



**Meander  
Valley  
Council**

# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

*Open Session*

**Tuesday, 14 April 2026**

**Time** 5.04pm

**Location** Council Chambers  
26 Lyall Street  
Westbury, Tasmania

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Chairperson** Mayor Wayne Johnston

**Councillors Present** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader  
Councillor Rodney Synfield  
Councillor John Temple  
Councillor Daniel Smedley  
Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Apologies** Councillor Kevin House

### **Officers Present**

Jonathan Harmey General Manager  
Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services  
Craig Davies Director Corporate Services  
David Murray Director Infrastructure Services  
Natasha Whiteley Team Leader Town Planning (Agenda Items 13.1 and 13.2)  
Leanne Rabjohns Town Planner (Agenda Item 13.1)  
Jonathan Galbraith Manager Engineering and Assets (Agenda Item 13.1)  
Nooshin Varikodan Town Planner (Agenda Item 13.2)  
Anthony Kempnich Manager Governance and Legal  
Anthea Rooney Governance Officer

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND APOLOGIES

Mayor Wayne Johnston opened the Meeting at 5.04pm and noted an apology from Councillor Kevin House.

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## 2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather for the Council Meeting, paid respects to elders past and present and extended those respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present.

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## 3. STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 8*

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that persons attending this Meeting should note that:

- (a) an audio and visual recording is being made of the Meeting;
  - (b) all persons attending the Meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the Meeting; and
  - (c) language and conduct at the Meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the Meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.
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## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council receives and confirms the Minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 March 2026.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 040/2026**

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## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader declared an interest in Agenda Item 15.3 - Westbury Library Lease and elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the Agenda Item.

Mayor Wayne Johnston declared an interest in Closed Agenda Item 3.1 - Leave of Absence Applications and elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the Agenda Item.

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## **6. COUNCIL WORKSHOP REPORT**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 10(3)(c)*

### **COUNCIL WORKSHOP – 24 MARCH 2026**

#### *Workshop Attendance*

##### **Present**

*Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple and Councillor Daniel Smedley*

##### **Apologies**

*Councillor Christine Cronshaw*

#### *Topics Discussed*

##### **Planning Applications for April 2026 Council Meetings**

*Councillors received a review of Planning Applications to be presented to the April 2026 Council Meeting.*

##### **Bracknell Recreation Ground – Away Changerooms Project**

*Councillors discussed proposed changes to the Bracknell Recreation Ground Away Changerooms.*

##### **Review of Policy No. 95: Indigenous Recognition**

*Councillors provided feedback on the Policy review prior to finalisation of the Policy and presentation to a future Council Meeting.*

##### **Westbury Town Hall Refurbishment**

*Councillors received an update and discussed concepts regarding the changes to the Westbury Town Hall.*

##### **Hands Off Quamby Bluff Meeting**

*Councillors discussed the next steps following a meeting with the Hands Off Quamby Bluff group.*

##### **Lyons Electorate Proposed Changes**

*Councillors contributed to a discussion on whether to provide a submission on proposed changes to the Federal electorate of Lyons.*

##### **Federal Grant Program**

*Councillors received an update on a Federal program.*

##### **Local Government Association Tasmania Meeting Motions**

*Councillors provided feedback to the Mayor on upcoming Local Government Association Tasmania motions.*

##### **Discussion from Tourism Association Meeting**

*Councillors discussed issues arising from the latest Tourism Association Meeting.*

*Items for Noting*

**Community Representation Information**

## 7. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

### *Councillors' Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting*

#### **Mayor Wayne Johnston**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 16 March 2026 – Meander Valley Citizenship Ceremony, Westbury
- 24 March 2026 – Community Forum, Meander
- 25 March 2026 – TasWater Council Connect luncheon
- 28 March 2026 – Tasmania Devils match, Launceston
- 1 April 2026 – Northern Tasmania Development Corporation MRG Meeting
- 9 April 2026 – Local Government Association Tasmania Mayor's Forum
- 10 April 2026 – Local Government Association Tasmania General Meeting

#### **Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 – Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury
- 24 March 2026 – Community Forum, Meander

#### **Councillor Ben Dudman**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 – Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury
- 24 March 2026 – Meander Valley Council Audit Panel Meeting
- 24 March 2026 – Community Forum, Meander

#### **Councillor Kevin House**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 – Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury

#### **Councillor Anne-Marie Loader**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 – Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury
- 11 March 2026 – Meander Valley Business and Tourism Association Meeting, Deloraine
- 14 March 2026 – Hop to Harvest, Deloraine
- 15 March 2026 – Heirloom Festival, Hagley
- 16 March 2026 – Meander Valley Citizenship Ceremony, Westbury
- 21 March 2026 – Westbury St Patrick's Festival, Westbury
- 22 March 2026 – Great Western Tiers Cycle Challenge, Move Your Way, Prospect Vale
- 24 March 2026 – Community Forum, Meander
- 29 March 2026 – Easter Sausage Sizzle, Blackstone Heights

#### **Councillor Rodney Synfield**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 – Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury
- 24 March 2026 – Community Forum, Meander

### **Councillor John Temple**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 - *Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury*
- 24 March 2026 - *Community Forum, Meander*

### **Councillor Daniel Smedley**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 - *Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury*

### **Councillor Christine Cronshaw**

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 10 March 2026 - *Hands off Quamby Bluff Meeting, Westbury*

## 8. PETITIONS

*For further information about Petitions, refer to the Local Government Act 1993: sections 57-60A*

No new Petitions or Actions on Previous Petitions were received as part of this Agenda

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## 9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIONS

*Community Representations are an opportunity for community members or groups to request up to three minutes to address Council on a topic of particular interest.*

*Requests received at least 14 days prior to a Council Meeting will be considered by the Chairperson. For further information, contact the Office of the General Manager on 6393 5317 or [ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au).*

No Community Representations were received as part of this Meeting

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## 10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 10.1. Public Questions With Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 38(1)*

*(Questions With Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting).*

#### Question

*Peter McKenzie, Westbury (asked at the Council Meeting of 10 March 2026)*

1. *If the Walters Quarry expansion is approved today, once the additional truck movements are underway, what future risk monitoring assessment and possible mitigation will be undertaken by the Meander Valley Council and if not by the Meander Valley Council, who will conduct the monitoring?*

**David Murray (Director Infrastructure Services)** advises that, as part of the application and assessment phases for the Planning Application PA\25\0005 (referred to above), expert advice was obtained from traffic engineering consultants in the form of a Traffic Impact Assessment provided by the applicant and a third party review commissioned by the Council. Risk assessment and appropriate mitigations, including the road standard required, were considered as part of the advice obtained from the third party review. Conditions in relation to the appropriate standard of the road were recommended for approval as part of the report to the Council.

The Council will continue to monitor safety and efficiency of this section of Porters Bridge Road, as it does with the entire road network within the Meander Valley municipality. A number of assessment methods are available to the Council including; road asset inspections, traffic count data, work requests and reported crash statistics.

## 10.2. Public Questions Without Notice

### Question

Lucy Fleming, Westbury – Councillor Voting Options

1. Can Council clarify:
  - the conditions under which a Councillor may abstain from voting;
  - how abstaining without explanation supports transparency and helps our community to understand Councillor decision making; and
  - how Councillors who choose to abstain are acting in the best interests of the community?

**Mayor Wayne Johnston responded by saying that** he chooses not to abstain from voting because abstaining is considered a vote in the negative. When voting in the negative, he tries to provide a reason for doing so. He expressed that it is frustrating when Councillors abstain and don't provide a reason. As Chair it is preferable to understand Councillors' decisions, however, it is a personal choice.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman and Councillor Anne-Marie Loader also responded regarding their reasons for not abstaining from voting saying that, as elected members, there was a responsibility to make a decision or provide a reason for voting options.

**Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) commented that** from a regulatory perspective, the voting at Council Meetings is governed by *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*. Under the Act, Councillors have the option to vote in favour or against a motion or abstain. To abstain is a vote in the negative; so it is a vote against the motion.

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# 11. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

## 11.1. Councillors' Questions With Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 35*

*Questions With Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting.*

### Question

*Councillor Anne-Marie Loader (received via email on 31 March 2026)*

- 1. The work Council does to manage our local road corridors is appreciated, however, residents in the Golden Valley and Liffey areas are increasingly concerned by the rapid spread of foxglove. It appears to be spreading from both commercial plantations and government land, impacting bushland and private properties. Given its recent status as a declared weed, could the Council please advise if the Council's staff have been liaising with NRE, particularly regarding the education project that is part of the Weeds Action Fund?*

**Matthew Millwood (Director Works)** advises that the Meander Valley Council's Officers have not been liaising with NRE officers or other landowners/managers regarding the spread of foxglove in the Golden Valley and Liffey area nor have they had any involvement in any project associated with the Weeds Action Fund. The Council's Officers are aware of an information session held in late August 2025 at the Old Liffey School which focused on foxglove and other weeds in the local area. Attendees included local landowners, NRE, Parks and Wildlife Services, Sustainable Timbers Tasmania, Bush Heritage Australia and the Tasmanian Land Conservancy.

- 2. With the 10-year anniversary of the June 2016 floods approaching, residents near the Westbury Town Common remain concerned about future inundation. I am aware the Council has liaised with TasWater and other agencies to advocate for the appropriate maintenance of our waterways since that event. Can the Council's staff provide an update on whether these efforts are ongoing and what specific assurances can be given to Westbury residents that these waterways are currently being managed to prevent a repeat of the 2016 disaster?*

**Matthew Millwood (Director Works)** advises that the Council's Officers have continued to liaise with land managers regarding the vegetation within and adjacent to the Quamby Brook, particularly downstream of the Meander Valley Road, since the 2016 flood event. This advocating resulted in some vegetation clearing works being undertaken in 2018, however, no further work has occurred since and unfortunately regrowth has occurred. The Council has continued to request action by the relevant land managers over the past three - four years. Although there have been indications that further work would occur, nothing has occurred to date. On 10 November 2025, the Council's General Manager wrote to TasWater and the Minister, Primary Industries and Water, regarding this ongoing issue, however, no responses have been received. The Council's Officers will continue to undertake further follow up of this matter.

## **11.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice**

There were no Councillors' Questions Without Notice received as part of this Meeting

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## **12. COUNCILLOR NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Councillor Notices of Motion asked at this Meeting

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## 13. PLANNING AUTHORITY REPORTS

### 13.1. PA\25\0122 – 611 Porters Bridge Road, Reedy Marsh

<b>Proposal</b>	Level 2 Activity – Extractive Industry
<b>Report Author</b>	Leanne Rabjohns Town Planner
<b>Authorised By</b>	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Tony Cresswell spoke for the recommended motion  
Nick van Amstel spoke against the recommended motion

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council, acting as a Planning Authority, receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\25\0122 - 611 Porters Bridge Road, Reedy Marsh and resolves to approve the application.

Refer to *Details* below for further specification of the Planning Authority's decision and any conditions or notes.

<b>Moved</b>	Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Councillor Anne-Marie Loader and Councillor John Temple

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 041/2026**

#### *Details*

The Planning Authority must take qualified advice before making a decision and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are: (a) minuted; and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

See *Local Government Act 1993: section 65, Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 29(2) and Land Use and Approvals Act 1993: sections 57-59.*

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, the Planning Authority resolved as follows:

## Planning Authority Recommendation

This application by Cresswells Transport Pty Ltd, for a Level 2 Activity – Extractive Industry (quarry), on land located at 611 Porters Bridge Road, Reedy Marsh (CT 185619/2) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

## Endorsed Plan

1. Site Plan (to be submitted in accordance with Condition 4).

## Permit Conditions

### Part A

#### Part 5 Agreement – Infrastructure Contributions

1. Prior to the permit taking effect, an agreement pursuant to section 71 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* must be entered into between the Meander Valley Council, the land owner/s of CT 185619/2 (the **Owner**) and the operator of the extractive industry (the **Operator**), to provide for the following matters:
  - a. Infrastructure Contribution: payment to the Council by the Owner and/or Operator (ie. they are jointly and severally liable) of a reasonable, equitable and proportional financial contribution that is equal to, and will be applied by the Council exclusively towards, the Council's reasonable costs of designing and implementing upgrades to the section of Porters Bridge Road between Meander Valley Road and the site access (the **Road**) that are necessary to ensure that the Road can safely accommodate the additional heavy vehicle movements generated by the approved use and development. Payment of the financial contribution must be made prior to the design and construction works being undertaken by the Council; and
  - b. Maintenance Contribution: payment to the Council by the Operator of an annual, ongoing maintenance contribution for the Road, payable for the life of the permit, with the contribution figure to:
    - i. reflect a reasonable, equitable and proportional contribution towards the Council's increased costs of maintaining the Road in light of the additional heavy vehicle movements generated by the approved use and development; and
    - ii. be calculated having regard to the amount of material transported from the site in each financial year.

Once executed, the agreement must be lodged with the Recorder and registered on the title to the Lots in accordance with section 78 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

The applicant must bear all costs associated with the preparation, execution and registration of the agreement.

2. The agreement, pursuant to section 71 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, required by Condition 1 of this permit must, without limitation, provide for the following matters:
- a. Use of the Road to transport the increased volume of materials quarried from the site cannot commence until the Council has completed the necessary upgrades to the Road.
  - b. Subject to the payment of the infrastructure contribution in full, the Council will design and implement construct the necessary upgrades to the road within a two-year period from the date this permit takes effect in accordance with section 53 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Financial Contributions for Design and Construction Works

- c. The Owner and/or Operator (ie. they are jointly and severally liable) must pay to the Council a reasonable, equitable and proportional, financial contribution in an amount equal to the reasonable costs of the Council designing and implementing upgrades to the Road to ensure that it generally accords with an S3 (from the vehicle access at 190 Porters Bridge Road to the vehicle access at 611 Porters Bridge Road) and S4 (from Meander Valley Road to the vehicle access at 190 Porters Bridge Road) Rural Road Sealed Standard of the Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT) Standard Drawings.

The S3 standard includes (but is not limited to) works to implement the following:

- i. uniform 5.5m seal width; and
- ii. road shoulders.

The S4 standard includes (but is not limited to) works to implement the following:

- iii. uniform 6m seal width;
- iv. road shoulders;
- v. pavement strengthening;
- vi. sub-surface and road side drainage;
- vii. line marking; and
- viii. road signage.

- d. The agreement must include a clause to the effect that the financial contribution will be calculated having regard to any of the following that may have occurred before the time/date when the financial contribution becomes payable:
  - i. The design and/or implementation of the necessary upgrades to the Road (or any part thereof) has already occurred; or
  - ii. The Council has received and holds payments from any third party (including without limitation any other quarry operator utilising the Road) in circumstances where the payment must be applied by Council towards the costs of designing and/or implementing upgrades to the Road (or any part thereof) to ensure that it generally accords with an S3 and S4 Rural Road Sealed Standard of the Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT) Standard Drawings.

### Maintenance Levy

- e. The Operator must pay to the Council an annual road maintenance contribution for the costs of maintenance of the Road. The maintenance contribution is to be calculated and levied as per the following:
  - i. Within 30 days of the end of each financial year (ie. 30 June) the operator must deliver to the Council's General Manager a report setting out the total volume (expressed in both cubic metres and tonnes) of materials transported from the site in the immediately preceding financial year;
  - ii. Following receipt of the report referred to in clause e. i., the Council will calculate the maintenance contribution payable by the Operator to the Council for the relevant financial year;
  - iii. Within 30 days of receipt of the information in accordance with clause e. i., the Council will issue the Operator with an invoice for the maintenance contribution calculated in accordance with clause d. ii. for the relevant financial year.
  - iv. The Operator must pay all invoices issued in accordance with clause e. iii. within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.
  - v. The amount of the maintenance contribution will be calculated using the following formula:  
**C = V x R**  
Where  
'V' is the total volume of materials (expressed in tonnes) transported from the site in the immediately preceding financial year;  
'R' is the rate (which to reiterate, will reflect a reasonable, equitable and proportional contribution towards the Council's increased costs of maintaining the Road in light of the additional heavy vehicle movements generated by the approved use and development); and  
'C' is the amount of the maintenance contribution payable for the immediately preceding financial year.
  - vi. The 'R' value referred to in the formula will be reviewed and adjusted on 1 June each year to reflect increases to the appropriate Consumer Price Index.

### **Vehicle Parking Areas**

3. The area/s set aside for parking light vehicles and access ways must be designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner and must:
  - a. Provide a minimum of one car parking space;
  - b. Be designed and constructed to comply with Australian Standard AS2890, Off-street car parking and AS 2890 Off-street Commercial Vehicle Facilities (where applicable);
  - c. Be delineated to indicate each car space; and
  - d. Install signage to direct light vehicles to car parking area.

### **Plans to be Submitted**

4. A Site Plan must be submitted to the Council for approval to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and form part of the permit. The Site Plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions, showing the following:
  - a. Car parking areas, method of delineation and location of directional signage in accordance with Condition 3.

### **Prior to the Commencement of the Use**

5. Prior to the commencement of the use of the extractive industry, the following must be completed to the satisfaction of the Council:
  - a. The Part 5 Agreement executed, in accordance with Condition 1;
  - b. Road upgrades completed and truck warning signs installed, in accordance with Condition 2;
  - c. Carparking area constructed and directional signage installed, in accordance with Condition 3; and
  - d. Site plan submitted, in accordance with Condition 4.

### **Compliance with section 71 Agreement**

6. The Operator must comply with its obligations under the Agreement pursuant to section 71 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* required to be entered into by this permit.

### **Limitations on Heavy Vehicle Movements**

7. During the hours of operation, heavy vehicles associated with the operation must:
  - a. Exit the site turning right on to Porters Bridge Road and travel south along Porters Bridge Road; and
  - b. Enter the site with a left turn off Porters Bridge Road having travelled north from Meander Valley Road along Porters Bridge Road to the site entrance.
  - c. Notwithstanding a. and b. above, the northern extent of Porters Bridge Road and River Road must only to be used for incidental local deliveries.

### **Hazardous Chemicals or Explosives**

8. The on-site storage of hazardous chemicals and explosives are prohibited where it would cause the use to be a hazardous use pursuant to the Bushfire-Prone Areas Code of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (State Planning Provisions) where:
  - a. Hazardous chemicals of a manifest quantity are stored on a site (Refer to Note 1); or
  - b. Explosives are stored on a site and were classified as an explosive location or large explosive location as specified in the *Explosive Act 2012*.

## Environment Protection Authority

9. The person responsible for the activity must comply with the conditions contained in Schedule 2 of Permit Part B, which the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requires the planning authority to include in the permit, pursuant to section 25(5) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

## Permit Notes

1. Manifest quantities is defined by the *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022*.
2. This permit requires an agreement to be entered into pursuant to section 71 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, and therefore, will not take effect until the day that the agreement is executed by all parties (see the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, section 53(6)).
3. Any proposed use of heavy vehicles, that exceed the restrictions for General Access Vehicles outside of the prescribed Heavy Vehicle Access Routes, will be subject to a separate national Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) permit approval. Details relating to Heavy Vehicle Access maps for Tasmanian roads can be located on the Tasmanian Department of State Growth website. It is noted that Porters Bridge Road does not form part of the Heavy Vehicle Access route.
4. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact the Council.
5. This permit takes effect after:
  - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
  - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
  - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
6. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of the Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
7. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. The Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
8. All permits issued by the Planning Authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Offices on request.

9. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a. all works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
  - b. presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
  - c. relevant approval processes for State and Federal Government agencies will apply.

## 13.2. PA\26\0016 - 15 Meander Valley Road, Carrick

<b>Proposal</b>	Multiple dwellings (4 proposed and 1 existing)
<b>Report Author</b>	Nooshin Varikodan Town Planner
<b>Authorised By</b>	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Michael Bernacki (on behalf of applicant) spoke for the recommended motion  
Glen Rosewell spoke against the recommended motion

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council, acting as a Planning Authority, receives the Agenda Item tabled for - PA\26\0016 - 15 Meander Valley Road, Carrick and resolves to approve the application.

Refer to *Details* below for further specification of the Planning Authority's decision and any conditions or notes.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Councillor Rodney Synfield and Councillor John Temple

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 042/2026**

### *Details*

The Planning Authority must take qualified advice before making a decision and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are: (a) minuted; and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

See *Local Government Act 1993*: section 65, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*: Regulation 29(2) and *Land Use and Approvals Act 1993*: sections 57-59.

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, the Planning Authority resolved as follows:

### *Planning Authority Recommendation*

This application by Honed Architecture + Design, for Multiple dwellings (4 proposed and 1 existing), on land located at 15 Meander Valley Road Carrick (CT 18938/1) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

## Endorsed Plan

- a. Honed Architecture + Design; Dated: 20/1/2026; Project no: 2503; Drawing no: A-DA-01 to A-DA-17, A-DA-20 to A-DA-27; Revision: C.

## Permit Conditions

1. Prior to commencement of any works, a Soil and Water Management Plan in accordance with industry best practices detailing the site-specific measures to minimise on-site erosion and the release of sediment or sediment laden stormwater from the site must be implemented and maintained until such time that soil cover is reinstated. A copy of the Soil and Water Management Plan must be made available to the Council upon request. Refer to Note 1.
2. The internal fence within 4.5m of the frontage is to be constructed to provide at least 30% transparency for that part of the fence over 1.2m in height, to a maximum height of 1.8m, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
3. Notice of Acceptance from the Land Titles Office must be submitted to the Council confirming the registration of the Final Plan of Survey for the lot (CT 18938/1).
4. Prior to the commencement of any works the following must be completed to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner:
  - a. An amended plan showing the elevation of the internal fence within 4.5m from the frontage must be submitted for approval, in accordance with Condition 2. Once approved, the plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit; and
  - b. Evidence of Notice of Acceptance from the Land Titles Office must be submitted to the Council in accordance with Condition 3.
5. The vehicle access must be constructed in accordance with the requirements of and to the satisfaction of the Department of State Growth. Refer to Note 2.
6. The parking spaces allocated to the existing dwelling must be clearly dedicated through line marking or incidental signage, to that particular dwelling, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
7. The two visitor car parking spaces on the site must be clearly dedicated, through line marking or incidental signage, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
8. A R4-4A Shared Zone sign nominating a speed limit of 10km/h must be installed within the driveway to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner. The sign must be clearly visible to all users (vehicles and pedestrians) and be located at the access to the property from Meander Valley Road, where it is clearly visible at the entry to the site.
9. A warning sign to caution users exiting the site of pedestrians using the footpath within the road reservation must be installed within the site close to the vehicle access, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
10. The building, retaining walls, footings, drainage and associated excavation works must be wholly contained within the title boundaries.
11. Stormwater runoff from the driveway and new building areas is to be captured and directed to the existing stormwater connection point within the property boundary so that concentrated or nuisance flows do not cross the property boundaries to adjoining land.

12. Prior to commencement of use the following must be completed to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner:
  - a. The internal fence within 4.5m of the frontage must be constructed in accordance with Condition 2.
  - b. A letter of compliance from the Department of State Growth must be submitted to the Council, confirming that the vehicle access has been constructed in accordance with Condition 5;
  - c. The parking spaces must be delineated and dedicated in accordance with Condition 6 and 7; and
  - d. The signage must be installed in accordance with Conditions 8 and 9.
13. Any line marking or signage installed to delineate parking spaces must be maintained for the life of the use to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
14. Removal of signage or line-marking may only occur with the prior written consent of the Council's Town Planner.
15. The development must be in accordance with the Submission to Planning Authority Notice issued by TasWater (TWDA 2025/00882-MVC attached).

### *Permit Notes*

1. Best practice guidelines for Soil and Water Management (also referred to as Erosion and Sediment Control) are available here:
  - a. Tasmanian Guidelines (NRM North) – Soil & Water Management on Building & Construction Sites ([www.nrmnorth.org.au](http://www.nrmnorth.org.au)).
  - b. International Erosion Control Association – Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (BPESC) document ([www.austieca.com.au](http://www.austieca.com.au)).
  - c. Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) program – Erosion and sediment control. The fundamentals for development in Tasmania ([www.teer.org.au](http://www.teer.org.au)).
  - d. Water by design ([www.waterbydesign.com.au](http://www.waterbydesign.com.au)).
2. Additional consent is required from the Department of State Growth to undertake works within the State Road reservation. Please refer to the Crown Landowner Consent Granted SRA-25-579 for advice regarding the consents required. Written confirmation from the Department of State Growth is required to be submitted to demonstrate that the vehicle access has been constructed to the appropriate standard.
3. Stormwater detention is required for this development. Please see attached letter regarding the provision of detention and the requirements of the Council acting as the Stormwater Authority in accordance with the *Urban Drainage Act 2013*.

4. A compliance statement prepared by the design engineer for the onsite stormwater detention system must be submitted for approval to the satisfaction of the Council's Plumbing Surveyor. The statement must confirm that:
  - a. The overland flow path has been constructed as designed;
  - b. The onsite stormwater detention system is functioning as intended and has been installed in accordance with AS/NZS 3500.3:2021 - Plumbing and Drainage - Stormwater Drainage and to the satisfaction of the Council's Plumbing Surveyor.
5. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact the Council.
6. This permit takes effect after:
  - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
  - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
  - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
7. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of the Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
8. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. The Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
9. All permits issued by the Planning Authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Offices on request.
10. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a. All works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
  - b. Presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
  - c. Relevant approval processes for State and Federal Government agencies will apply.

## 14. CORPORATE SERVICES

### 14.1. Audit Panel Minutes - 24 March 2026

<b>File Reference</b>	S13-12-013
<b>Report Author</b>	Anthea Rooney Governance Officer
<b>Authorised By</b>	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council receives the Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting held on 24 March 2026 as provided in Attachment 1.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Councillor Daniel Smedley
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 043/2026**

## 14.2. Financial Report to 31 March 2026

<b>File Reference</b>	S12-04-014
<b>Report Author</b>	Justin Marshall Team Leader Finance
<b>Authorised By</b>	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council receives the financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026, as provided in Attachment 1.

<b>Moved</b>	Councillor Ben Dudman
<b>Seconded</b>	Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
<b>Votes For</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<b>Votes Against</b>	Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 044/2026**

## 15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### 15.1. Bracknell Fire Station Lease

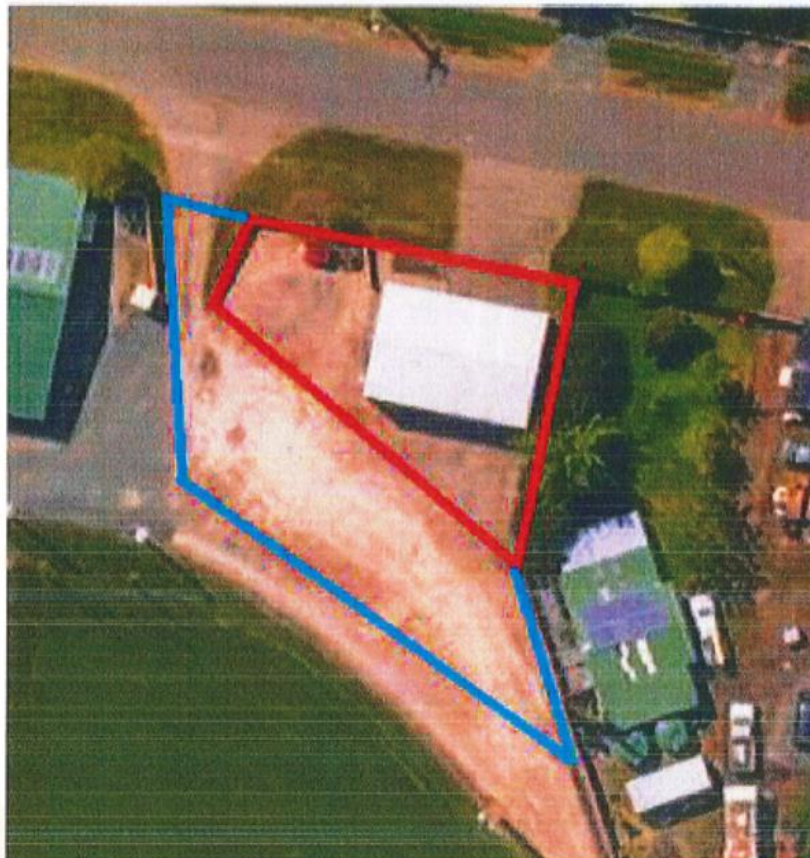
<b>File Reference</b>	S20-01-004
<b>Report Author</b>	Karl Boss-Walker Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council:

1. leases the Bracknell Fire Station site (in red) and licenses associated portion (in blue) of the property at 29 Louisa Street, Bracknell (CT 118706/2) (site map below), to the State Fire Commission (established as a corporation pursuant to section 7 of the *Fire Services Act 1979* (Tas)).

Attachment: Plan of Premises



2. notes that conditions of section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* will apply and advertising this lease will take place within a month from this resolution.

3. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
  - a. the term shall be for 10 years;
  - b. the lease amount shall be \$1 per annum if requested (including GST) (plus water connection costs);
  - c. tenant shall:
    - i. continuously maintain buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
    - ii. acknowledges and agrees that the lessee shall be appropriately insured for public liability to the value of \$20,000,000.
  - d. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
  - e. any right, option or discretion exercised by the Council under the lease, may be exercised by the General Manager.

**Moved** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Seconded** Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 045/2026**

## 15.2. Elizabeth Town Fire Station Lease

<b>File Reference</b>	S20-01-004
<b>Report Author</b>	Karl Boss-Walker Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council:

1. leases the Elizabeth Town Fire Station site (in red) and licenses associated portion (in blue) of the property at 5816 Bass Highway, Elizabeth Town (CT 122127/1) (site map below), to the State Fire Commission (established as a corporation pursuant to section 7 of the *Fire Services Act 1979* (Tas)).



2. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
  - a. the term shall be for five years with an option for a further five years;
  - b. the lease amount shall be \$1 per annum if requested (including GST) (plus water connection costs);
  - c. tenant shall:
    - i. continuously maintain buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
    - ii. acknowledges and agrees that the lessee shall be appropriately insured for public liability to the value of \$20,000,000.

- d. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
- e. any right, option or discretion exercised by the Council under the lease may be exercised by the General Manager.

**Moved** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Seconded** Councillor Ben Dudman

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 046/2026**

## 15.3. Westbury Library Lease

<b>File Reference</b>	S20-01-004
<b>Report Author</b>	Karl Boss-Walker Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader withdrew from the Meeting at 6.08pm

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council:

1. leases the site at 33 William Street, Westbury (in blue) (CT 37645/1) (site map below), to the Crown in Right of Tasmania represented by the Department of Education, Children and Young People.



2. notes that whilst the land is public land section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993* exempts the Council from complying with section 178 due to the term length being under five years.

3. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
  - a. the term shall be for three years with an option for a further year;
  - b. the lease amount shall be \$17,774.55 per annum (exclusive of GST) (plus outgoings);
  - c. tenant shall:
    - i. continuously maintain buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
    - ii. acknowledges and agrees that the lessee shall be appropriately insured for public liability to the value of \$20,000,000.
  - d. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
  - e. any right, option or discretion exercised by the Council under the lease may be exercised by the General Manager.

**Moved** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

**Seconded** Councillor Daniel Smedley

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Nil

**Did Not Vote** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 047/2026**

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader re-attended the Meeting at 6.10pm

## **16. GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING**

### **16.1. Annual Plan Performance 2025-26 – Quarter 3 Performance**

<b>File Reference</b>	S13-12-002
<b>Report Author</b>	Anthea Rooney Governance Officer
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

That Council receives and notes the Quarter 3 performance results for the 2025-26 Annual Plan as outlined below:

## MANAGING OUR ASSET PORTFOLIO

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
2.4, 5.3	Rezoning, servicing and divestment of select Council's properties in accordance with Council's decision 268/2022.	Properties sold	WORKS	Progressing	3,4	Presented to the January 2026 Workshop and currently progressing with consultants.
2.4, 5.3, 5.8	Complete construction of new Works Depot at Valley Central Industrial Precinct, Westbury.	Percentage complete	WORKS	Achieved	1,2	Outstanding contract works will be completed by the end Quarter 3.
2.4, 5.3, 5.8	Commence plant and employee operations at the new Works Depot.	Depot operational	WORKS	Progressing	2,3,4	Employees will fully occupy the new depot by early Quarter 4.
2.4, 5.3, 5.8	Decommission current Westbury and Deloraine Depots and commence preparation of the sites for redevelopment.	Percentage complete	WORKS	No target this Quarter	4	Minor works in progress and decommissioning of underground fuel storage scheduled for mid-2026.
1.2, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.7, 4.2, 5.8	Support the development of the Hadspen Urban Growth area.	Engagement with stakeholders	INFRA/DRS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Construction certificates issued for Stages 7, 8 and 9 of the Hadspen Hills Development. Meetings with developer regarding infrastructure.

## INVESTING IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
3.5, 3.6, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7	Plan and deliver projects in line with the approved Capital Works Programs.	Percentage complete	WORKS/ INFRA	Achieved	1,2,3,4	This activity is 60% complete. Design, procurement and construction work is progressing.
3.4, 3.6	Complete construction of Stage 1 work packages at the Deloraine Racecourse Precinct project.	Project elements completed	INFRA	Progressing	1,2,3	This activity is 95% complete.
3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.2, 4.7	Complete the Deloraine Pool Masterplan to determine future levels of investment proposed for the site.	Masterplan completed	INFRA	Achieved	1,2	The Masterplan has been finalised.
3.5, 3.6, 4.1	Design the Deloraine Function Centre at Deloraine Racecourse Precinct.	Percentage completed	INFRA	Progressing	3,4	Design works are progressing alongside finalisation of the funding agreement for the function centre.
5.6	Engage with contractors and suppliers on tendering for the Council's work.	Delivery of Workshop	INFRA	Achieved	1	A contractor engagement workshop was held on the 15 September 2025.

## MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
1.3	Conduct quarterly community forums, in various Meander Valley townships, to provide engagement opportunities for community members with elected members and the Council's Officers.	Forums completed	GCW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Community forums held in Meander 24 March, Deloraine on 25 November and Westbury on 23 September 2026.

## SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH, PROSPERITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
2.4	Develop and adopt a Council Climate Change Strategy, in consultation with the Northern Tasmanian Alliance of Resilient Councils (NTARC).	Strategy adopted	GCW	Progressing	2,3	Meetings held with NTARC and consultants on Climate Change actions. The Council's Climate Change Strategy not yet achieved.

## MANAGING PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
1.2, 3.2, 3.3, 5.1, 5.5	Actively participate in regional planning initiatives including the review of the Northern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy.	Contribution to review	DRS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Actively participating in the review of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy. Drafting of the new strategy is progressing.
2.5, 2.6, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 4.6, 5.1, 5.4, 5.7	Finalise development of a Structure Plan for Carrick.	Structure Plan adopted	DRS	Progressing	1,2	Draft Structure Plan prepared for public consultation.
3.2, 3.3, 4.6, 5.1, 5.4, 5.7	Development of Carrick Character Precinct – Specific Area Plan. Scheme amendment application submitted to Tasmanian Planning Commission.	Application submitted	DRS	Progressing	3,4	Draft Character Study prepared for public consultation.
2.5, 2.6, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 4.6, 5.1, 5.4, 5.7	Finalise the review of the Prospect Vale – Blackstone Heights Structure Plan.	Structure Plan adopted	DRS	Achieved	1,2	Structure Plan adopted by Council at March Council Meeting.
2.5, 2.6, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 5.1, 5.4, 5.7	Development of Westbury Village Green Character Precinct – Specific Area Plan. Scheme amendment application submitted to Tasmanian Planning Commission.	Application submitted	DRS	Progressing	3,4	Draft Character Study prepared for public consultation.
3.7, 5.1, 5.5	Review of Meander Valley Council Local Provisions Schedule – Statutory requirement under section 350 <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> .	Review completed	DRS	Deferred	1,2	Review to statutorily commence following 19 April 2026.

## PROVIDE CONTEMPORARY WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
2.4, 2.6	Decommission and commence rehabilitation Works for the Cluan landfill site.	Rehabilitation commenced	INFRA	Achieved	1,2	Interim capping of the landfill has been completed. The decommissioning and rehabilitation report has been finalised for submission to the Environmental Protection Authority Tasmania.
2.2	Investigate the expansion of kerbside bin collection services where services are currently not offered.	Investigations completed	INFRA	Achieved	1,2	Expansion areas have been identified for consultation with affected customers.
2.2	Conduct surveys and investigate the expansion of kerbside FOGO collection where services are currently not offered.	Investigations completed	INFRA	Progressing	3,4	Surveys have been sent out to property owners in Hagley, Westbury and Exton regarding a potential expansion to these areas.
2.2, 2.4	Complete construction of the waste transfer station at the Deloraine waste facility.	Percentage completed	INFRA	Progressing	2,3,4	The waste transfer station is currently under construction.

## PROVIDE A ROBUST, RELIABLE, SECURE AND AVAILABLE ICT ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.3	Finalise implementation of <i>SharePoint</i> and Records Management Systems.	Products implemented	CS	Progressing	1,2	<i>SharePoint</i> build has been completed with launch delayed until some aspects of the ERP are resolved. <i>Team's</i> sites were successfully launched in November 2025.
5.3	Identify and negotiate contract for preferred vendor(s) for implementation of ERP software upgrades.	Contract Signed	CS	Achieved	1	Discussions continued with preferred vendor, contract due diligence completed and contract signed in March.
5.3	Identify staged implementation plan for ERP project and complete annual stages.	Implementation plan established	CS	Progressing	2,3,4	Contract provides for implementation staging, work required internally to finalise dates.
5.3	Deliver staff training to support staff in the use of new technologies.	Training delivered	CS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Training program for <i>Teams</i> delivered by <i>Rapid Circle</i> in October and November 2025.

## DELIVER GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE THROUGH SOUND CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.1	Develop plan for upgrades to the Council Chambers.	Develop plan provided to Council	GCW	Progressing	1,2	Plans continue to be workshopped with Councillors, decision formed on agreed Option on 9 December 2025.
5.4	Councillors attend Council Meetings and Workshops in order to contribute to Policy and Strategy development and adoption.	Meeting attendance	GCW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Attendance was recorded at 98% for the quarter.
5.4	Consider and apply changes from State Government legislation including <i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025</i> , <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2015</i> and the <i>Electoral Act 2004</i> .	Policies and procedures updated	GCW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Position formed on Development Assessment Panel on 9 December 2025. Position formed on <i>Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill</i> on 11 November 2025.
5.3	Review and updated Financial Management Strategy for approval by Council.	Strategy approved	CS	No target this Quarter	4	

## MANAGING OUR SUPPLY CHAIN TO PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.2	Explore further opportunities for shared services and/or resource sharing opportunities with other Tasmanian Councils.	Shared services investigated	GCW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Workshop discussion with Northern Council General Managers and Chief Executive Officers, proposal being progressed with NTDC.

## INFORMING AND ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.7	Complete signage upgrades and layout improvements to changeover the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre to the Meander Valley Visitor Centre.	Building changes applied	GCW	Progressing	2,3,4	Project commenced.
5.7	Implement changes to Meander Valley place brand imagery and colour scheme in communication mechanisms such as road and recreation signage.	Communication opportunities used	GCW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Signs completed for <i>Short Walks</i> , Deloraine Racecourse interpretive signage using place brand. The Council's logo approved and changeover planning in progress.
5.7, 5.1	Redevelop the Great Western Tiers Visitor Centre website to be refocused on Meander Valley community and tourism. Redevelop the Meander Valley Council website to a contemporary and customer friendly offering.	New website upgrades commenced	GCW	Progressing	2,3,4	Scope for upgrade of Visitor Centre website developed and provided to contractors.

## DEMONSTRATING A COMMITMENT TO OUR PEOPLE

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.3	Undertake priority actions identified by employees in the Cultural Development Action Plan.	Number progressed	CS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Culture development plans are being refreshed following recent survey results.
5.4	Complete review and update human resource management policies and deliver employee training to align with contemporary practices and industrial law.	Policies reviewed and training completed	CS	Progressing	1,2	LGAT has provided a full suite of generic policies for review and adoption.
5.3	Undertake employee culture survey and revise cultural action plan.	Survey completed	CS	Achieved	2,4	Pulse check survey completed and report received. Supplier engaged for culture surveys in 2026.
5.3,	Full implementation and information sharing for staff on new Enterprise Agreement.	Completed	CS	Achieved	1,2	Agreement has been approved and implemented.

## ENSURING A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.5	Implement an organisation wide engagement on WHS including sharing incident stories and promoting the reporting of hazards, incidents and near misses.	WHS sharing opportunities delivered	CS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Engagement with all staff continues including toolbox and all staff meetings.
1.4, 1.6	Embed the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework, as required by the Tasmanian Government's <i>Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023</i> .	Changes applied in operations	GCW	Achieved	2,3	Policy review approved by Council. New internal Committee formed first meeting conducted.
2.4	Progressive implementation of WHS software, equipment purchases, digitisation of employee templates and undertake training for employees.	Software opportunities implemented	CS/ WORKS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Tablet distribution to Works Department employees scheduled to commence in late April 2026, including all necessary training.

**Moved** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader  
**Seconded** Councillor Ben Dudman  
**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw  
**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 048/2026**

## 16.2. Round 4 Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund

<b>File Reference</b>	S15-01-037
<b>Report Author</b>	Nate Austen Manager Community Wellbeing
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council:

- notes the recommendations of the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Committee from their Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 March 2026.
- approves the community grant requests to a total value of \$5,887.

Applicant / Project	Project Cost	Grant Request	Amount Recommended
Astronomical Society of Tasmania <i>AST Open Night Meander Valley</i>	\$5,700	\$3,900	\$2,150
Blackstone Heights Community News Assoc. <i>Easter Sausage Sizzle and Egg Hunt</i>	\$500	\$500	\$500
Deloraine District Pony Club <i>Security and Horse Yards</i>	\$38,004	\$5,000	Not Supported
Red Hills Badminton Club <i>Raquet Stringing Machine</i>	\$2,737	\$2,737	\$2,737
Rotary Club of Deloraine <i>Community Voices in Harmony</i>	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,441</b>	<b>\$12,637</b>	<b>\$5,887</b>

- notes the decisions, approval and allocation of individual sponsorships to a value of \$900.

Applicant / Event	Request	Amount Approved	Comments
Clark, O <i>Emerging Matildas Championship, Vic.</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Mitchel, T <i>National Indoor Hockey Championships, NSW.</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Rhind, J (Mr) <i>Obstacle Course Racing World Championships</i>	\$600	0	Not Supported
Rhind, J (Ms) <i>Obstacle Course Racing World Championships</i>	\$600	\$300	PAID
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$900</b>	

4. notes the approval and allocation of the following out of round sponsorships by the General Manager to the value of \$2,000.

<b>Applicant/Event</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Amount Approved</b>	<b>Comments</b>
New Horizons Tasmania <i>Great Western Tiers Cycle Challenge - 30 Years</i>	\$2,000	\$2,000	PAID
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	

**Moved** Councillor Ben Dudman

**Seconded** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 049/2026**

## 17. MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulations 16 and 17

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, closes the Meeting to the public for discussion of the Agenda Items listed below:

17.1 *Confirmation of Closed Minutes*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 40(6)

17.2 *Leave of Absence Applications*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(2)(i) requests by Councillors for leave of absence

17.3 *Leave of Absence Applications*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(2)(j) notifications by Councillors of leave of absence for parental leave

17.4 *Contract No. 282-2025-26 – Westbury Streetscape Civil Works – Stage 2*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(2)(e) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

17.5 *Contract No. 283-2025-26 – Country Club Avenue – Road Rehabilitation Works – Stage 1*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(2)(e) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

17.6 *General Manager Quarterly Performance Report*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(2)(a) regarding personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.

17.7 *End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information*

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(8)

To be determined in Closed Council.

**Moved** Councillor Ben Dudman  
**Seconded** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader  
**Votes For** Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron,  
Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor  
Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley  
and Councillor Christine Cronshaw  
**Votes Against** Nil

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 050/2026**

Council moved into Closed Session at 6.16pm  
Council returned to Ordinary Session at 6.40pm

## 18. RELEASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND END OF CLOSED SESSION

### 18.1 RELEASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND END OF CLOSED SESSION

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025: Regulation 17(8)

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 40(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, resolves to report in Open Session that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session:

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description and Release of Public Information
2	Closed Council Minutes - 10 March 2026	<i>Minutes not to be released to the public.</i>
3.1	Requests for Leave of Absence	<i>Personal details of Councillor not to be released to the public.</i>
4.1	Contract No. 282-2025-26 - Westbury Streetscape Civil Works - Stage 2	<i>Name of successful tenderer to be released to the public.</i>
4.2	Contract No. 283-2025-26 - Country Club Avenue - Road Rehabilitation Works - Stage 1	<i>Name of successful tenderer to be released to the public.</i>
4.3	General Manager Quarterly Performance Report	<i>Details not to be released to the public.</i>

## 19. CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Wayne Johnston closed the Meeting at 6.41pm.

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Mayor Wayne Johnston  
**Chairperson**

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**Date**