



Meander Valley Council  
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# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Tuesday, 10 June 2025**

**Time** 3.01pm

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

**Telephone** (03) 6393 5300

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# 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
Natasha Whiteley	Team Leader Town Planning (Agenda Item 12.1)
Jana Rockliff	Town Planner (Agenda Item 12.1)
Robert Little	Asset Management Coordinator (Agenda Item 14.1)
Justin Marshall	Team Leader Finance (Agenda Items 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3)
Anthony Kempnich	Manager Governance and Legal (Agenda Item 15.1)
Anthea Rooney	Governance Officer

## 1. Opening of Meeting and Apologies

Mayor Wayne Johnston opened the Meeting at 3.01pm.

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## 2. Acknowledgment of Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples, the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we gather today and I pay my respects to Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

### Motion

That Council receives and confirms the Minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 May 2025.

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

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 081/2025**

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## 4. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received as part of this Meeting

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## **5. Council Workshop Report**

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

### **Topics Discussed – 27 May 2025**

#### **Planning Applications for the June Council Meeting**

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

#### **Northern Tasmania Development Corporation**

*Councillors received a presentation from Chris Griffin, Chief Executive Officer – Northern Tasmania Development Corporation.*

#### **Local Government Association of Tasmania 2025 Elections**

*Councillors discussed the upcoming Local Government Association of Tasmania General Management Committee nominations.*

#### **Westbury Cricket Club Request**

*Councillors considered a request from the Westbury Cricket Club.*

#### **Arts Deloraine Request**

*Councillors considered a request from Arts Deloraine regarding a new funding request.*

#### **Westbury Supper Room**

*Councillors considered repurposing of the Westbury Supper Room.*

#### **Draft Northern Tasmania Population Program**

*Councillors considered and provided initial feedback on the Northern Tasmanian population program.*

#### **Draft Annual Plan 2025-26**

*Councillors provided feedback on the proposed 2025-26 Annual Plan.*

#### **Draft Budget Estimates 2025-26**

*Councillors discussed the draft budget for the 2025-26 financial year.*

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## 6. Mayor and Councillors' Reports

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

#### Mayor Wayne Johnston

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 14 May 2025 – TasWater Meeting
- 14 May 2025 – Local Government Association of Tasmania General Management Committee Dinner
- 15 May 2025 – Local Government Association of Tasmania General Management Committee Meeting
- 15 May 2025 – Meander Valley Council combined staff meeting
- 27 May 2025 – Dinner with TasWater's Deputy Chief Owners' Representative, Richard Ireland and Chair, Kevin Young
- 27 May 2025 – General Manager's Performance Review Committee Meeting
- 29 May 2025 – Meander Valley Council Emergency Management Committee Meeting

#### Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 27 May 2025 – General Manager's Performance Review Committee Meeting

#### Councillor Ben Dudman

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 17 May 2025 – IDAHOBIT Rainbow Flag Raising Ceremony
- 27 May 2025 – General Manager's Performance Review Committee Meeting

#### Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 17 May 2025 – IDAHOBIT Rainbow Flag Raising Ceremony
- 23 May 2025 – Australian Local Government Association Tasmania Meeting
- 27 May 2025 – General Manager's Performance Review Committee Meeting
- 5 June 2025 – Local Government Association of Tasmania Pride and Progress Forum

#### Councillor Rodney Synfield

*Attended or participated in the following events:*

- 29 May 2025 – Meander Valley Council Emergency Management Committee Meeting

### Councillors' Announcements and Acknowledgements

Councillor Kevin House congratulated and thanked the organisers, Rural Youth and volunteers who contributed to the success of the recently held AGFEST event.

Councillor Anne-Marie Loader reported to Council on her attendance at the Local Government Association of Tasmania's *Pride and Progress* Forum held in Launceston noting that the event was very topical and relative to today's environment.

Councillor Anne-Marie Loaded congratulated and thanked the Great Western Tiers Tourism Association members on their successful campaign resulting in Deloraine being nominated as a finalist in the 2025 *Tassie's Top Tourism Town* awards.

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## 7. Petitions

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

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## 8. Community Representations

No Community Representations were received as part of this Meeting

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## 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).*

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

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### 9.2. Public Questions Without Notice

#### *Question 1:*

*Lucy Fleming - Tourism Strategy*

*[With regard to the Meander Valley's current lack of a defined tourism strategy]*

- 1. How does the community (with particular reference to small businesses) make development of a tourism strategy a priority, develop a community tourism strategy and work with the Council to ensure the success of such a project?*

**Jonathan Harmey (General Manager)** responded that the Council does not have a tourism strategy for the Meander Valley. There is a Community Strategic Plan and during consultation in 2024 there was feedback from the community reflecting opinions around tourism, the visitor economy, people visiting the region and what access is available for visitors. Earlier this year the Council hosted an Economic Development Forum and again tourism discussions were a part of that program in a broader economic context. As to getting a tourism strategy on the Council's radar, Councillors will consider this at an upcoming Workshop and feedback information to the Tourism Association and the conversation can be continued. With regard to bringing arts and tourism events into Westbury, the Council has supported various events in the past and will continue to do so. You are encouraged to speak with the Council's Community Wellbeing team who are best placed to assist with promotion, grant information and conduct.



*[With regard to the proposed repurposing of the Meander Valley Council's supper rooms]*  
2. *Can this decision be delayed for 12 months in order for the community to consider and develop a tourism strategy?*

**Jonathan Harmey (General Manager)** responded by saying that the Council invested \$2.5million to build a community function centre in Westbury about eight years ago and better patronage of this facility has been and is being encouraged. Currently, the Westbury Supper Rooms has very low patronage and usage and it is believed that the current users will be able to be accommodated in other venues, be they assets of the Council or other similar community venues. At this stage no decision has been formed regarding the use of the Supper Rooms and input will be considered in due course.

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## 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 as part of this Meeting

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### 10.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 29*

*(Councillors who ask Questions Without Notice at a Meeting will have the question answered at the Meeting. Questions and responses will not be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting. If the Council's Officers are unable to answer the question asked at the Meeting, the question and a response will be provided in the next Council Meeting Agenda).*

All Councillors' Questions Without Notice asked at this Meeting were answered at the Meeting

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## 11. Councillor Notices of Motion

### 11.1. Mayor Wayne Johnston – Local Government Association of Tasmania – *Lift The Tone* Campaign

**File Reference** S14-02-006

**Proponent** Mayor Wayne Johnston

#### **Motion**

That Council, resolves to:

1. challenge the normalisation of abuse against Elected Members and the Council's Officers and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all that it does.
2. pledge support for the Local Government Association Tasmania's *Lift the Tone* campaign. In supporting the pledge, Council commits to:
  - a. promote civility in public debate.
  - b. refrain from the use of abusive language and behaviour online or in person.
  - c. encourage others to engage respectfully.

**Moved** Councillor Kevin House

**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 simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 082/2025**

## 12. Planning Authority Reports

### 12.1. PA\25\0114 - 75 Hill Street, Elizabeth Town

<b>Proposal</b>	Subdivision (4 lots)
<b>Report Author</b>	Jana Rockliff Town Planner
<b>Authorised By</b>	Krista Palfreyman Director Development and Regulatory Services

#### Motion

That Council receives the Agenda Item tabled for PA\25\0114 and resolves to approve the application.

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

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 083/2025**

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 PDA Surveyors Engineers & Planners, for a Subdivision (4 lots), on land located at 75 Hill Street, Elizabeth Town (CT 198171/4) 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 March 2025; Job number: 53488; Drawing Number: P2; Plan of Subdivision;
- b. Livingston Natural Resources Services; Dated: 14 November 2024; Version 1; Bushfire Hazard Management Report: Subdivision; and
- c. Traffic & Civil Services; Dated: 20 March 2025; 75 Hill Street Subdivision Elizabeth Town Traffic Impact Assessment; Revision 1.

## 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 Council; and
  - b. Such covenants or similar controls are submitted for and receive written approval by Council prior to submission of a Plan of Survey and associated title documentation is submitted to Council for sealing.
2. The vehicle crossings for Lots 2 and 3 must be constructed generally in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawings TSD-R03 to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure Services (Refer to Note 1), including the following:
  - a. vehicle access to be sealed to a width of 4m;
  - b. installation of drivable culvert endwalls type 1; and
  - c. reinstatement of all disturbed verge areas following completion of the driveway work.
3. The existing vehicle crossings for Lots 1 and 4 must be upgraded generally in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawings TSD-R03 to the satisfaction of the Council's Director Infrastructure Services (Refer to Note 1), including the following:
  - a. vehicle access to be sealed to a width of 4m;
  - b. installation of drivable culvert endwalls type 1 for Lot 4; and
  - c. clear sight line of trees looking left along Hill Street from the access to Lot 4;
  - d. reinstatement of all disturbed verge areas following completion of the driveway work.

4. The works required by the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan are to be completed to the satisfaction of the Tasmanian Fire Service or a practitioner accredited by the Tasmanian Fire Service. Documentation of compliance is to be submitted to the satisfaction of the Council's Town Planner.
5. A cash-in-lieu contribution for public open space must be paid to the Council. The payment must be equal to 4% of the value of the land, excluding Lot 1, at the time of lodgement of the Final Plan of Survey. The value of the land will be based on the most recent recorded valuation adjusted in accordance with the applicable adjustment factor determined by the Office of the Valuer-General. Refer to Note 2.
6. Prior to the sealing of the Final Plan of Survey, the following must be completed to the satisfaction of Council:
  - a. The vehicle crossings to Lots 2 and 3 must be constructed in accordance with Condition 2;
  - b. The existing vehicle crossings to Lots 1 and 4 must be upgraded in accordance with Condition 3;
  - c. The document of compliance submitted to Council demonstrating that the works as required by the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan have been completed in accordance with Condition 4;
  - d. A Public Open Space contribution must be paid in accordance with Condition 5; and
  - e. Lot 1 achieves hydraulic separation to the satisfaction of the Council's Plumbing Surveyor. Refer to Note 3.
7. The lots approved by this permit must be maintained at all times in accordance with the endorsed Bushfire Hazard Management Plan.

### Permit Notes

1. Works in the road reserve to construct the new vehicle crossings 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 (03) 6393 5312.
2. For further information, please refer to the Council's Public Open Space Policy, Policy No. 11, within the Council's Policy Manual that can be found here: [Council Policies - Meander Valley Council](#).

3. Lot 1 to achieve hydraulic separation as per the requirements of the *Urban Drainage Act 2013*. Any enquiries should be directed to the Council's Plumbing Surveyor on 0419 510 770.
4. An application for a Plumbing Permit will be required at the Building and Plumbing Permit application stage for future development of these lots. Please note that an on-site wastewater design report by a suitably qualified person is required to accompany the application.
5. TasNetworks noted that there are distribution assets traversing the property. TasNetworks have Statutory Deemed easements over this property for distribution assets. Further information regarding Easements can be found on the TasNetworks website: <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/easements>.

As with any subdivision, consideration should be given to the electrical infrastructure works that will be required to ensure a supply of electricity can be provided to each lot. It is recommended that the customer, or their electrician, submit an application via our website portal found here <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/Connections/Connections-Hub> to establish an electricity supply connection to the new lots.

6. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact the Council.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a. all works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
  - b. presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
  - c. relevant approval processes for State and Federal Government agencies will apply.

## 13. Corporate Services

### 13.1. 2025-26 Budget Estimates and Long Term Financial Plan Summary

<b>File Reference</b>	S12-02-001
<b>Report Author</b>	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

#### Motion

That Council, by absolute majority and pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1993*:

1. section 82(3)(a), adopts the Budget Estimates for the financial year ending 30 June 2026, as set out in Attachment 1; and
2. section 82(6), authorises the General Manager to make minor adjustments of up to \$20,000 to individual items within the estimated operating expenditure, under section 82(2)(b) and the estimated capital works under section 82(2)(d), so long as the total amount of the Budget Estimate is not altered.

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

**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute Reference: 084/2025**



## 13.2. 2025-26 Rates Resolution

<b>File Reference</b>	S12-02-001
<b>Report Author</b>	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

### Motion

That Council, by absolute majority, adopts the following rates and charges for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, pursuant to Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

#### 1. General Rate

- a. section 90, Council makes the following General Rate in relation to all rateable land within the municipal area (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87) for the period commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026, namely a rate of 4.644 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of the land;
- b. section 90(4), Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of the General Rate of \$285.

#### 2. Waste Management Charges

Sections 93 and 94, makes the following Service Charges in respect of all rateable land within the municipal area (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to the provisions of section 87) for the period commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026, namely:

- a. a service charge for waste management in respect of all lands of \$183 for making available waste management facilities.
- b. that pursuant to section 94(3A), declares, that the service charge for waste management is varied as follows:
  - i. by reason of the provision of a waste collection service one 80 litre mobile garbage bin and one mobile recycling bin and including alternate weekly garbage and green waste collection where provided, the service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by \$258 to \$441;
  - ii. by reason of the provision of a waste collection service one 140 litre mobile garbage bin and one mobile recycling bin and including alternate weekly garbage and green waste collection where provided, the service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by \$284 to \$467;

- iii. by reason of the provision of a waste collection service one 240 litre mobile garbage bin and one mobile recycling bin and including alternate weekly garbage and green waste collection where provided, the service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by \$357 to \$540;
- iv. by reason of the provision of each additional 80 litre mobile bin service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by a further \$118;
- v. by reason of the provision of each additional 140 litre mobile bin service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by a further \$150;
- vi. by reason of the provision of each additional 240 litre mobile bin service charge for waste management is varied for all lands receiving such a service, by increasing it by a further \$205.

### 3. Service Rates

Sections 93A, makes the following Service Rates in respect of Fire Service Contributions it must collect under the *Fire Services Act 1979* for the period commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026, namely:

- a. in respect of the Launceston Permanent Fire Brigade Rating District a rate of 1.1 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of rateable land within that district; and
- b. in respect of the Volunteer Brigade Rating District a rate of 0.297 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of rateable land within that district;
- c. in respect of General Land a rate of 0.228 cents in the dollar of assessed annual value of rateable General Land; and
- d. that pursuant to section 93(3), Council states a minimum amount payable in respect of the fire protection service rates of \$50.

### 4. Separate Apportionments

That for the purposes of these resolutions, the rates and charges shall apply to each parcel of land that is shown as being separately assessed in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

### 5. Instalment Payments

That pursuant to section 124:

- a. decides all rates are payable by all ratepayers by four approximately equal instalments;
- b. determines that the dates by which instalments are to be paid shall be as follows:
  - i. the first instalment on or before 29 August 2025.
  - ii. the second instalment on or before 31 October 2025.
  - iii. the third instalment on or before 30 January 2026.
  - iv. the fourth instalment on or before 31 March 2026.

**6. Interest on Late Payments**

That, pursuant to section 128, if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date it falls due there is payable a daily interest charge of 0.028219% (10.30% per annum) in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which it is unpaid.

**7. Adjusted Values**

That, for the purposes of each of these resolutions any reference to assessed annual value, includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to sections 89 and 89A.

**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 Daniel Smedley and Councillor Christine Cronshaw

**Votes Against** Councillor Rodney Synfield and Councillor John Temple

**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute Reference: 085/2025**

### 13.3. 2025-26 Annual Review of Fees and Charges

<b>File Reference</b>	S12-02-001
<b>Report Author</b>	Justin Marshall Team Leader Finance
<b>Authorised By</b>	Craig Davies Director Corporate Services

#### **Motion**

That Council approves the fees and charges for the 2025-26 financial year as set out in Attachments 1 and 2.

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

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 086/2025**

## 14. Infrastructure Services

### 14.1. 2025-26 Capital Works Program

<b>File Reference</b>	S29-26-000
<b>Report Author</b>	Robert Little Asset Management Coordinator
<b>Authorised By</b>	David Murray Director Infrastructure Services

#### Motion

That Council approves the 2025-26 Capital Works Program budget as detailed in Attachment 1.

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

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 087/2025**

## 15. Governance and Community Wellbeing

### 15.1. 2025-26 Annual Plan

<b>File Reference</b>	S13-12-001
<b>Report Author</b>	Anthony Kempnich Manager Governance and Legal
<b>Authorised By</b>	Jonathan Harmey General Manager

#### Motion

That Council, pursuant to section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, adopts the 2025-26 Annual Plan as per Attachment 1.

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

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute Reference: 088/2024**

## 16. Motion to Close Meeting

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

### Motion

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:

#### 16.1 Confirmation of Closed Minutes

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

#### 16.2 Leave of Absence Applications

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

#### 16.3 Local Government Association of Tasmania Elections – President and General Management Committee Member

*Refer to Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: Regulation 15(2)(g) regarding information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential.*

#### 16.4 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.

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

**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute Reference: 089/2025**



Council moved out of Ordinary Session at 4.12pm

Council moved into Closed Session at 4.18pm

Council returned to Ordinary Session at 4.23pm



## 17. End of Closed Session and Release of Public Information

### 17.1 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*, resolves to report in Open Session that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session:

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description and Release of Public Information
4.1	<i>Closed Council Minutes - 13 May 2025</i>	<i>Minutes not to be released to the public.</i>
4.2	<i>Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications</i>	<i>None considered at this Meeting.</i>
4.3	<i>Local Government Association of Tasmania Elections – President and General Management Committee Member</i>	<i>Details not to be released to the public.</i>

## 18. Close of Meeting

Mayor Wayne Johnston closed the Meeting at 4.23pm.

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**Mayor Wayne Johnston**  
**Chairperson**

**Date:** .....