly units, with the current quarter applying in full. Select the permit type and the month the permit is proposed to commence, then apply the corresponding fee in the table below. Where the applicant is a charitable or not-for-profit organisation, apply the relevant discount in accordance with the policy.

NB – permit fee must be updated for each new financial year upon Council approval of fees and charges.

Permit type	6 monthly (Peak season): 1 October to 30 March	6 monthly (Off season): 1 April to 30 September	12 monthly (Annual): 1 October to 30 September
Charitable and not for profit organisations			50% of fees below??
2026-2027 Fee	$444	$318	$571
Permit Period effective from:			
Oct	$444	N/a	$571
Nov	$444	N/a	$571
Dec	$444	N/a	$571
Jan	$222	N/a	$428
Feb	$222	N/a	$428
Mar	$222	N/a	$428
Apr	N/a	$318	Refer Off season
May	N/a	$318	Refer Off season
Jun	N/a	$318	Refer Off season
Jul	N/a	$159	Refer Off season
Aug	N/a	$159	Refer Off season
Sep	N/a	$159	Refer Off season

4.8. Invoice and payment confirmation

The Responsible Officer must request Finance to raise an invoice for the applicable fee and advise the applicant that payment is required before the Certificate of Permit can be issued. Payment must be confirmed and recorded in Synergy before the permit is released to the applicant.

4.9. Permit preparation and approval

Once the application has been assessed, site availability confirmed, food business registration confirmed and payment received, the Responsible Officer must prepare the permit documentation and CEO Authorisation cover sheet. The approval pack must include the completed CEO cover sheet, completed Certificate of Permit for signature and a copy of the permit application.

4.10. Permit issue and records

Following return of the authorised permit, the Responsible Officer must save a copy of the signed Certificate of Permit, approval documentation and related correspondence in Synergy. The Responsible Officer must issue the permit to the

applicant with a covering letter or email and update the *Mobile Food Vendor Register* to record the permit details.

4.11. End-of-permit follow-up

The Responsible Officer must create a Synergy recall before the permit expiry date to confirm whether the vendor intends to apply for a new permit or cease trading at the approved site. Any follow-up action must be recorded in Synergy.

4.12. Records to be retained

- initial enquiry or CSR
- application form and supporting documents
- requests for further information and applicant responses
- EHO confirmation of current state-wide mobile food business registration
- fee calculation and invoice request
- payment confirmation
- CEO Authorisation cover sheet and approval documentation
- signed Certificate of Permit
- covering letter or email to the applicant
- updated Mobile Food Vendor Register entry
- Synergy recall and end-of-permit follow-up notes

4.13. Exceptions and escalation

Where the application does not meet policy requirements, the requested site is unavailable, the applicant does not hold current registration, payment is not received, or the application requires refusal or further management review, the Responsible Officer must document the issue in Synergy and escalate the matter to the relevant Manager or Director before finalising the response to the applicant.

5. REFERENCES

WT-HRM45.00 – Mobile Food Vendor Policy

Food Act 2003

Traffic Act 1925

Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999

Council adopted *Fees and Charges*

6. APPROVAL

Approved by Director Community Assets on dd mmmm 2026.

14.2 Asset 2 - Capital Works Projects - Change of Scope Approval

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli

REPORT DATE: 12 October 2024

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to seek Council approval of the proposed change in scope of work for an existing project in the 2026/27 Capital Works Program.

BACKGROUND

Council approved funding in its 2025/26 capital works program for the design of a new retaining wall on the southern side of Ecclestone Road, Riverside, from Alison Avenue to New Ecclestone Road (Project number 63146). The objective of a new retaining wall was to stabilize and protect the road side embankment in this location following the localized erosion of part of the embankment due to sewage flows surcharging from a manhole at the top of the embankment.

The location of the proposed works is shown in the figure below.

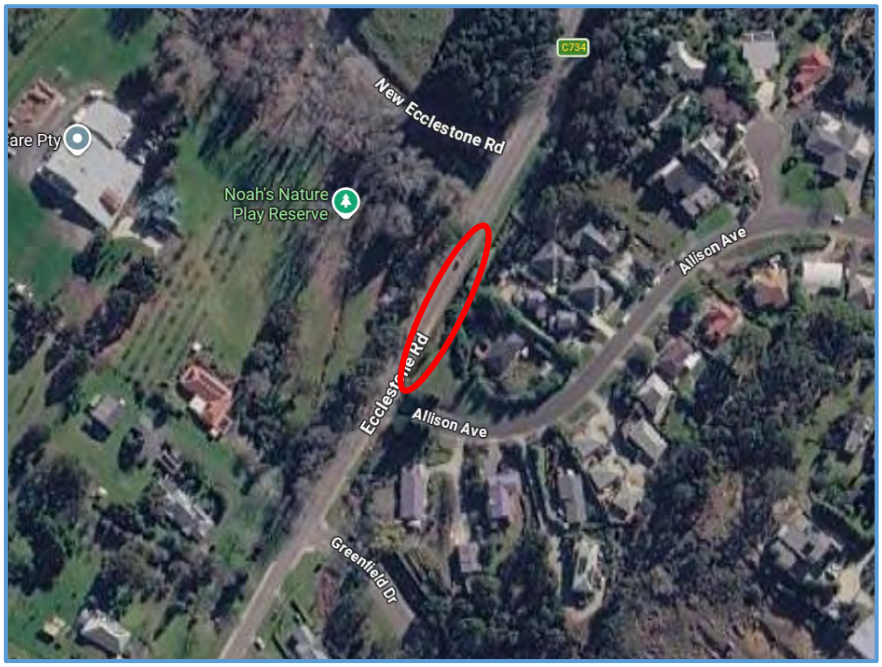


Figure 1 – Locality Plan

Design work and an engineering estimate for construction of a new concrete block retaining wall was completed in early 2026. This work, and further assessment undertaken by Council officers, indicates that construction of a retaining wall will be very expensive in comparison to a soft batter treatment. Officers therefore are requesting Council approval to approve the change in scope from the design of a new retaining wall, to the implementation of a soft batter treatment, which can be completed this financial year with the remaining budget allocation.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Shape: Growth and Place

Goal 3: Infrastructure investment is staged, sustainable and clear

3.2 Balance new capital works with renewal, DDA compliance, drainage, lighting and other existing asset needs so new growth does not weaken the places already carrying community life.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 s82

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk in approving a change in scope to this project is considered low. The existing embankment has been stable and has not eroded or been subject to localized failure to cause a hazard to pedestrians using the adjacent footpath.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The original budget approval for the design of a new retaining wall was $20,000. There is a remaining allocation of $14,000 in the capital works program this financial year against this project (Project number 63146).

A cost estimate received for the construction of a new mass concrete block retaining wall over a length of approximately 50 metres is $190,000. Officers have received a quote for the implementation of a soft batter treatment of $12,500.

CONSULTATION

The proposed change in scope of work was discussed at the Interim Council Workshop on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There is available funding against the Ecclestone Road retaining wall project to deliver a soft landscaped treatment to the southern road embankment this financial year. As the current project scope of work is for the design of a retaining wall, officers are seeking Council approval to change the scope of work to include implementation of a landscaped batter treatment.

The proposed treatment would include the installation of erosion control matting and planting out the batter with prostrate grevilleas to provide a low maintenance treatment. This would be in keeping with the grassed surface adjacent to the location of the proposed works.

The proposed expenditure to construct a retaining wall is not considered reasonable at this point in time as the existing embankment, while currently unsightly, is stable.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, by simple majority, approves a change in scope of work to capital works project number 63146 for the design of a retaining wall in Ecclestone Road, Riverside, to the implementation of a soft landscape treatment.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

14.3 Asset 3 - Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy - New

REPORT AUTHOR: Director Community Assets - Dino De Paoli

REPORT DATE: 13 October 2026

ATTACHMENTS: 1. [**14.3.1**] WT- HRM 77.00 - Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy - October 2026 - DRAFT

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a proposed new Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy for adoption.

BACKGROUND

Charity and Community Groups in the West Tamar region are reporting they are receiving significant numbers of items which are in an unsaleable condition and cannot be re-conditioned ready for sale.

The impact has a negative effect on charity and not-for-profit community groups who are required to spend charitable proceeds or their own money in order to dispose of the items safely and legally.

In May 2026, Councillors discussed the potential to introduce a Charity and Community Group Concessional or Reduced Waste Policy to reduce the impact on the charities and groups.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This action relates to the following components of the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036:

Our Economy: Economy and Innovation

Goal 1: Local jobs and enterprise grow closer to home

1.3 Work with business networks, regional bodies and services providers to strengthen capability, resilience and practical support for local operators.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS & RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The risk is considered to be low.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Low, dependent on the amount of charity waste vouchers applied for and allocated throughout the financial year.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Councillors occurred at the Pre-Meeting Workshop on 19 May 2026, the Interim Workshop on 7 July 2026 and the Interim Workshop on 6 October 2026.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to:

1. Accept the motion as presented;
2. Accept the motion with amendments;
3. Reject the motion.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Policy has been drafted to allow a registered charity or community group to apply for a number of Charity Waste Vouchers for use at Council's Waste Transfer stations or the Launceston Waste Centre. Vouchers will only be valid for the financial year in which they are issued.

By specifically allocating these vouchers, it will make it easier for Council Officers to monitor the usage of these Charity Waste Vouchers throughout the year, separate to the general residential vouchers currently issued to ratepayers. This will allow for tracking and reporting of expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the new Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy effective 20 October 2026;
2. Allocates a new policy number of 77.00;
3. Updates the version number to 1.00; and
4. Approves a review date of October 2030

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups Policy

Document No.:	*WT-HRM77.00*	Approved By:	*Council*
Issue No.:	*1.00*	Approved On:	*DD MMM YYYY*
Responsibility:	*Community Assets*	Review Date:	*October 2030*
Document Control	*For External Release – N2026247167*		

Rev. No.	Date	Revision Details	Reviewer	Approver

1 PURPOSE

To set out criteria to supply waste vouchers to eligible Charity and Community groups for use at an approved West Tamar Council Waste Disposal Facility to assist in waste disposal.

2 SCOPE

This Policy applies to any Charity or Community group with a registered office in the West Tamar municipality.

2.1 POLICY APPLICABLE TO:

- A recognised Charity or Community group providing services within the West Tamar Council municipality where:
  - waste has been collected during community clean-ups on Council owned or managed property;
  - the waste has been collected during Clean up Australia Day activities;
  - works conducted by a Charity or Community group would otherwise have been carried out by Council;
  - Community or Charities, through no fault of their own have accumulated waste in excess of usual demands;
  - disposing of waste resulting from an emergency or natural disaster to assist residents who are otherwise unable to manage the waste themselves.
- Where groups are requesting waste disposal privileges for materials generated from an emergency or natural disaster, they must seek prior approval from Council.

3 DEFINITIONS

- Waste Disposal Facility:

Includes West Tamar Council owned waste transfers stations located in Exeter (Biloo Street) and Beaconsfield (Bowens Jetty Road), and the Launceston Waste Centre (Cavalry Road, Mowbray).

- Charity Group:

  - an organisation which is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC)

  Or

  - an organisation that's principal purpose is providing for the good of the community and is:
    - a not for profit organisation;
    - an organisation that has only charitable purposes that are for public benefit;
    - not an individual, a political party, or a government entity.

  The organisation must have a registered address within the West Tamar Council municipality, as shown on the ATO certificate, or alternate evidence of a premise within the municipality.

- Community Group:
  - a community based 'not for profit' group;
  - a recognised community group providing services to the West Tamar municipality;
  - not receiving ongoing operating funds from the West Tamar Council or State or Federal Government;
  - a community group that is not representing a government department or an educational institution (including day cares and schools);
  - providing a service to the community; and
  - not operating for the sole benefit of its own association.

- Waste materials:

  - Any materials that are classified as general household waste and that would typically be placed into a kerbside garbage bin for disposal to landfill and
  - Damaged household items including furniture and mattresses that are not suitable for reuse or re-sale.

- Recyclable materials:

  - Any materials that would typically be permitted for collection in Council's kerbside recycling bins, including cardboard, paper, bottles and cans.

- Non-Accepted Waste:

  - Commercial waste including bricks, tiles, rubble and soil; and other non-accepted items outlined on the Council's Waste Transfer Station website. Waste Transfer Stations - West Tamar Council

4 POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to providing assistance to Community Groups and Charity Groups that are located in the West Tamar municipality to assist in the disposal of waste.

4.1 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A Charity Group or Community Group may apply to Council for waste disposal assistance at any time in a financial year. Application forms are available at www.wtc.tas.gov.au or Council offices at 2-4 Eden St, Riverside or 6 West St, Beaconsfield.

Charity Groups or Community Groups are not automatically considered for waste disposal assistance each year and therefore must submit an application for each year they wish to be considered.

4.2 PROCESS

Council Officers will assess each eligible Charity Group or Community Group's application. Following assessment, the application will be reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer or considered by Council at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting if required under section 4.3 of this Policy.

If approved, the applicant will be allocated waste vouchers for use at an approved West Tamar Council Waste Disposal Facility to assist in the disposal of waste.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate how they are proactively managing their waste volumes, including deterring illegal dumping, to reduce waste to landfill and request the amount of waste vouchers they are requesting for that year.

During assessment, Council Officers will assess the following when determining a recommendation for Council on the number of waste vouchers to be approved:

a) Eligibility as a Charity Group or Community Group under this Policy;
b) Any applicable waste management plan;
c) Previous applications by the applicant;
d) Any information provided to demonstrate the proactive management of waste volumes

4.3 APPROVAL

The Chief Executive Officer may approve applications from any eligible Charity Group or Community Group requesting up to a maximum of 12 vouchers per financial year. Applications requesting more than 12 vouchers will require consideration by Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting.

Council Officers will advise successful applicants of the approved allocation of vouchers in writing. Council will also advise unsuccessful applicants in writing.

4.4 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Waste Disposal for Charity and Community Groups program is an annual program which commences with each financial year and no cross-over between years.

This means that:

- Waste vouchers are only relevant to the financial year which is stated on the voucher itself, and will not carry over once the date of expiration has been reached.
- The voucher amount is for the listed value only and no change will be supplied for any transactions under the listed value.
- A Charity Group or Community Group is not automatically considered for the program each year and therefore must apply for each year they wish to be considered.

In conjunction with the conditions outlined above, applicants must adhere to the following criteria:

- Only one application per Charity Group or Community Group in each financial year will be accepted.
- Exclusively use the allocated waste vouchers to dispose of waste which has been generated via the usual conduct of charitable/community works within the West Tamar municipality.
- The waste vouchers provided are only to be used by the applicant Charity Group or Community Group not by any external individual or company.

Where breaches of any conditions occur, Council reserves the right to cancel any existing vouchers for the remainder of a financial year.

5 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Approve applications up to a maximum of 12 vouchers.
- Allocate appropriate skilled and resourced Council Officers to:
  - Assess applications
  - Prepare recommendations for Council to consider
  - Allocate waste vouchers
  - Maintain a register of applications and allocated waste vouchers

5.2 COUNCIL

- Approve applications above 12 vouchers
- Approve the number of waste vouchers to be issued to any eligible Charity Group or Community Group where required.

6 LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

- *Local Government Act 1993,* Section 205 (Fees and Charges)

- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission: www.acnc.gov.au
- West Tamar Council – Waste: www.wtc.tas.gov.au/waste

7 APPROVAL

Approved by Council on DD MMM YYYY (26/xx)

Signed: _____

Chief Executive Officer

15 PEOPLE, CULTURE & SAFETY

Nil

16 PETITIONS

Nil

17 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

17.1 Motions on Notice

Nil

17.2 Motions without Notice

18 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

18.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil

18.2 Councillors' Questions without Notice

18.3 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice

18.3.1 Cr Sladden - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: There was an email received regarding the possibility of a bus shelter at 68 Beach Road bus stop. I was wondering if that's ever been on the council's agenda?

Response: *The recent email correspondence to Councillors requesting consideration of a new bus shelter in Beach Road has not previously been presented on Council's agenda for discussion. Requests for a bus shelter in this location have previously been submitted by the customer in August 2025 and through a Snap Send Solve enquiry in May 2026. The request has been included on Council's draft capital works project listing for the 2027/28 financial year and will be brought to Council for consideration as part of budget approval processes for the next financial year.*

18.3.2 Cr Ferguson - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: Are we able to get the asset manager just to give me an update on the asset management plan for the playground in front of the doctor's surgery here at Windsor?

Response: *The playground equipment at Windsor was installed in 2011 and is not scheduled for renewal until around 2034. Council officers regularly inspect our playgrounds to identify any maintenance requirements and the Windsor playground is noted as still being in good condition. Following the initial installation of the playground equipment, a ramp was installed in 2013 and table settings in 2014.*

18.3.3 Cr Larner - Question from 15 September 2026

Question 1: How many inspections of erosion and sediment control on development sites in the Legana catchment did Council carry out in the 12 months to the 30th of June 2026?

Response: *It is estimated there were in the order of 65 inspections undertaken.*

Question 2: How many notices, directions, or penalties were issued?

Response: *There were 4 directions issued.*

Question 3: Will Council bring a report on the Zone 2 result and Council's response, including any TasWater sewer overflow events reported to Council within the West Tamar municipality, to a public Council meeting?

Response: *Publicly available information on the Zone 2 TEER Report card results are publicly available on the TEER website at https://www.teer.org.au/tamar-estuary-report-cards. As such no Council report will be provided. TEER is the appropriate body to provide the information requested.*

Question 4: When will the community be able to see and comment on Council's input to the 2026 update of the Water Quality Improvement Plan?

Response: *TEER staff are currently liaising with technical officers from councils across the region, including West Tamar Council. As this is a technical document, input will be provided from appropriately qualified technical officers.*

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 15 September 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.

Office of the CEO

6.1 Confidential 1 – Sale of 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.

Corporate & Community

8.1 Confidential 2 – Frankford Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee – Nomination of Members
This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(h) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential.

Community Assets

9.1 Confidential 3 – Contract No. WTC 72/2026 Reseal Program 2026/27, Spray & Asphalt Resurfacing
This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

9.2 Confidential 4 – Contract No. WTC 68/2026 Notley Hills Road Reconstruction
This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

9.3 Confidential 5 – Contract No. WTC 73/2026 Pitt Avenue Road Reconstruction
This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

9.4 Confidential 6 – Contract No. WTC 43/2026 Glengarry, Loop Road – Culvert, Embankment & Pavement Reconstruction
This report has been submitted to the closed part of the Council Meeting in accordance with Regulation 17(2)(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

VOTING

For:

Against:

20 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

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

21 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at …pm