



Meander Valley Council
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MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 20 January 2026

Time 5.06pm

Location Council Chambers
26 Lyall Street
Westbury, Tasmania

Telephone 6393 5300

Attendance

Chairperson

Mayor Wayne Johnston

Councillors Present

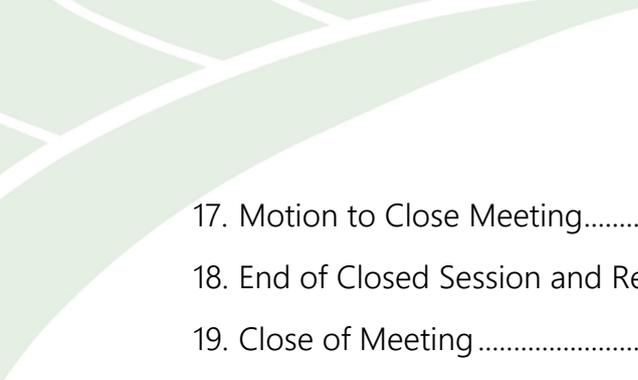
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple
Councillor Daniel Smedley
Councillor Christine Cronshaw

Officers Present

Jonathan Harmey	General Manager
Natasha Whiteley	Acting Director Development and Regulatory Services
Craig Davies	Director Corporate Services
David Murray	Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Millwood	Director Works
George Walker	Town Planning Consultant (Agenda Item 13.1)
Anthony Kempnich	Manager Governance and Legal
Nate Austen	Manager Community Wellbeing (Agenda Item 16.4)
Linda Coull	Executive Assistant
Anthea Rooney	Governance Officer

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1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

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.

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

Motion

That Council receives and confirms the Minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 December 2025.

Moved	Councillor Ben Dudman
Seconded	Councillor Kevin House
Votes For	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 001/2026

5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ben Dudman declared an interest in Agenda Item 16.4 – 2025-26 Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Round 3 and elected to leave the Chambers during discussion and voting on the Agenda Item.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron declared an interest in Agenda Items 13.2 – PA\26\0103 – 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh and 16.4 – 2025-26 Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Round 3 and elected to leave the Chambers during discussion and voting on the Agenda Items.

6. Council Workshop Report

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

Topics Discussed – 16 December 2025

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, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw.

Planning Applications for January 2026 Council Meetings

Councillors received a review of Planning Applications to be presented to the 20 January 2026 Council Meeting.

Site Visit – Westbury Works Depot

Councillors visited the Westbury Works Depot for a progress update.

Public Toilet Upgrade Project Proposed Amendments

Councillors received an update on the revised budget for the Deloraine public toilet upgrade project.

Project 7832 – Westbury Town Entry Signs – Budget Position

Councillors were presented with and discussed a report summarising the current budget position.

New Financial Year 2025-26 Capital Works Project – Stock Underpass Contribution

Councillors discussed a request for a financial contribution for a proposed stock underpass in line with the Council's Stock Underpass Policy.

Meander Valley Short Walks Project Update

Councillors received an update on the finalisation of the Short Walks project.

Request for Waiver of Public Open Space Contribution

Councillors discussed the waiver of a public open space contribution.

ERP Technology Project Update

Councillors received an update on the Enterprise Resource Planning Project and were advised of the next steps in the process.

Westbury Town Centre Character Study – Consultation Summary

Councillors were provided with an update on the results of the Westbury Town Centre Character Study consultation and received advice on the next steps in the project.

Draft Prospect Vale – Blackstone Heights Structure Plan

Councillors provided feedback on the draft Prospect Vale – Blackstone Heights Structure Plan prior to community consultation.

External Presentation – Northern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy

Councillors received a presentation regarding the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

Items for Noting

Deloraine Recreation Precinct – Status Update

7. Mayor and Councillors' Reports

7.1 Councillors' Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 16 December 2025 – General Manager's Performance Committee Quarterly Committee Meeting

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 11 December 2025 – presented at the Mole Creek Primary School Presentation Event
- 16 December 2025 – General Manager's Performance Committee Quarterly Committee Meeting
- 17 December 2025 – presented at the Westbury Primary School Kindergarten to Grade Five Presentation Event

Councillor Ben Dudman

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 8 December 2025 – presented at the Westbury Primary School Grade Six Awards Evening
- 11 December 2025 – presented at the Mole Creek Primary School Presentation Event
- 16 December 2025 – General Manager's Performance Committee Quarterly Committee Meeting

Councillor Kevin House

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 10 December 2025 – presented at the Bracknell Primary School Presentation Evening
- 15 December 2025 – Prospect High School Presentation Evening
- 16 December 2025 – Meander Valley Council Community Grants and Sponsorship Committee
- 16 December 2025 – presented at the Hagley Farm School Presentation Event

Councillor Daniel Smedley

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 16 December 2025 – Meander Valley Council Community Grants and Sponsorship Committee

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Attended or participated in the following events:

- 4 December 2025 – Carrick Hall Committee Christmas Celebration
- 5 December 2025 – Hagley Farm School Agricultural Learning Centre, Shelterbelt Opening
- 8 December 2025 – presented at the Westbury Primary School Grade Six Awards Evening
- 10 December 2025 – presented at the Bracknell Primary School Presentation Evening
- 11 December 2025 – presented at the Mole Creek Primary School Presentation Evening
- 14 December 2025 – Bracknell Hall Committee Christmas Party
- 14 December 2025 – Westbury Combined Churches Christmas Carols
- 15 December 2025 – presented at the Deloraine High School Presentation Evening
- 16 December 2025 – Meander Valley Council Community Grants and Sponsorship Committee
- 16 December 2025 – General Manager's Performance Committee Quarterly Committee Meeting
- 17 December 2025 – Giant Steps School Awards Presentations
- 17 December 2025 – presented at the Westbury Primary School Kindergarten to Grade 5 Presentation Afternoon

8. Petitions

A petition regarding environmental concerns at Quamby Bluff was received from Shanna Souvlis. Subject to meeting regulatory compliance this petition will be tabled at the 10 February 2026 Council Meeting.

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 email ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au.

No Community Representations have been received as part of this Agenda

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).

No Public Questions With Notice were received as part of this Meeting

10.2. Public Questions Without Notice

Question

Lucinda Springfield - Quamby Bluff Concerns

- 1. How will you know the truth if you do not come and have a look for yourselves?*
- 2. Are you a registered stakeholder [later amended to] with STT [Sustainable Timber Tasmania]?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised noted that [Question 1] is very broad and not something I can answer. As far as the second question: personally, I am not a registered stakeholder of STT but I cannot speak for fellow Councillors.

Question

Stuart Beveridge - Quamby Bluff Concerns

- 1. How could Meander Valley Council advocate for the ending of logging in HU304Y and HU304A?*
- 2. How could Meander Valley Council facilitate the ending of logging in HU304Y and HU304A?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded by saying that ending logging is beyond Council's control; however, we can advocate to other levels of government and other industry partners conveying the sentiment of our community members. I indicated [to Hands Off Quamby Bluff] in November 2025 that I would be willing and happy to meet, where you can explain it further.

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).

No Councillors' Questions With Notice were received as part of this Meeting

11.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice

Question

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron – Public Toilets in Hadspen

1. *Following the damage caused to the toilets over the Christmas break, is there a date for the reopening of the Lions facility?*

Matthew Millwood (Director Works) advised that all facilities in Hadspen have now re-opened; however, some further structural work still needs to be completed. The Council will work with the community and the police going forward to stop this destruction occurring in the future.

12. Councillor Notices of Motion

12.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor Ben Dudman – Entally House

Subject File No. S13-07-011
Proponent Councillor Ben Dudman

Motion

That Council:

1. notes the community concern relating to Entally Estate, particularly its management.
2. notes that many community members have noticed a decline in the Estate's upkeep and management.
3. notes that historical sites that are not managed appropriately risk decline and the destruction of history that is valuable to the community and Country.
4. instructs the Mayor write to the Minister for Parks, Hon Nick Duigan MLC, seeking his intervention to restore this historic site and prevent further degradation.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor John Temple

Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 002/2026

13. Planning Authority Reports

13.1. PA\26\0081 – 1060 Osmaston Road, Deloraine

Proposal	Resource Development (Controlled Environment Agriculture – poly tunnels)
Report Author	George Walker Town Planning Consultant
Authorised By	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Motion

That Council, acting as a Planning Authority, receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\26\0081 – 1060 Osmaston Road, Deloraine and resolves to approve the application.

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

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

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2025: Regulation 32(3)*

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute Reference: 003/2026

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 Rebecca Green & Associates Pty Ltd, for Resource Development (Controlled Environment Agriculture – poly tunnels), on land located at 1060 Osmaston Road, Deloraine (CTs 1836271/1 and 175297/1) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

Endorsed Plan

- a. Rebecca Green & Associates; Dated: 30 October 2025; Planning Submission; Version: 2;
- b. Berry Greenhouse – Installation Guide; and
- c. Exceed Engineering; Dated: 30 October 2025; Natural Assets Code Assessment;
- d. Version: 2.

Permit Conditions

1. Prior to the commencement of use, an amended site plan (pdf and dwg, shp or equivalent GIS compatible format) must be submitted for approval, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner. When approved, the plans will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must show the exact location of the modified watercourse, the boundaries and the proposed poly tunnels (Refer to Note 1).
2. All works within the northern drainage line must be in full compliance with the endorsed Natural Assets Code Assessment prepared by Exceed Engineering.

Permit Notes

1. No future changes to be made to any internal watercourse without prior approval from the Council.
2. Stormwater runoff from the new building areas must be managed so that concentrated or nuisance flows do not cross property boundaries to adjoining land.
3. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact the Council.
4. 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.

5. 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.
 6. 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.
 7. 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.
 8. 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.
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13.2. PA\26\0103 – 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh

Proposal	Subdivision (2 Lots to 2 Lots)
Report Author	Natasha Whiteley Team Leader Town Planning
Authorised By	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron withdrew from the Meeting at 5.38pm

John Hawkins spoke against the Motion

John Ayers (JDA Planning) on behalf of the applicants spoke for the Motion

Motion

That Council, acting as a Planning Authority, receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\26\0103 – 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh and resolves to approve the application.

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

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

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute Reference: 004/2025

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 JDA Planning – obo – Chatsworth Enterprises Pty Ltd, for a Subdivision (2 Lots to 2 Lots), on land located at 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh (CTs 47523/1 and 150260/1) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

Endorsed Plan

- a. PDA Surveyors, Engineers & Planners; Dated: 25 September 2025; Job Number: 54524; Sheet: 01; Revision: D; Plan of Subdivision.
- b. No author; No date; Aerial Image showing the location of the existing septic tanks.
- c. Pinion Advisory; Dated: 2 October 2025; Agricultural Assessment Report, Bentley 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh, Tas, 7304; Version: 5.
- d. Livingston Natural Resource Services; Dated: 14 October 2025; Bushfire Hazard Management Report: Subdivision; Version: 3.
- e. JDA Planning; Dated: October 2025; Planning Submission. Subdivision – Boundary Reorganisation – *Bentley* – 1519 Mole Creek Road, Chudleigh; Pages 1-37 and Pages 1-3 (Tasmanian Heritage Register datasheet).

Permit Conditions

1. Covenants or similar restrictive controls must not be included on or otherwise imposed on the titles to the lots created by the subdivision, permitted by this permit unless:
 - a. such covenants or controls are expressly authorised by the terms of this permit or by the consent in writing of the Council; and
 - b. such covenants or similar controls are submitted for and receive written approval by the Council prior to submission of a Plan of Survey and associated title documentation is submitted to the Council for sealing.
2. The existing on-site wastewater management system/s, inclusive of the septic tanks and associated land application areas, are to be tracked and located by a suitably qualified person to the satisfaction of the Council's Environmental Health Officer and Plumbing Surveyor and must be wholly contained within Lot 1 (refer to Note 1).
3. The hydraulic services from all buildings to be retained on Lot 1 must achieve hydraulic separation to the satisfaction of the Council's Plumbing Surveyor and must be wholly contained within Lot 1 (refer to Note 2).

4. Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan of Survey, the following must be completed to the satisfaction of the Council:
 - a. evidence must be submitted demonstrating the location of the existing wastewater managements system/s, in accordance with Condition 2.
 - b. evidence must be submitted demonstrating that hydraulic separation has been achieved in accordance with Condition 3.
 - c. water rights in favour of Lot 1 are provided for in the Schedule of Easements.
5. The lots must be maintained at all times in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan (prepared by Livingston Natural Resource Services).

Permit Notes

1. If the on-site wastewater management system is located and extends beyond the title boundary, it will need to be relocated to be entirely within the boundary of Lot 1, subject to first obtaining the relevant planning and plumbing approvals by the Council. All enquiries should be directed to the Council's Development and Regulatory Services Department on 6393 5320 or via email: mail@mvc.tas.gov.au.
2. Prior to undertaking any plumbing works associated with the achievement of hydraulic separation, it is recommended to contact the Council's Plumbing Surveyor to confirm if plumbing approval is required. All enquiries should be directed to the Council's Permit Authority on 6393 5320 or the Council's Plumbing Surveyor on 0419 510 770 or via email: mail@mvc.tas.gov.au.
3. It is recommended that during the preparation of the title documents for this subdivision that a right of way is also established over CT 111364/1 to provide legal access for Lot 1 and the Balance Lot to pass over the access located on this title. It is noted that there is potential for Lot 1 and the Balance Lot to become landlocked without the creation of a right of way.
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 permit 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.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron re-attended the Meeting at 6.03pm

14. Corporate Services

14.1. Financial Report to 31 December 2025

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

Motion

That Council receives the financial report for the period ended 31 December 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.

Moved	Councillor Kevin House
Seconded	Councillor Ben Dudman
Votes For	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 005/2026

15. Infrastructure Services

15.1. Budget Adjustments 2025-26

File Reference	S12-02-001
Report Author	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Motion

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, approves variations to the 2025-26 Budget Estimates and Capital Works Program, as provided in Attachment 1.

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

Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute Reference: 006/2026

16. Governance and Community Wellbeing

16.1. Annual General Meeting Report 2025

File Reference	S13-07-003
Report Author	Anthea Rooney Governance Officer
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Motion

That Council, in respect of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 December 2025:

1. receives and confirms the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 December 2025 as presented (*Attachment 1*).
2. notes the presentation of the *Meander Valley Council's 2024-25 Annual Report (Attachment 2)*.
3. notes the Public Notice of Motion with Notice that was passed at the Annual General Meeting: *Mandate an urgent, on-site inspection for all elected Councillors and the General Manager to personally witness the immediate and long-term ecological, cultural and visual damage caused by recent logging in Coupe HU304Y on Quamby Bluff.*

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Daniel Smedley

Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 007/2026

16.2. Annual General Meeting Public Motion With Notice Consideration

File Reference S13-07-003

Report Author Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Motion

That Council, in response to the Public Motion With Notice passed at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 9 December 2025, accepts an invitation to attend a meeting with Council representatives.

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Ben Dudman

Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 008/2026

16.3. Annual Plan 2025-26 - Quarter 2 Performance

File Reference	S13-12-002
Report Author	Anthony Kempnich Manager Governance and Legal
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Motion

That Council receives and notes the Quarter 2 performance results for the 2025-26 Annual Plan, as outlined below:

Managing Our Asset Portfolio

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	No target this Quarter	3,4	Concept subdivision information to be presented to the January 2026 Workshop.
2.4, 5.3, 5.8	Complete construction of new Works Depot at Valley Central Industrial Precinct, Westbury.	Percentage complete	WORKS	Achieved	1,2	Occupancy permit issued and the identified incomplete contract works will be completed in early 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 late Quarter 3/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	Assessments of current underground fuel storage has commenced in Quarter 2.
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/D&RS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Construction certificates issued for Stages 7, 8 and 9 of the Hadspen Hills Development.

Investing in Community Facilities and Infrastructure

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	Progressing	1,2,3,4	This activity is 30% 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 90% complete. Work is progressing for the playground, entrance road and heritage landscaping elements of the project.
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	No target this Quarter	3,4	
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

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Community forums held in Westbury on 23 September and Deloraine on 25 November 2025.

Supporting Economic Growth, Prosperity and the Environment

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	Progressing	2,3	Meetings held with NTARC. The Council's Climate Change Strategy not yet achieved.

Managing Planning, Development and Regulation

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	D&RS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Multiple phases of the NTRLUS Review, including exhibition of Regional Strategic Directions and regional infrastructure capacity investigations, are 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	D&RS	Progressing	1,2	Draft Structure Plan prepared for review at the Workshop to be held in January 2026.
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	D&RS	No target this Quarter	3,4	

Strategic Plan Reference	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
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	D&RS	Progressing	1,2	Draft Structure Plan currently on public exhibition.
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	D&RS	No target this Quarter	3,4	Preliminary consultation completed, with drafting underway.
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	D&RS	Deferred	1,2	Review to statutorily commence following 19 April 2026.

Provide Contemporary Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling Services and Infrastructure

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	No target this Quarter	3,4	
2.2, 2.4	Complete construction of the waste transfer station at the Deloraine waste facility.	Percentage completed	INFRA	Progressing	2,3,4	Tender process conducted and Contract awarded for construction.

Provide a Robust, Reliable, Secure and Available ICT Environment

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	Progressing	1	Discussions continue with vendors to ensure specific functional requirements are catered for.
5.3	Identify staged implementation plan for ERP project and complete annual stages.	Implementation plan established	CS	Progressing	2,3,4	Discussions continue with vendors to inform implementation planning
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

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	Progressing	1,2	Plans workshopped with Councillors, decision formed on agreed Option – 9 December 2025.
5.4	Councillors attend Council Meetings and Workshops in order to contribute to Policy and Strategy development and adoption.	Meeting attendance	G&CW	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	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Position formed on Development Assessment Panel 9 December 2025, position formed on <i>Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill</i> – 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

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Second workshop discussion with Northern Council General Managers and Chief Executive Officers, proposal on the matter submitted to NTDC CEO and Board.

Informing and Engaging Our Community

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	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	G&CW	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	G&CW	Deferred	2,3,4	Project to commence in March quarter.

Demonstrating a Commitment to Our People

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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 has been completed with results due in January 2026.
5.3,	Full implementation and information sharing for staff on new Enterprise Agreement.	Completed	CS	Achieved	1,2	Agreement has been endorsed and subsequently approved by Fair Work Australia.

Ensuring a Safe and Healthy Workplace

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
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	G&CW	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	Tablets to be allocated to employees and training completed in Quarter 3.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman
Seconded Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 009/2026

16.4. 2025-26 Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Round 3

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

Councillor Ben Dudman withdrew from the Meeting at 6.23pm
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron withdrew from the Meeting at 6.23pm

Motion

That Council:

1. notes the recommendations of the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Committee from their Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 December 2025.
2. approves the community grant requests to a total value of \$29,229:

<i>Applicant/Project</i>	<i>Project Cost</i>	<i>Grant Request</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
Biralee Memorial Hall Committee <i>New Reverse Cycle and Replacement Equipment</i>	\$4,634	\$5,000	\$1,135
Chudleigh Agricultural and Horticultural Society <i>Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner</i>	\$4,604	\$4,604	\$4,604
Deloraine Squash Club <i>Ball Machine</i>	\$10,529	\$2,500	\$1,250
Deloraine Table Tennis <i>Table Tennis Tables</i>	\$10,520	\$4,990	\$4,990
Giant Steps Tasmania <i>Gaga Ball Pit</i>	\$5,700	\$5,000	\$5,000
Great Western Tiers Tourism Association <i>Tassie's Top Tourism Town Competition</i>	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Launceston City Football Club <i>Junior and Youth Football Development Festival</i>	\$6,900	\$4,900	\$4,900
Lions Club of Westbury <i>Defibrillator for Club</i>	\$1,871	\$1,871	Not Supported

<i>Applicant/Project</i>	<i>Project Cost</i>	<i>Grant Request</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
Parkham Community Hall <i>Bird, Possum and Ember Proofing</i>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Pony Club Tasmania Northern Zone <i>Games Trailer – Alterations</i>	\$3,270	\$3,000	Not Supported
Westbury Bowls Club <i>Defibrillator and First Aid Kit</i>	\$1,900	\$1,900	Not Supported
Total	\$58,928	\$41,765	\$29,229

3. notes the approval of and allocation of individual sponsorships to the value of \$3,900:

<i>Applicant/Event</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Amount Approved</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Atkins, C. <i>Australian Junior Squash Championships in Ballarat, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Atkins, R. <i>Pony Club Nationals Werribee, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Atkins, J. <i>Squash Australia UK Tour (Scottish and British Open).</i>	\$600	\$600	PAID
Baker, O. <i>2025 State U13 Soccer Team Melbourne Tour</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Cook, L. <i>2026 National Futsal Championships, Queensland</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Flower, J. <i>Australian Junior Squash Championships in Ballarat, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Flower, L. <i>Australian Junior Squash Championships in Ballarat, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Harris, C. <i>2026 National Futsal Championships, Queensland</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID

<i>Applicant/Event</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Amount Approved</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Quill, J. <i>National BMX Championships, Shepparton, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Sherriff, I <i>National Netball Championships, Parkville, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Sherriff, S <i>National Netball Championships, Parkville, Victoria</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Woodgate, C. <i>2025 State U13 Soccer Team Melbourne Tour</i>	\$300	\$300	PAID
Total	\$3,900	\$3,900	

4. approves a request for one Organisation Sponsorship to the value of \$500:

<i>Applicant/Project</i>	<i>Project Cost</i>	<i>Sponsorship Request</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>
Tasmanian Junior Cycling Foundation <i>Bums on Seats – Twilight Cycling Series</i>		\$500	\$500
Total		\$500	\$500

5. approves the reimbursement grant requests to a total value of \$3,981

<i>Eligible Applicant</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Amount Approved</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Westbury Bowls Club	\$1,125	\$1,125	Planning and Building Fees
Tamar Canoe Club	\$856	\$856	Planning Fees
Launceston City Football Club	\$2,000	\$2,000	Planning and Building Fees
Total	\$3,981	\$3,981	

6. notes that a total of nine Meander Valley School Award payments were made to local schools to a total of value of \$1,350.
7. notes that all year one payments have now been made for the three-year show society sponsorships approved in Round 1. This totaled \$5,760 and was budgeted for within Round 1 expenditure.

Moved Councillor Kevin House
Seconded Councillor Daniel Smedley
Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 010/2026

Councillor Ben Dudman re-attended the Meeting at 6.27pm

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron re-attended the Meeting at 6.27pm

16.5. Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Membership

File Reference	S14-02-011
Report Author	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Motion

That Council approves a further three-year Members Agreement with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation, to be formed generally in accordance with Attachment 1.

Moved	Councillor Ben Dudman
Seconded	Councillor Kevin House
Votes For	Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron, Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, 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: 011/2026

17. Motion to Close Meeting

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

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 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.

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

Motion carried by absolute majority

Minute Reference: 012/2026

Council moved into Closed Session at 6.31pm

Council returned to Ordinary Session at 6.55pm

18. End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

18.1 End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

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	Agenda Item Precis	Brief Description and Release of Public Information
2	Closed Council Minutes - 9 December 2025	<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	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 6.55pm.

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Mayor Wayne Johnston
Chairperson

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Date