



Meander Valley Council
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 8 April 2025

Time 3.04pm

Location Council Chambers
26 Lyall Street
Westbury, Tasmania

Telephone (03) 6393 5300

Attendance

Chairperson

Mayor Wayne Johnston

Councillors Present

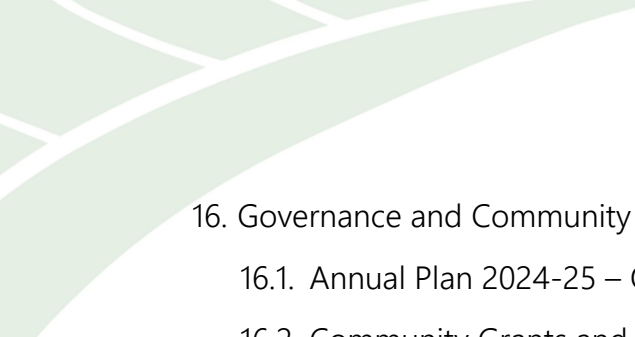
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron
Councillor Ben Dudman
Councillor Kevin House
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader
Councillor Rodney Synfield
Councillor John Temple
Councillor Daniel Smedley
Councillor Christine Cronshaw

Officers Present

Jonathan Harmey	General Manager
Krista Palfreyman	Director Development and Regulatory Services
Craig Davies	Director Corporate Services
David Murray	Director Infrastructure Services
Matthew Millwood	Director Works
Linda Butler	Team Leader Project Delivery (Agenda Items 18.3 and 18.4)
Peter Kennewell	Project Manager (Agenda Items 18.3 and 18.4)
Karl Boss-Walker	Tam Leader Community Facilities and Recreation (Agenda Items 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3)
Nate Austen	Manager Community Wellbeing (Agenda Items 16.2 and 16.5)
Alison Hugo	Community Wellbeing Officer (Agenda Items 16.2 and 16.5)
Brenton Josey	Town Planner (Agenda Item 12.1)
Thomas Wagenknecht	Senior Strategic Planner (Agenda Item 13.1)
Anthony Kempnich	Manager Governance and Performance
Anthea Rooney	Governance Officer

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1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

Mayor Wayne Johnston opened the Meeting at 3.04pm.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather today 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. Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That Council receives and confirms the Minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 March 2025.

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: 047/2025

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stephanie Cameron declared interests in Agenda Items 15.3 – Lease - Deloraine Football Club Inc. and Agenda Item 16.2 – Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund 2024-25 – Round 4 and elected to remain in the Chambers to participate in discussion and voting on the Items.

5. Council Workshop Report

Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 8(2)

Topics Discussed – 25 March 2025

Planning Applications for April Council Meeting

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

Tasmania Police Central Inspector – Craig Fox

Councillors engaged with Inspector Fox to discuss service levels in the Meander Valley Municipality.

Draft LUPA Amendment (Development Panels) Bill 2025

Councillors received an overview of the proposed Draft LUPA (Development Panels) Bill 2025 and considered Council's intended position.

Review of Policy No. 82: Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund, Associated Guidelines

Councillors provided input into the review process for Policy No. 82: Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund and Associated Guidelines by reviewing proposed changes.

Volunteer Awards Committee Representative

Councillors discussed the new Committee member.

Economic Development Forum Report

Councillors received a summary of outcomes from the Meander Valley Economic Development Forum held on 5 February 2025.

Meander Transfer Station – Continued Financial Support for Meander Progress Association

Councillors discussed future financial support for the Meander Transfer Station.

Public Land Divestment – Rezoning and Subdivision

Councillors provided feedback and direction re potential subdivision of public land that has been approved for sale by Council.

Proposed Amendments to Local Government (General) Regulations 2015 and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

Councillors discussed the proposed amendments.

Proposed Reforms for Future of Local Government Election Bill and Regulations

Councillors provided feedback on proposed amendments.

Dorset Board of Inquiry Report

Councillors noted the recommendations from the Dorset Council Board of Inquiry to identify any potential learnings for the Council.

Christmas Decorations in Meander Valley 2025

Councillors considered the introduction on Christmas decorations to be displayed in Meander Valley towns in December 2025.

Memorial Statue of Malua – Transfer to Council

Councillors received an update and provided feedback on a request from The Malua Memorial Committee to transfer ownership to the Council.

Items for Noting

Hard Waste 2025 - Report

Councillors noted the report and the great work undertaken by Officers to offer the service.

Enterprise Resource Planning System Update

Councillors received an update on the Enterprise Resource Planning Project.

6. Mayor and Councillors' Reports

Councillors' Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston

Attended the following events:

- 26 March 2025 – Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Meeting
- 26 March 2025 – TasWater Meeting
- 30 March 2025 – Western Tiers Cycle Challenge
- 31 March 2025 – Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Media Event
- 2 April 2025 – Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting
- 3 April 2025 – Local Government Association of Tasmania Mayor Training
- 4 April 2025 – Westbury Shamrocks Cricket Club Dinner

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Attended the following event:

- 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillor Ben Dudman

Attended the following event:

- 25 March 2025 – Audit Panel Meeting

Councillor Kevin House

Attended the following events:

- 11 March 2025 – Carrick Hall Committee Meeting
- 12 March 2025 – Launceston City Football Club Season launch
- 18 March 2025 – Community Grants and Sponsorship Committee Meeting
- 21 March 2025 – Meander Valley Harmony Day Celebrations
- 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Attended the following events:

- 12 March 2025 – Great Western Tiers Tourism Association Meeting
- 13 March 2025 – Westbury St Patricks Festival Committee Meeting
- 15 March 2025 – Westbury St Patricks Festival
- 18 March 2025 – Community Grants and Sponsorship Committee Meeting
- 21 March 2025 – Meander Valley Harmony Day Celebrations
- 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick
- 26 March 2025 – LGAT Campaign Pre-Launch Briefing – *Lift the Tone*
- 27 March 2025 – Planning Matters Alliance Development Assessment Panel Public Meeting (presented)
- 30 March 2025 – Westbury Rotary Club Car Show
- 30 March 2025 – Yarns Artworks in Silk 30th Birthday Celebrations
- 1 April 2025 – Great Western Tiers Tourism Association Networking Event

Councillor Rodney Synfield
<i>Attended the following event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillor John Temple
<i>Attended the following event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillor Daniel Smedley
<i>Attended the following event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillor Christine Cronshaw
<i>Attended the following event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 March 2025 – Meander Valley Community Forum – Carrick

Councillors' Announcements and Acknowledgements

- Mayor Wayne Johnston conveyed his condolences on behalf of Council to the family of Rodney Sherriff.
 - Councillor Kevin House congratulated the organisers of the recently conducted Meander Valley Harmony Day which was held on 21 March 2025.
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7. Petitions

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

7.1. Petition Requesting the Rejection of the Proposed DL130 Bauxite Project - PA\24\0052

File Reference S13-09-007
Authorised By Jonathan Harmey
General Manager

Vote Simple majority

Recommendation

That Council:

1. notes that pursuant to section 57(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Linda Wasserfall lodged a petition requesting the rejection of the proposed DL130 Bauxite Project planning application PA\24\0052;
2. notes that the petition is compliant with section 57(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and is therefore tabled by the General Manager; and
3. determines the action that Council will not agree to reject Planning Application PA\24\0052 as requested and instead will form a legally compliant decision when PA\24\0052 is presented to Council, in accordance with applicable planning legislation, taking into account all relevant information and expert advice received regarding the application.

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: 048/2025

Motion to Amend Recommendation

That Council allows the Petition to Lay on the Table.

Moved Councillor John Temple

Motion lapsed due to the lack of a Seconder

Minute Reference: 049/2025

8. 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.

Leigh Wasserfall – Porters Bridge Road, Reedy Marsh

Leigh Wasserfall presented a community representation to Council regarding Porters Bridge Road, Reedy Marsh and the associated Pitt and Sherry Traffic Impact Assessment with particular reference to the report's safe system assessment and the resultant areas of concern.

9. Public Question Time

9.1. Public Questions With Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 31(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

Robin Badcock, Deloraine – Ashley Youth Detention Centre – asked at the Council Meeting on 11 March 2025

1. *Will the Council undertake to investigate Ashley use alternatives other than custodial like facilities and make available planned workshops as a conduit for participation by the Community of the Meander Valley to have input as part of the Council's Community Strategic 10 year Plan – part 5?*

Craig Davies (Director Corporate Services) advised that the Council will continue to engage with State Government representatives to understand any proposed changes for use of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) site. The Council has no plans to undertake community engagement on the future of AYDC as this is a State Government property and the future direction will be determined by them.

2. *As all Councillors are voted in by the people for the people, will all Councillors undertake to communicate and openly discuss and consider, without prejudice, as is allowed by the State Government's Good Governance Guidelines, all and any suggestions or offerings that may be put forward by the community or others in relation to the future and potential use of the Ashley site to foster positive outcomes for Question 1.*

Craig Davies (Director Corporate Services) advised that individual Councillors at the Meander Valley Council will continue to represent their constituents and consider all matters in relation to the future of Ashley Youth Detention Centre as they arise, noting that the Mayor is the spokesperson of Council.

9.2. Public Questions Without Notice

Question

Kerry Dunleavy - ABX Mine Concerns - Porters Bridge Road Traffic Assessment

[With regard to the Traffic Assessment being undertaken by the Council on Porters Bridge Road]

- 1. When this report is finalised, will all of the objectors be notified and forwarded a copy?*
- 2. If so, will objectors be given the opportunity to comment and provide feedback to the Council on this report before the decision is made on the ABX group's application?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) advised that the Council is undertaking work to get a better understanding of Porters Bridge Road. This work has been ongoing for a number of months. The Council wants to make sure that all the information is available for provision to elected members, it is well thought out and considers all of the issues related to the current state. If there were to be additional businesses on that road, what their future state may also require. That work will be considered in the assessment of the Planning Application which is expected to occur at the May Council Meeting. That information will not be provided to the representors prior to the public Council Agenda being made available on line.

Question

Kirsten Hansen - ABX Mine Concerns - Porters Bridge Road

[With regard to the state of Porters Bridge Road]

- 1. Who will foot the bill for these upgrades, that we know will be necessary for heavy vehicle usage, on Porters Bridge Road if the ABX is approved?*
- 2. If the upgrades to the road are necessary why would residents have to foot the bill to a development that they do not wish to be there in the first place?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded by saying that the Council has found, whilst investigating the road, that there will be a smaller number of issues that will require maintenance. As the Council is the road authority, there is a requirement to maintain the road to a standard that is safe for all road users, so there is probably some maintenance that the Council would be undertaking regardless of any changes to businesses on the road. There is also an ability for the Council to recoup the costs of capital upgrades by a development if they are justified and these will be considered in the assessment the professional staff will make when forming a recommendation to Council. Whilst that is not a decision for consideration today, it is being considered as part of the assessment process.

Question

Linda Wasserfall - ABX Mine Concerns - Business Operations

[With regard to the business operations of ABX]

- 1. Can the Council, in good conscience, allow ABX into the Meander Valley and allow it to dig up our prime agricultural land with the track record that they have on the off chance they can sell to a company in South Australia?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston responded that Councillors are unable to defend ABX as a mining company, however, when Council operates as a Planning Authority and a developer submits a proposal for a house, Councillors do not have the authority to investigate financial aspects of the proponent - whether they are financial or not. Acting as a Planning Authority, a determination is made on the evidence provided. Whilst understanding what you have suggested, that may not be before us when acting as a Planning Authority.

Question

Lyndell Whyte - ABX Mine Concerns - Tasmanian Native Fauna Concerns

- 1. Will the Meander Valley Council stand up and say no to ABX that they do not have the right to treat the efforts that have taken decades, involved thousands and cost millions with utter contempt and ride rough shot over one of our most precious and revered species [the Tasmanian Devil]?*
- 2. Given that the ABX assessment of fauna is unreliable, biased and utterly lacking any meaningful long-term safeguards for threatened species like devils, quolls, wedge-tailed eagles and green and gold frogs, what will the Council do to enhance protections for these and other species and ensure more effective mitigation and management strategies are implemented, monitored and adapted over time to address potential unforeseen impacts?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that the Council's planning staff will assess the ABX application like any other development application that is forwarded to the Council. The Council has qualified planners on staff and we, as Councillors, are confident in their abilities.

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) added that the environmental impacts of the application are considered by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) which is a State Government entity. There were a number of issues in your question which relate to the assessment already made by the State Government, therefore will not likely be part of the informed decision when the Council acts as a Planning Authority to consider this application.

Question

Liz Nichols - ABX Mine Concerns

[With regard to the environmental effects (dust) of the proposed mine and DL130]

- 1. In light of the public health services formal recognition that respirable dust from DL130 poses potential health risks and that no base line dust data currently exists and real time dust monitoring is not proposed in the preliminary dust management plan, how can the Council satisfy its responsibility under section 20 of the Local Government Act 1993 to protect community health and well-being by considering the DL proposal prior to the final and approved dust management plan being made available?*
- 2. Will the Council seek further clarification on the schedule and calibration of water quality monitoring, trigger points, chemical treatment regimes and escalation plans to ensure no long-term damage to our sensitive aquatic ecosystems occur as a consequence of the DL130 mine?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 13 May 2025.

Question

Fritz Robinson - ABX Mine Concerns

- 1. Are there unintended consequences as a result of this application and is this the thin edge of the wedge?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded by saying the decision that Council will be making, expected to be in May 2025, is limited to planning legislation and Council, when acting as a Planning Authority, is limited to planning legislation. The decision will be based on provided documentation.

Question

Robyn Addles - ABX Mine Concerns - Dust and Stormwater Management Plans

- 1. Is the Council confident that the proponent is capable of fulfilling its due diligence by preventing environmental harm under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) advised that Council, acting as a Planning Authority, has no power or authority to make these determinations when deliberating on planning applications and is unable to influence this issue as part of its decision.

Question

Ralph Wayment - ABX Mine Concerns

1. *Being able to ask questions at Council Meetings is great, but is there any way that we could organise an in-depth consultation and discussion between our team and the Meander Valley Council's planners to go through the myriad of issues in detail?*
2. *Apart from your obvious concerns about the likely damage to our roads and danger to drivers and wildlife caused by trucks, will the Meander Valley Council also apply its discretionary powers to uphold the Meander Valley Council's Strategic Plan and negate the Environmental Protection Authority's conditional approval of the ABX proposal?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) advised that with respect to the second question, no, the Council does not have the power to negate the decision made by the Environmental Protection Authority - they have formed their decision and the Council does not involve itself with decisions made by that organisation. With regards to the first question, the Council is not in a position to commit to a meeting today, but if there is an opportunity to do so, we will contact you.

I note that you mentioned some of your networks' members have committed hundreds of hours to evaluation of the proposal, which is complex and expansive. The Council's planning staff have also been pouring hundreds of hours into the assessment in order to form a detailed assessment and recommendation for Council when it sits as a Planning Authority to determine this matter. That work is ongoing, however, I do feel that the decision the planners will reach will likely be close to the Council Meeting date.

If a recommendation and a position had been formed before today, there would be no hesitation in organising a meeting with your group, however, with ongoing work still to be done and public holidays, the information will likely only be compiled closer to the time of Agenda publication in May.

Question

Marian Curtain - ABX Mine Concerns - Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025

1. *Has there been communication to the Council regarding when the Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025 (DAP Bill) is going through and how much it will affect the Council - what is your opinion on it?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that the issue will be discussed later in today's Agenda when Council will be forming its position on the legislation. Up until now, Councillors have discussed the matter in Workshops.

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) also advised that the Development Assessment Panels legislation being proposed by the State Government will not have an impact on the Planning Application which is PA\24\0052 as that application has already been lodged under the current legislation.

2. *So, the decision will not be taken out of the Council's hands then?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded with the Council is expecting that decision on that [PA\24\0052] at the May Council Meeting where the Council would sit as a Planning Authority and make a decision on that application, the same as it will be making a decision on today's Planning Application - PA\25\0085 - vegetation removal.

Question

Katherine Willmott - ABX Mine Concerns

1. *Can Council identify the specific economic, social or infrastructure benefits it believes the DL130 bauxite project will deliver to the Meander Valley community and explain how this aligns with our Community Strategic Plan and the Council's rural brand identity?*
2. *Has the Council assessed the potential cost burden this project will place on the Council including infrastructure upgrades, road maintenance, health and emergency services and compliance and can it confirm whether any part of this development will require any direct input from the Council's budget?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston responded that Council sits as a body elected by voters to represent the community. Part of that process and legislation is Council sitting as a Planning Authority and there are rules and regulations under which that body operates, which Councillors are required to abide by. So, to answer your first question, Council is required to consider the application on its merits, according to legislation when acting as a Planning Authority. The Strategic Plan, although developed by the Council and the community is not part of that determination when considering Planning Applications.

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) answered the second question regarding cost assessment by saying the only cost assessment the Council has been reviewing is the work surrounding Porters Bridge Road - what work is currently required and what work would potentially be required if the application were to be approved. The Council has been undertaking that cost analysis so Councillors are well informed when it comes to considering and determining the Planning Application.

Question

Margaret Daw - ABX Mine Concerns

1. *Is the planning department up to date with issues such as the environment, nature, bicycle riders and any accidents that may occur?*
2. *What is the Council going to do about for its residents [with regard to this application]?*

Mayor Wayne Johnston responded by saying that Councillors are also residents and ratepayers, some have lived here all their lives, we are community members and we are part of this community. Councillors sit as a Planning Authority whenever a Planning Application requires determination and the applications are assessed in line with required guidelines and regulations provided by the State Government - not those provided by the Council.

Question

Cindy Watkins - ABX Mine Concerns

[With regard to a study undertaken by the University of Western Australia regarding property prices]

- 1. Will Council, when deciding on this Planning Application, consider probable devaluation of properties [near the proposed mine] and what steps will the Council be implementing to stop this occurring?*

Jonathan Harmey (General Manager) responded by saying that no, Council, when acting as a Planning Authority, are not able to consider property devaluation when considering and forming a decision on a submitted Planning Application. Councillors have been receiving information and input into this application for about six months and will form a decision based on fact.

10. Councillor Question Time

10.1. Councillors' Questions With Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 30

(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 for this Meeting

10.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice

All Councillor's Questions asked at this Meeting were answered at the Meeting

11. Councillor Notices of Motion

11.1 Councillor Notice of Motion - Councillor Anne-Marie Loader - Community Meeting Against the Draft *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025*

File Reference S13-07-011

Proponent Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Recommendation

That Council notes:

1. a public meeting was held in Deloraine against the *Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025* with 65 people in attendance.
2. two motions were passed at the Meeting:
 - a. Motion 1: The Meeting calls upon the Meander Valley Council to reject any removal of third-party planning appeal rights.
 - b. Motion 2: The Meander Valley Council previously opposed the *2024 Development Assessment Panels (DAP) Bill*. The Meeting calls on the Council to oppose the *Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025* which is nearly identical to the previous Bill.

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Ben Dudman

Votes For Councillor Ben Dudman, Councillor Kevin House, Councillor Anne-Marie Loader, Councillor Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple and Councillor Daniel Smedley

Votes Against Mayor Wayne Johnston, Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute Reference: 050/2024

12. Planning Authority Reports

12.1. PA\25\0085 - 310 Sugarloaf Road, Jackeys Marsh

Proposal	Resource development (vegetation clearing)
Report Author	Brenton Josey Town Planner
Authorised By	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

Recommendation

That Council receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\25\0085 and resolves to approve the application.

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

Details

Council 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 2015*: Regulation 25(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, Council resolved as follows:

Recommendation

This application by S. Tredinnick, for Resource development (vegetation clearing), on land located at 310 Sugarloaf Road, Jackeys Marsh (CT 186583/1) is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans and recommended Permit Conditions and Permit Notes.

Endorsed Plan

- a. S. Tredinnick; Dated: 10 February 2025; Description of works; 1 page;
- b. Livingston Natural Resources; Dated: 5 August 2024; Bushfire Hazard Management Report;
- c. Livingston Natural Resources; Dated: 5 August 2024; Natural Values Report; and
- d. Pitt & Sherry; Dated: 5 February 2025; Ref T-P.24.1236; Traffic Impact Statement.

Permit Conditions

1. Prior to the commencement of use:
 - a. The new vehicle crossing must be constructed generally in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawings TSD-R03 and R04 to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure Services (Refer Note 1).
 - b. Required sight distances established in accordance with AS2890.1. Refer Note 2.
 - c. Written confirmation from the Traffic Impact Statement author(s) is submitted to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner stating that the new vehicle crossing is installed in accordance with the endorsed Traffic Impact Statement and that sight distances comply with the requirements of AS2890.1.
2. The sight distances for the vehicle access must be maintained for the life of the vehicle access in accordance with AS2890.1 to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure Services.
3. The clearance of vegetation, other than for the vehicle access (including associated sight distances), is limited to, and as per the methods, described in the endorsed description of works and the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan, to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner. Refer to Note 3.

Permit Notes

1. Works in the road reserve to construct the new access must be completed by a suitably qualified contractor using appropriate work health and safety and traffic management processes. Prior to any construction being undertaken in the road reserve, separate consent is required by the Road Authority. An Application for Works in Road Reservation form is enclosed. It is strongly recommended that the property owner contact the Council to discuss the proposed property access before engaging a contractor for these works. All enquiries should be directed to the Council's Infrastructure Department on 6393 5312.

Note for this vehicle crossing, the culvert pipe and headwalls as shown in the Tasmanian Standard Drawings may not be required.

2. Where practical, vegetation should be removed to ground level rather than just trimmed. This is to minimise the risk of regrowth compromising sight distances.
3. The *Forest Practices Act 1985* provides exemptions from requiring a Forest Practices Plan. Further vegetation removal beyond that approved may require a Forest Practices Plan. Please contact the Forest Practices Authority if you have any further questions.
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.

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: 051/2025

13. Development and Regulatory Services

13.1. Submission on Draft *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025*

File Reference S13-09-011

Report Author Thomas Wagenknecht
Senior Strategic Planner

Authorised By Krista Palfreyman
Director Development and Regulatory Services

Recommendation

That Council:

1. approves the Meander Valley Council's Submission – Draft *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025* (Attachment 1) as its submission to the public exhibition of the Draft *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panels) Bill 2025*; and
2. approves the lodgment of the Council's submission to the State Planning Office (as provided in Attachment 1).

Moved Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

Seconded Councillor Ben Dudman

Votes For Mayor Wayne Johnston, 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 Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute Reference: 052/2025

Council adjourned for a break at 5.03pm

Council resumed following the break at 5.11pm

14. Corporate Services

14.1. Financial Report to 31 March 2025

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

Recommendation

That Council receives the financial report for the period ended 31 March 2025, as provided in 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: 053/2025

15. Infrastructure Services

15.1. Lease - Bracknell District Boys and Girls Club Inc.

File Reference S20-01-004

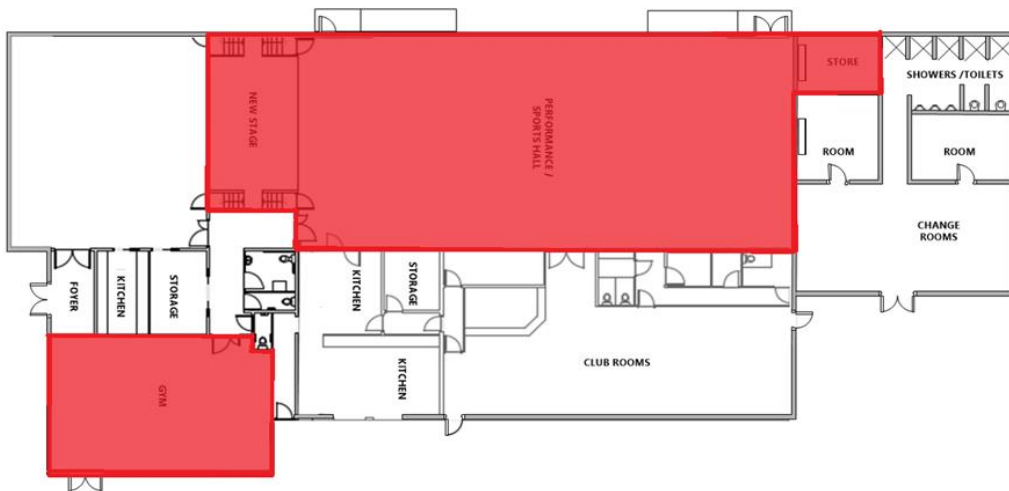
Report Author Karl Boss-Walker
Team Leader Community Facilities and Recreation

Authorised By David Murray
Director Infrastructure Services

Recommendation

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. leases the portion of the clubroom/hall building (site map below) making up a portion of the property at 29 Louisa Street, Bracknell (CT 165648/2) to the Bracknell District Boys and Girls Club, ABN: 45 627 367 577.



2. notes that section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* will not apply as the lease is for a period less than five years.
3. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
 - a. the term shall be for two years;
 - b. with a further option of two years by mutual agreement;
 - c. the lease amount shall be \$1,000 per annum;

- d. tenant shall continuously maintain:
 - i. buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
 - ii. public liability insurance of at least \$10 million.
- e. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
- f. any right, option or discretion exercised by the Council under the lease may be exercised by the General Manager.

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: 054/2025

15.2. Lease - Bracknell Football Club Inc.

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

Recommendation

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. leases the football clubrooms and ancillary buildings (Figures 1 and 2, site maps below) making up a portion of the property at 29 Louisa Street, Bracknell (CT 118706/2) to the Bracknell Football Club Inc., ABN 83 455 339 101.



Figure 1. Showing in red structures included in the lease.
The structure in orange is partially included.

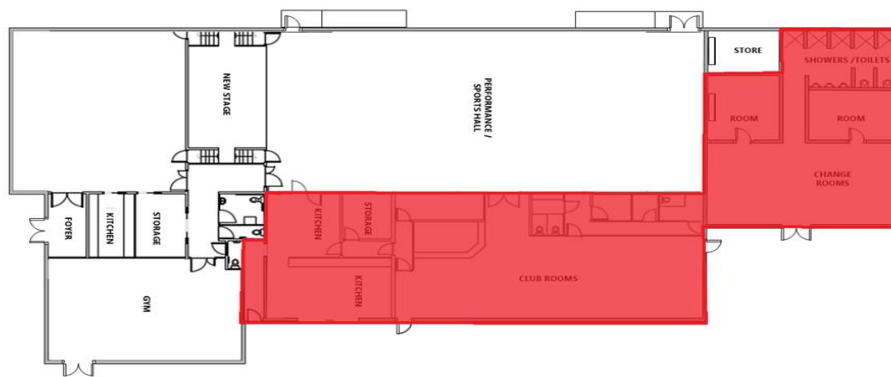


Figure 2. Showing in red the portions of the shared building included in the lease.

2. notes that section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* will not apply as the lease is for a period less than five years.
3. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
 - a. the term shall be for two years;
 - b. with a further option of two years by mutual agreement;
 - c. the lease amount shall be \$2,500 per annum;
 - d. tenant shall continuously maintain:
 - i. buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
 - ii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million.
 - iii. payment of electricity costs for the building.
 - e. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
 - f. any right, option or discretion exercised by the Council under the lease may be exercised by the General Manager.

Moved Councillor Ben Dudman

Seconded Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

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: 055/2024

15.3. Lease - Deloraine Football Club Inc.

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

Recommendation

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. leases the football clubroom site (site map below) making up a portion of the property at 6 Racecourse Drive, Deloraine (CT 165648/1) to the Deloraine Football Club Inc., ABN: 20 423 298 862.



2. notes that section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* will not apply as the lease is for a period less than five years.
3. authorises the General Manager to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
 - a. the term shall be for two years;
 - b. with a further option of two years by mutual agreement;
 - c. the lease amount shall be \$6,000 per annum plus selected out goings;

- d. tenant shall continuously maintain:
 - i. buildings in good and reasonable order in accordance with responsibilities detailed in the lease; and
 - ii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million.
- e. use of the structures, or parts thereof, is subject to:
 - i. having the appropriate permits in accordance with the *Building Act 2016*; and
 - ii. use being in accordance with those permits.
- f. all remaining terms to be determined by the General Manager.
- g. 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 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 absolute majority

Minute Reference: 056/2024

16. Governance and Community Wellbeing

16.1. Annual Plan 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Performance

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

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report of performance against the Annual Plan 2024-25 for the period from January to March 2025 (Quarter 3) as shown below:

Supporting Our Customers

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
4.1, 6.4	Review and update the Council's website information	Website updated	G&CW	Progressing	2,3	Review of websites in progress to incorporate the Council's Place Brand adopted in November 2024.
5.1, 5.3, 5.6	Renew the Customer Service Charter and Customer Service Standards and establish reporting mechanisms to meet needs of the community	Service Charter approved by Council	CS	Achieved	2,3	The Customer Service Charter was approved at the January Council Meeting and updated customer service standards have been implemented.

Managing Our Asset Portfolio

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.2, 6.1, 6.3	Divestment of the Council's properties in accordance with Council's decision 268/2022	Properties sold	WORKS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	The Council is progressing the rezoning process in preparation to sell the properties.
6.1, 6.3	Construction of new centralised Works Depot at Westbury	Percentage complete	WORKS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	This project is 75% complete. Pavement and building works in progress.
6.2, 6.3	Support the development of the Hadspen Urban Growth area	Engagement with stakeholders	INFRA/D&RS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Continued correspondence with the State Government regarding required intersection work. Grant application submitted for intersection upgrade. The Federal Liberal Party announced a funding commitment that will support future residential development.

Investing in Community Facilities and Infrastructure

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
6.1, 6.3	Plan and deliver projects in line with approved Capital Works Program	Percentage completed	WORKS/ INFRA	Achieved	1,2,3,4	This activity is approximately 50% complete. Design, tendering, RFQ processes and construction works in progress.
6.2, 6.3	Progress the Deloraine Recreation Precinct project and contracts for delivery of design elements	Percentage complete	INFRA	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Tenders have been approved by Council for the construction of civil works and playground elements. Steeple construction contract has been awarded. Various demolition works are in progress. This activity is 45% complete.
6.1	Installation of street litter bins and replacement program, adjust level of service to support community needs	Percentage Installed	WORKS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Installation of approximately 51% of bins completed.
1.5	Progress construction of the new waste transfer station at the Deloraine waste facility	Percentage completed	INFRA	Deferred	3,4	Detailed design work is progressing.
1.5	Implement weight-based pricing system following weighbridge installation at the Deloraine waste facility	Completed	INFRA	Deferred	2,3	Weight based pricing model will be presented to Councillors at a future Workshop.
5.2	Review and update the Council's public building facility security and access agreements	Percentage completed	INFRA	Progressing	3,4	Staged implementation of access system upgrade in progress.

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.2	Engage with contractors and suppliers on tendering for the Council's work	Delivery of Workshop	INFRA	No target this Quarter	4	

Making a Positive Contribution to Community Wellbeing

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
3.3	Connect with community and employees on key infrastructure projects any key service delivery changes and to share the broader work of the Council with community	Engagements completed	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Discussions on key projects such as Deloraine Racecourse and Westbury Streetscape. Workshop conducted regarding community forums. Two Community forums have been held (Blackstone Heights and Carrick).
1.1	Implement Meander Valley place brand concepts into the Council's communications	Documentation updated	G&CW	Progressing	3,4	Staged updates to branding have been progressing and will continue into next year.

Supporting Economic Growth, Prosperity and the Environment

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
1.4	Encourage environmentally sustainable practices and support action of the Council's Climate Change Action and Mitigation Policy	Completed	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Draft Council Climate Change Adaptation Plan developed. Workshop conducted with Councillors.

Managing Planning, Development and Regulation

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Actively participate in regional planning initiatives including the review of the Northern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy	Participation	D&RS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	The NTRLUS Review continues to be progressed by all eight Northern Councils. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed, with steering committee to be established.
1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Contribute to the review of the Greater Launceston Plan	Participation	D&RS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Project being progressed with NTDC and the City of Launceston.
1.2	Develop Structure Plan for Carrick	Completed	D&RS	Progressing	1,2,3	Targeted landowner and State agency consultation underway. Draft Structure Plan to be presented to Councillors and public exhibition planned for Quarter 1 2025-26.
1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Review and update the Prospect Vale – Blackstone Heights Structure Plan	Completed	D&RS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Targeted landowner and State agency consultation underway. Draft Structure Plan planned to be presented to Councillors and public exhibition for Quarter 1 2025-26.
1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Commence consultation on Westbury Village Green character precinct specific area plan	Consultation commenced	D&RS	Progressing	3,4	Consultation Strategy prepared. Westbury Town Centre Character Study to be prepared and consultation with landowners to occur in Quarter 4.
1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Review and implement the Public Open Space Policy	Completed	D&RS/ INFRA	Achieved	1,2	Revised Policy approved by Council in March 2025.
1.1	Review the Council's Dog Management Policy to include additional declared areas including Moore Street, Westbury	Completed	D&RS	Progressing	3,4	Draft presented to November Workshop for Councillor consideration.

Provide Contemporary Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling Services and Infrastructure

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
1.5, 6.6	Complete design and commence construction for new transfer station at Deloraine	Percentage constructed	INFRA	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Design work is in progress.
1.5, 6.1, 6.6	Complete design and commence construction of expanded landfill cell at Cluan	Percentage constructed	INFRA	Deferred	1,2,3	No longer required due to change in approved strategy (closure of Cluan landfill).
1.5	Build community awareness around the planned closure of Westbury waste facility to the public	Completed	INFRA/ G&CW	Progressing	3,4	Letters have been sent to all ratepayers explaining the impending closure of the Westbury facility.
1.5	Update information resources relating to waste management of the Meander Valley Council's website	Completed	INFRA	No target this Quarter	4	

Provide a Robust, Reliable, Secure and Available ICT Environment

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.1	Embrace new technologies through agreement of ERP upgrade pathway for Finance and Property systems	Roadmap delivered	CS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	A request for proposal will be released to market in late January 2025 with response received from vendors in early March. The assessment process is in progress.

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6.	Continue delivery of the ERP upgrade pathway through procurement of Records Management and <i>SharePoint</i> software products, plan and commence implementation	Product delivered	CS	Progressing	1,2,3,4	Implementation of <i>SharePoint</i> based Records Management System is in progress and scheduled for completion in the September 2025 quarter.

Deliver Good Governance and Resilience Through Sound Corporate and Financial Management

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.2	Engage with candidates and political parties in advance of the Federal Election	Engagement opportunities	G&CW	Achieved	2,3	Engaged with candidates in the March quarter. Significant funding commitments for key projects have been announced by both major parties.
5.2	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	Factoring in approved leave of absences, attendance at Council Meetings and Workshops was 98%.

Managing Our Supply Chain to Procure Goods and Services

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.5	Continue to explore opportunities for shared services and/or resource sharing opportunities with other Councils	Shared services investigated	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Discussions continue to occur. Group training project has commenced with other northern councils.

Informing and Engaging Our Community

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
3.1, 3.4, 4.1	Finalise Draft Community Strategic Plan 2024-34, receive community feedback to inform agreed Plan	Completed	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	2024-34 Community Strategic Plan adopted by Council in November 2024.
5.2	Deliver new place making initiatives to engage community spaces in the Meander Valley	Community spaces activated	G&CW	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Three projects progressing.

Demonstrating a Commitment to Our People

Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.3, 5.4, 5.6	Undertake priority actions identified by employees in the Cultural Development Action Plan	Number progressed	CS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Annual culture survey results have been received and action planning is in progress. <i>Pulse</i> check surveys have also been completed with results released in early January 2025.

Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.3, 5.4, 5.6	Review and update human resource management policies and deliver employee training to align with contemporary practices and industrial law	Policy suite reviewed and training complete	CS	Progressing	3,4	Policy review has commenced and will continue into the next quarter.
5.3, 5.4, 5.6	Undertake employee culture survey and revise cultural action plan	Survey complete	CS	Progressing	3,4	Planning for the next survey is progressing.
5.3, 5.4, 5.6	Negotiate with all employees to form a new Enterprise Agreement	Completed	G&CW	Progressing	2,3,4	Discussions commenced with employees and Workplace Consultative Committee, negotiations to commence in April 2025.

Ensuring a Safe and Healthy Workplace

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.4	Implement an organisation wide engagement on WHS including sharing incident stories and promoting the reporting of hazards, incidents and near misses	Implemented	CS	Achieved	2,3	Implementation of WHS new software is providing greater transparency and reporting of hazards and incidents.
5.3	Embed the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework, as required by the Tasmanian Government's <i>Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023</i>	Completed	G&CW	Progressing	1,2,3,4	A Policy has been adopted. Developing a procedure for implementation of the Policy is in progress.

ANNUAL PROJECTS						
Strategic Plan Ref.	Activity Description	Annual Activity Measurement	Department Lead	Current Quarter Status	Quarter Delivered	Comments
5.3	Implement WHS software, equipment purchases, digitisation of employee templates and undertake training for employees	Percentage Implemented	CS/ WORKS	Achieved	1,2,3,4	Incidents module of <i>Lucidity</i> has been launched with contractor management scheduled for mid-2025. Hardware options being assessed and procurement to occur over the next quarter.

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: 057/2024

16.2. Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund 2024-25 - Round 4

File Reference	S15-01-036
Report Author	Alison Hugo Community Wellbeing Officer
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Recommendation

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 82(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, reallocate \$7,653 of unspent funds from the Governance Management budget to provide for the additional community grants budget proposed in this Recommendation.
2. notes the recommendations of the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund Committee from their Meeting held on 18 March 2025.
3. approves the grants and sponsorships to a total value of \$20,041 with the grant categories as follows:
 - a. Community Grants totaling \$13,570:

Applicant/Project	Project Cost	Grant Request	Amount Rec
CORES Australia- Suicide Prevention Training sessions	\$7,450	\$3,000	\$3,000
Deloraine Rotary Club – Deloraine Stobie Pole Project	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Deloraine Squash Courts – Purchase and installation of scoring infrastructure	\$4,759	\$2,996	\$2,996
Launceston Walking Club –Information signage and chainsaw backpack	\$2,333	\$1,574	\$1,574
Mole Creek Progress Association – Swimming Lane Ropes	\$3,928	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total	\$26,470	\$13,570	\$13,570

- b. Sponsorship Donations for Individuals totaling \$600:

Applicant	Grant Request	Amount Recommended	Comments
Jarrold Atkins, Scottish and British Squash Championships	\$300	\$300	
Quinn Elliot, National Indoor Cricket Championships	\$150	\$150	
Matilda Horsburgh, Junior Roller Derby Championships	\$150	\$150	
Total	\$600	\$600	

- c. Out of Round Funding Sponsorship Approval:

Applicant	Grant Request	Amount Recommended	Comments
Pony Club Tasmania	\$250	\$250	General Manager Approved – PAID
Total	\$250	\$250	

- d. Three Year Show Society Funding:

Applicant	Grant Request	Amount Recommended	Comments
Chudleigh Show Society	NA	\$1,874	Third and final year payment
Westbury Show Society	NA	\$1,874	Third and final year payment
Deloraine Show Society	NA	\$1,874	Third and final year payment
Total		\$5,621	

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: 058/2025

16.3. Economic Development Forum Report

File Reference	S09-01-004
Report Author	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Recommendation

That Council:

1. endorses the Economic Development Forum summary report and outcomes (Attachments 1 and 2); and
2. shares the report and outcomes with State and Federal Ministers and the major opposition party for each jurisdiction.

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: 059/2025

16.4. Appointment of Councillor Cronshaw - Australia Day Awards Committee

File Reference	S21-01-043/S04-09-025
Report Author	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Recommendation

That Council appoints Councillor Christine Cronshaw as a member of the Australia Day Awards Committee.

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 Rodney Synfield, Councillor John Temple, Councillor Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw
Votes Against	Nil

Motion carried by simple majority

Minute Reference: 060/2025

16.5. Review of Policy No. 82: Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund

File Reference	S13-11-002
Report Author	Nate Austen Manager Community Wellbeing
Authorised By	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

Recommendation

That Council endorses the continuation of Policy No. 82: Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund with several amendments to the Policy and the associated Policy guideline documents.

Policy No. 82	Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund
Purpose	The purpose of this Policy is to establish a funding principle and operational framework for a range of financial grants and sponsorships, collectively to be known as the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund.
Department Author	Governance and Community Wellbeing Nate Austen, Manager, Community Wellbeing
Council Meeting Date	8 April 2025
Minute Reference	061/2025
Next Review Date	April 2028

POLICY

1. Definitions

<i>Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund</i>	A collective of financial grants and sponsorships made available to not-for-profit community organisations and individuals in support of projects and activities that help meet objectives of the Meander Valley Community Strategic Plan (2024-2034) through supporting community leadership, participation, knowledge, relationships, lifestyle, resilience and building community assets.
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These include a Major Project Grant, Community Grants, a Three Year Event Grant, Establishment Grants, Sponsorship for Individuals, Sponsorship for Organisations and the Council Fee Reimbursement Grant.

Major Project Grant

A financial assistance grant to deliver one major project within Meander Valley during the financial year with outcomes that align with the Community Strategic Plan (2024-2034) and Meander Valley's Place Brand. This grant aims to enhance community and Council partnerships, local collaborations, build local organisational capacity and attract new community volunteers.

Community Grant

Financial assistance to deliver a specific project or activity with outcomes that align with the Meander Valley Community Strategic Plan (2024-2034). Outcomes include addressing local needs, developing leadership, attracting participation, building skills, utilising knowledge, developing resources and improving lifestyle. These grants fund a variety of activities including special community events, community development projects, sport and recreation projects and activities, health and well-being programs and activities.

Three Year Event Grant

A 3-year financial grant paid annually to enable new start up events and pilot programs to establish, gain experience, build reputation and develop their evaluation base. A grant payment will be offered every year for three years. Payment in Year 2 and Year 3 can be made after an acquittal is provided for the proceeding year.

Establishment Grant

Financial support for the development of newly formed *not for profit* incorporated community organisations within the Meander Valley local government area.

Sponsorship for Organisations

Minor financial and in-kind sponsorship to encourage and assist events or activities to be delivered by organisations within the Meander Valley local government area.

<i>Sponsorship for Individuals</i>	Financial support to individual Meander Valley residents representing the region through participation at a State or National competition.
<i>Meander Valley School Award</i>	An incentive and recognition award offered to local school students that demonstrate, throughout their school year, values that align with Meander Valley's Community Strategic Plan and Place Brand principles.
<i>Council Fee Reimbursement</i>	Support for the ongoing operation and sustainability <i>Grant</i> of <i>not for profit</i> community organisations through a refund of the regulatory fees charged by the Council for <i>one-off</i> community projects they intend to complete. Eligible fees are typically for building, permit authority, planning, plumbing, place of assembly permit, food licence fees and tip fees.

2. Objective

The objectives of this Policy are to ensure operating parameters for the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund. The Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund specifically includes the Major Project Grant, Three Year Event Grant, Community Grant, Establishment Grant, Sponsorship for Organisations, Sponsorship for Individuals and the Community Organisations Regulatory Fees Reimbursement Grant maintain the value and relativity of the annual budget allocation for the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to Councillors, staff and community representatives involved in the management of the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund.

4. Policy

The Council will:

- a. allocate an annual amount to provide for all grants and sponsorship under the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund that will be not less than the previous year expenditure from the Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund. The Council may, at its discretion and within the limit of the annual budget allocations, vary the amount available to each grant or sponsorship type based on demand.
- b. assess and allocate all Community Grants and Sponsorship Funds in accordance with the Meander Valley Council Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy Guidelines.

5. Legislation and Related Standards

Local Government Act 1993 (section 77 - Grants and Benefits)

Meander Valley Council Policy No. 1: Risk Management

Meander Valley Council Policy No. 45: Information Management

Meander Valley Council Policy No. 67: Personal Information Protection

Community Development Framework 2013

6. Responsibility

Responsibility for the operation of this Policy rests with the Manager, Community Wellbeing.

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: 061/2025

17. Motion to Close Meeting

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(1)

Recommendation

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, closes the Meeting to the public for discussion of the Agenda Items listed below:

18.1 Confirmation of Closed Minutes

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 34(2).

18.2 Leave of Absence Applications

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(2)(h) applications by Councillors for a leave of absence

18.3 Contract No. 268 – 2024-25: Upgrades at West Parade, Deloraine

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(2) (d) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

18.4 Contract No. 269 – 2024-25: Westbury Streetscape, Phase 1 – Civil Works

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(2) (d) regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

18.5 General Manager's Quarterly Performance Report

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(2) (a) regarding personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters.

18.6 End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(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 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: 062/2025

Council moved into Closed Session at 5.43pm

Council returned to Ordinary Session at 6.02pm

18. End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

18.6 End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: section 15(8).

Council, pursuant to Regulation 34(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, reports in Ordinary Council that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session:

Minutes Item	Agenda Precis	Brief Description and Release of Public Information
18.1	Closed Council Minutes – 11 March 2025	<i>Minutes not to be released to the public.</i>
18.3	Contract No. 268 – 2024-25: Upgrades at West Parade, Deloraine	<i>Name of successful tenderer to be released to the public.</i>
18.4	Contract No. 269 – 2024-25 Westbury Streetscape, Phase 1 – Civil Works	<i>Name of successful tenderer to be released to the public.</i>
18.5	General Manager's Quarterly Performance Report	<i>Details not to be released to the public.</i>

19. Close of Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston closed the Meeting at 6.02pm.

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Mayor Wayne Johnston
Chairperson

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Date