

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025

**HOURL CALLED:** 6.00pm

**PRESENT:** The meeting commenced at 6.01pm with the Mayor (Cr B A Blomeley) in the Chair and with Councillors:

E	Goyne
D	Hulme
B	Hunter
R	James
W	Kennedy
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
J	Walker
B	Warren; present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

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J	Darko

**ORDER OF BUSINESS** Items 1 – 11

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive Officer  
(Mr I Nelson)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets  
(Mr R Graham)

Head of Community and Culture  
(Ms T Cockburn)

Head of Strategic Development Communications and Engagement  
(Ms G Wicks)

Chief Financial Officer  
(Ms J Murrell)

Head of City Planning  
(Mr D Marr)

Head of Governance  
(Ms C Shea)

Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer  
(Ms J Ellis)

The Meeting closed at 7.54pm.

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025**

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## 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor:

- made the following statement:

*“Before proceeding, I pay my respects to the Mumirimina people as the traditional and original custodians of the lands on which we meet, and I acknowledge the continuing connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people to the skies, land and waterways.*

*I pay respect to Elders past and present.”*

- invited those present to pause for a moment of quiet reflection and respect before commencing the council meeting.
- advised the Meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Meeting, are livestreamed, audio-visually recorded and published to Council’s website. The meeting is not protected by privilege. A link to the Agenda is available via Council’s website.

### **Vietnam Veterans’ Day**

The Mayor noted that today, 18 August, is the commemoration of Vietnam Veterans’ Day and the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan which occurred in 1966, acknowledging the sacrifice of those who died and thanking the almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years of Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam War.

Lest We Forget.

## 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer to cover page.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and Council’s adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**INTEREST DECLARED:**     NIL

## 4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

### 4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

The Mayor reported on the following meetings and attendances since the last Council Meeting:

31 July: Visit to Queen Victoria Care – Mrs Rose Wagner (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday);  
 2 August: Clarence Football Club – Ladies Day Lunch 2025;  
 3 August: Exhibition Opening – Rosny Barn (Interloper & The Thirty-Thousand Graces);  
 4 August: South East Training & Jobs Hub Opening;  
 CatholicCare Tasmania – Homelessness, Housing & Beyond Launch;  
 5 August: St Vincent de Paul Homelessness Awareness Breakfast;  
 St Luke's Wellness Hub Partners Night;  
 6 August: Funeral Service for Lyndon “Pecker” Petterwood;  
 Skylands Meeting with Greg Carr;  
 7 August: Catholic Education Week 2025 – Holy Mass at St Mary's Cathedral;  
 Rosny Farm Brand Launch;  
 Homelessness Week “Off the Couch” Event – Rosny Skate Park;  
 Consular Corps of Tasmania Dinner;  
 12 August: Installation of 12<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Hobart;  
 Reception for the Installation of Archbishop His Grace Anthony Ireland;  
 13 August: Lauderdale Football Club Meeting with Club President;  
 14 August: Sam Chedid – Meeting;  
 Minister Julie Collins – Meeting;  
 Rotorlift Aviation – Site Tour  
 Pakistan Independence Day Government House Reception;  
 15 August: India's 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Town Hall Reception;  
 17 August: North Melbourne Football Club President's Function;  
 18 August: Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 – Lindisfarne RSL;  
 Vietnam Veterans Day 2025 – Hobart Cenotaph;  
 Vietnam Veterans Day Lunch – Lindisfarne RSL; and  
 Crime Stoppers Week Launch.

#### **Deputy Mayor Councillor Allison Ritchie (on behalf of Mayor)**

10 August: Open Shed Event – South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed; and  
 17 August: Nepali Society of Tasmania – Kids Talent Show.

**4.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

In addition to the Councillor's Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting the following workshops were conducted by Council since its last ordinary Council Meeting:

**PURPOSE**

Presentation by Stadiums Tasmania  
Speed Limit Review  
Public Places By-law  
Budget Timetable 2026-2027

**DATE**

4 August

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4.4. TABLING OF PETITIONS**

Nil Items.

## **4.5 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

This agenda item is listed to facilitate the receipt of both informal and formal reporting from various outside bodies upon which Council has a representative involvement.

### **REPORTS FROM SINGLE AND JOINT AUTHORITIES**

Provision is made for reports from Single and Joint Authorities if required.

Council is a participant in the following Single and Joint Authorities. These Authorities are required to provide quarterly reports to participating Councils, and these will be listed under this segment as and when received.

- **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY**

Representative: Cr James Walker

**Quarterly Reports**

March and June Quarterly Reports pending.

**Representative Reporting**

- **TASWASTE SOUTH**

Representative: Cr Warren (Mayor's nominee)  
Cr Hunter (Proxy)

**Representative Reporting**

Cr Warren tabled the Quarterly Report for TasWaste South for the period ending 30 June 2025.

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

As a member of the TasWater Director Shortlisting Committee the Mayor reported that there will be a meeting on 22 August for the candidate shortlisting, with interviews to be conducted in Launceston on 11 September and advised that he will provide a further update following appointment of the successful candidate.

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

The Mayor advised that the Executive Officer of the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership – the Greater Hobart Mayors' Forum, Joe Fennessey has recently resigned to take up another position. The Mayor thanked Joe for his work with the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership and wished him well in his new career. The Mayor advised that he will provide an update to Council following the group's September meeting.



**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES****AUDIT PANEL – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The following is a report on activities of the Audit Panel from its last meeting on 25 June 2025.

The Panel received updates on the following.

**Audit Projects**

- **Project 51 Workforce Planning**

There are 33 actions or initiatives identified in the workforce plan. Of these 4 have commenced, 8 are on track, 19 are yet to be commenced and 3 are delayed or deferred.

- **Project 60 Review of Council's Cyber Security**

- ICT Infrastructure remediation works have progressed with server and storage infrastructure installed, workloads migrated, and old infrastructure retired from operational use. Networking and firewall infrastructure was aligned with the new server and storage equipment, and recommended cybersecurity capabilities have been installed at most sites.
- Asset lifecycle management is being implemented across the Council's endpoint fleet to ensure devices are covered under warranty and are serviceable.

- **Project 62 Review of Council's Purchasing Policies**

The Code for Tendering is due for review this year and the Procurement Procedure, being an internal document, does not have a review date but requires complete redrafting. Reviews of both are underway.

**Future Projects**

- **Review of Council's Name and Address Register** – project ready to commence.
- **Review of Council's Pricing and Terms of Lease Policy** - research has commenced with other councils to inform the project.

**Tasmanian Audit Office**

- The Acting Director Financial Audit Services from the Tasmanian Audit Office provided an overview of the proposed strategy for this year's audit.

- The Panel received the Local Government Sector Update April 2025 and advice from the Auditor General regarding changes to the Tasmanian Audit Office reporting process.

### **Audit Panel Self-Assessment**

The Panel discussed the results of the survey completed by Panel members and noted the positive feedback from members and suggestions to improve the Panel's performance

### **Standing Items**

In addition to specific items presented to the Panel, the following items are reported to the Panel at each meeting.

- Strategic Risks
- Management Action Plan
- Significant Insurance/Legal Claims

Richard Easter  
**CHAIRPERSON**

## **OTHER COMMITTEES**

The following minutes from Special Advisory Committees were provided for information.

- Cultural Creative Advisory Committee dated 17 July 2025.

### **AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION**

Cr Mulder tabled a Report dated 13 August for the 2025 Australian Coastal Councils Conference, which was held on 31 July and 1 August in Mooloolaba, Queensland.

**4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS**

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 28 July and 4 and 11 August 2025 have been circulated to Councillors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 28 July and 4 and 11 August 2025 be noted.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time at ordinary Council meetings will not exceed 15 minutes. An individual may ask questions at the meeting. Questions may be submitted to Council in writing on the Friday 10 days before the meeting or may be raised from the Public Gallery during this segment of the meeting.

The Chairman may request a Councillor or Council officer to answer a question. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers. Questions and answers are to be kept as brief as possible.

### 5.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a member of the public may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question to be asked at the meeting). A maximum of two questions may be submitted in writing before the meeting.

Questions on notice and their answers are included in the minutes.

Mr Thomas Chick of Mornington gave notice of the following questions:

**1. SIGNAGE CHARLES DARWIN TRAIL**

I'm very pleased to see the old Charles Darwin Trail signposts in Waverly Flora Park replaced with sturdier fare. Unfortunately, some weeks later, the new posts are as-yet unadorned. When does Council intend to attach the new signage to the posts?

**2. FORMAT OF ONLINE FORM**

Is Council aware that the contact forms on their new website use an incorrect (American) phone number format, and does it intend to resolve this issue?

Ms Janice Overett of Rokeby gave notice of the following question:

**HARD WASTE**

In February 2025 Allison Ritchie submitted the survey results of her Hard Waste survey to Clarence Council, which had a high rate of Clarence residents wanting the service restored.

Many residents (41%) were also in favour of a bookable service.

Currently, there is no service available and it makes it very hard and expensive to have large items removed, especially for the elderly and families with no trailer or other means of disposing of large unwanted items.

1. When or (is) Council going to act of the recommendations of the survey?
2. Will a Hard Waste service be restored?

## 5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Council's Chief Executive Officer provided the following answers to the questions from Mr Thomas Chick at Item 5.1.

**1. SIGNAGE CHARLES DARWIN TRAIL**

Council is currently awaiting proofs from its supplier of the wayfinding signs to be installed at Waverley Flora Park. Once the signage has been finalised it will be installed without delay.

**2. FORMAT OF ONLINE FORM**

The [contact us form](#) is set to "international", this is intentional as it is enabled to work when inputting any phone number. If Mr Chick is referring to a different form, he is encouraged to contact council officers to assist in exploring further. Currently, this is all we can advise working off the limited information provided.

Council's Chief Executive Officer provided the following answer to the questions from Ms Janice Overett at Item 5.1.

**HARD WASTE**

Firstly, to be clear, the hard waste survey was carried out independently by Councillor Ritchie and was not a Council initiative.

During this past year Council, together with three other southern councils, engaged a consultant through the regional authority TasWaste South to conduct a benchmarking and feasibility study to explore whether, and in what form, a contemporary hard waste service could be delivered in our region.

The study concluded that reinstating a hard waste collection service was not feasible for the region, or Clarence individually.

Key reasons included the unavailability and unwillingness of suitable service providers, poor environmental outcomes, and associated environmental and human health risks. The report instead recommended alternative approaches better suited to Clarence, such as further targeted collection events (for example, the Tyre Amnesty successfully held in May 2025).

Council officers are currently prioritising initiatives to address bulky and difficult to recycle materials, such as mattresses, tyres and soft plastics. A tip voucher scheme is also being investigated as an alternative to a hard waste collection, which is no longer feasible for the reasons just indicated. We hope to have further updates on these initiatives soon.

### 5.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

The Chief Executive Officer provided the following answers to Questions taken on Notice from members of the public at previous Council Meetings.

At Council's Meeting of 28 July Mr Victor Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL REPORTS**

Due to the unacceptable delays in the Department of State Growth's release of reports to the community and Council in relation to the totally failed high performance training centre proposal in Charles Hand Memorial Park and Rosny Parklands, is the Council now going to pursue this matter by having their own reports done, in particular an ecological assessment of the critically endangered swift parrot habitat with its 177 tagged Tasmanian Blue Gums in these parks and its probable impact on the City Heart Plan?

#### **ANSWER**

Following Councillor Hulme's Notice of Motion at the meeting of 26 May 2025, Council has applied under the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas.)* to the Department of State Growth for information relating to the assessment of Rosny Parklands. The RTI response is due to be received from DSG within the coming week.

In respect to Council obtaining its own reports, Council is aware of sensitive environmental values within Rosny Parklands and will obtain reports if required. Council will assess the need for reports as it progresses City Heart Plan projects, when approved by Council.

### 5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Chairperson may invite members of the public present to ask questions without notice.

Questions are to relate to the activities of the Council. Questions without notice will be dependent on available time at the meeting.

Council Policy provides that the Chairperson may refuse to allow a question on notice to be listed or refuse to respond to a question put at a meeting without notice that relates to any item listed on the agenda for the Council meeting (note: this ground for refusal is in order to avoid any procedural fairness concerns arising in respect to any matter to be determined on the Council Meeting Agenda).

When dealing with Questions without Notice that require research and a more detailed response the Chairman may require that the question be put on notice and in writing. Wherever possible, answers will be provided at the next ordinary Council Meeting.

Council's Public Question Time Policy can be found on Council's website at [Public Question Time - City of Clarence : City of Clarence \(ccc.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/public-question-time)

## **6. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr B J Walker of Howrah requested the opportunity to make a deputation regarding Council's investigation and enforcement policies and procedures.

Part way through his deputation, the Mayor did not allow Mr Walker to continue, on the basis that council meetings are open forums and do not have the protection of privilege.

<b>7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS</b>
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In accordance with Regulation 25 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, to deal with the following items:



**7.1 PLANNING APPLICATION PDPLANPMTD-2025/051609 – 39 CURRAJONG STREET, MORNINGTON - SEVEN CLASSROOMS AND ASSOCIATED DECKING, SIGNAGE, AND PARTIAL DEMOLITION (EDUCATIONAL AND OCCASIONAL CARE)****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for Seven Classrooms and Associated Decking, Signage, and Partial Demolition (Educational and Occasional Care) at 39 Currajong Street, Mornington.

**RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is in the Community Purpose Zone and subject to the Signs Code, Parking and Sustainable Transport Code, Electricity Transmission and Infrastructure Protection Code, and Safeguarding of Airports Code under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Clarence (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory period which expires on 20 August 2025.

**CONSULTATION**

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and two representations were received raising the following issues:

- Setbacks;
- Traffic increases; and
- Vehicle parking capacity and traffic safety.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A. That the Planning Application for Seven Classrooms and Associated Decking, Signage, and Partial Demolition (Educational and Occasional Care) at 39 Currajong Street, Mornington (Cl Ref PDPLANPMTD-2025/051609) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.

1. GEN AP1 – ENDORSED PLANS.

B. That, in addition to standard advice, the following advice be provided to the proponent:

- a. A Building Surveyor is required to be engaged, to create and certify an Application for Building Approval.

- b. All separate titles of the land subject to this application must be consolidated into one title, prior to the issue of the Building/Plumbing Permit or commencement of works, whichever occurs first. A permitted planning application must be lodged to enable the consolidation of the lots.
  - c. Council, as a Stormwater authority, formed a view that the proposed development will intensify the stormwater discharge from the property and hence requires approval under the *Urban Drainage Act 2013* and the stormwater is to be designed as per Council's Stormwater Management Procedure for new development (<https://assets.ccc.tas.gov.au/uploads/2023/07/Stormwater-Management-Procedure-for-New-Development.pdf>). This requirement will be assessed as part of engineering plans assessment if the proposed DA is approved.  
If you would like to discuss what is required to meet Council's requirements in regard to stormwater, please contact Council Development Engineers on 6217 9500.
  - d. There is existing underground infrastructure in the vicinity originating from a ground mounted substation in Goondi Street (T263031). Given the presence of the existing infrastructure, we recommend the applicant visits the link below to familiarise themselves with the risks and obligations: <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/safety/Working-near-powerlines/Working-a-safe-distance-from-powerlines>.  
It is recommended that the customer or their electrician contact TasNetworks on 1300 137 008 if they have any questions regarding any upgrades, they may require to their electricity supply due to this development.
- C. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of the matter.

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>MOVED</b> Cr Walker <b>SECONDED</b> Cr Hulme
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>

**7.2 PLANNING APPLICATION PDPLANPMTD-2025/052371 – 73 KAOOTA ROAD, ROSE BAY - TWO LOT SUBDIVISION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for a Two Lot Subdivision at 73 Kaoota Road, Rose Bay.

**RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Flood-prone Hazard Areas Code, Safeguarding of Airports Code, Parking and Sustainable Transport Code under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Clarence (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory period which expires on 19 August 2025.

**CONSULTATION**

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and two representations were received raising the following issues:

- Increased flood risk to surrounding properties; and
- Lack of confidence in flood reporting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Planning Application for a two lot Subdivision at 73 Kaoota Road, Rose Bay (Cl Ref PDPLANPMTD-2025/052371) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
1. GEN AP1 – ENDORSED PLANS.
  2. GEN POS1 – POS CONTRIBUTION [5%] [Lot 2].
  3. The Final Plan and Schedule of Easements for Lot 2 must describe a building envelope as required and reflected by Figure 8 of the Flood Hazard Report prepared by RMS Spatial dated January 2024 outside of which no building is to be constructed. As the Flood Hazard Report does not recommend that the building envelope be raised out of the current flood path to allow for future development to maintain current overland flow paths, no fill is therefore approved under this condition.

4. ENG A3 – All lots with combined right-of-way access must be provided with a 5.5m wide sealed access from the road carriageway to the property boundary in accordance with Tasmanian Standard Drawing [TSD-R09]. A 3m wide sealed driveway must be constructed over the remaining length of the right-of-way. This access must be inspected by Council prior to sealing or pouring new concrete.

Following construction, the crossover must be maintained or repaired by the owner at the owner's expense, in accordance with any directions given by Council to the owner and in accordance with the Council's Local Highways Standards By-Law operating from time to time.

5. ENG M2 – DESIGNS SD, add dot point "the block wall described and required by the Flood Hazard Report prepared by RMS Spatial; dated January 2024".
6. ENG A5 – SEALED CAR PARKING.
7. ENG M5 – EROSION CONTROL.
8. ENG S1 – INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
9. ENG S2 – SERVICES.
10. ENG S4 – STORMWATER CONNECTION.
11. ENG M8 – EASEMENTS.
12. ENG M8A – SERVICE EASEMENTS.
13. The reciprocal right-of-way must maintain a minimum combined unobstructed width of 3.6m for its entire length from the road frontage to Lot 2. The existing dwelling on Lot 1 must be altered to be clear of the proposed right-of-way (to benefit Lot 2) and services easement prior to the sealing of the Final Plan.
14. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 24 June 2025 (TWDA 2025/00486-CCC).

B That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of the matter.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Mulder **SECONDED** Cr Hulme

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council now concludes its deliberations as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993.

<b>8.     REPORTS OF OFFICERS</b>
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<b>8.1    DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>
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Nil Items.

**8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT****8.2.1 DRAFT COASTAL ACCESS STRATEGY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To present the draft City of Clarence Coastal Access Strategy 2025 and seek Council's approval to release the draft Strategy for community and stakeholder consultation.

**RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council's Strategic Plan 2021-2031 is relevant as well as the following strategic and policy documents:

- Active Living Strategy (2022-2032)
- Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033)
- Natural Areas Strategy (2024-2034)
- Coastal Hazards Policy (2021)
- Tracks and Trails Strategy (2021)
- Access and Inclusion Plan (2021-2025)
- Reserve Management Plans intersecting with the coastline.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Key community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken from March to May 2024 to inform the draft Strategy.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has adequate funding available within the project budget to conduct the next stage of community consultation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- A. Approve the release of the draft City of Clarence Coastal Access Strategy 2025 for community consultation.
- B. Authorise the CEO to coordinate community consultation to obtain feedback on the draft Coastal Access Strategy and report the consultation outcomes to a future Council workshop and meeting.

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Mulder **SECONDED** Cr Ritchie

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Nil Items.

**8.4 GOVERNANCE****8.4.1 QUARTERLY REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2025****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Purpose**

To consider the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Report covering the period 1 April to 30 June 2025.

**Relation to Existing Policy/Plans**

The Report uses as its base the Annual Plan adopted by Council and is consistent with Council's adopted Strategic Plan 2021-2031.

**Legislative Requirements**

There is no specific legislative requirement associated with regular internal reporting.

**Consultation**

Not applicable.

**Financial Implications**

The Quarterly Report provides details of Council's financial performance for the period.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Quarterly Report to 30 June 2025 be received.

Cr Hunter left the meeting at this stage (6.48pm).

**Decision:**

**MOVED** Cr Kennedy **SECONDED** Cr Ritchie

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

Cr Hunter returned to the meeting at this stage (6.50pm)

The **MOTION** was **put** and **CARRIED**

**FOR**

Cr Blomeley  
Cr Goyne  
Cr Hulme  
Cr Hunter  
Cr James  
Cr Kennedy  
Cr Mulder  
Cr Ritchie  
Cr Warren

**AGAINST**

Cr Walker (abstained)



**9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE****9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR MULDER  
CLARENCE RECYCLED WATER SCHEME**

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Mulder **SECONDED** Cr James

“That Clarence City Council urges TasWater to complete Stage 3 of the Clarence Reuse Water scheme by constructing a dam in the head waters of the Coal River”.

**CARRIED**

**FOR**

Cr Goyne  
Cr Hulme  
Cr Kennedy  
Cr Mulder  
Cr Walker  
Cr Warren

**AGAINST**

Cr Blomeley  
Cr Hunter  
Cr James  
Cr Ritchie (abstained)

## 9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR RITCHIE FUTURE OF BELLERIVE OVAL (NINJA STADIUM)

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>MOVED</b> Cr Ritchie <b>SECONDED</b> Cr Goyne
	“That Council:
	(A) Notes Bellerive Oval (currently named Ninja Stadium) has been identified as one of five stadiums that Stadiums Tasmania anticipates assuming responsibility for, subject to successful negotiation.
	(B) Authorises the CEO to prepare relevant documentation and advice in order to host Council workshops to enable Councillors to consider matters relevant to the future of Bellerive Oval including, but not limited to:
	(i) Obtaining a current valuation of Bellerive Oval by a qualified valuer, based on current market rates and Bellerive Oval’s specific characteristics.
	(ii) An evaluation of Bellerive Oval’s condition, functionality, and suitability for its current use - to determine if continued ownership is beneficial to Council and the community.
	(iii) Subject to the outcomes of points (i) and (ii) above, assess the current leasing, ownership and management model for Bellerive Oval against potential requirements, implications, risks or detriments arising from a transfer to Stadiums Tasmania.
	(iv) Subject to the outcomes and findings of points (i), (ii) and (iii) above, assess Bellerive Oval's value to current tenants, facility users and the broader community, including ongoing access and usage requirements and any matters of historical, social or environmental significance.
	(v) Providing a proposal for the conduct of appropriate community consultation to gauge public views and address concerns about any possible ownership transfer (or other arrangement) to Stadiums Tasmania; to assist to inform any future Council decisions.
	(vi) Assess whether a potential transfer of ownership might impact Council's ability to provide future services, or if it will require replacement infrastructure.
	(vii) Within the context of the findings arising from the points above, conduct thorough due diligence to identify any potential legal issues or risks associated with any possible transfer (or other arrangement) of ownership.

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- (viii) Identify any revenue potential from a possible ownership transfer and how it could be used to benefit the community and align with the Council's long-term financial plan and strategic objectives.”

**CARRIED**

**FOR**

Cr Blomeley  
Cr Goyne  
Cr Hulme  
Cr Hunter  
Cr Ritchie  
Cr Warren

**AGAINST**

Cr James  
Cr Kennedy  
Cr Mulder  
Cr Walker

**10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

A Councillor may ask a question with or without notice at Council Meetings. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers.

**10.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a Councillor may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the Councillor seeks an answer at the meeting).

Nil.

**10.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**10.3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

Cr Goyne

1. The Lauderdale Canal Master Plan is on hold for a multitude of reasons, including the water quality testing, if and when will this report be available for access to the public?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further Information) Council staff recently met with Parks and Wildlife Service representatives to progress discussions related to the lease Council has with the Crown for Lauderdale Canal and surrounding lands. Outcomes of the discussions and the water quality assessment will be presented to Council at the 25 August 2025 workshop, followed by an update to the community on Council's Your Say page.

2. The Lauderdale Saltmarsh Reserve Management Plan 2030 has earmarked goals in accordance of priority with most timelines to be completed by 2025-2026. Can I seek an update on this plan as we are fast approaching 2030?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further information) A number of actions within the Lauderdale Saltmarsh Reserve Activity Plan 2020-2030 are well underway, have been completed or are ongoing. A list of these will be provided to Councillors in a separate Weekly Briefing Report.

Cr Walker

Going back to a Sustainability Advisory Committee matter, regarding pursuing ESG guidelines in waste contracts, can I be furnished with examples of where introduction of this has led to more competitive tendering and any examples where it has reduced red tape?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Council does not currently have an adopted ESG guideline or framework within its procurement process. However, we are in the process of rewriting the *City of Clarence Code for Tenders and Contracts*, which will include key procurement principles such as ethical behaviour, fair dealing, and environmental and sustainability considerations. These principles are designed not only to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations, for Council and its engaged service providers, but also to promote good corporate citizenship. This will be presented to Council at a workshop when ready.

Cr James

1. I refer to the 2025 Local Government Association of Tasmania election for the southern electoral district with a population of more than 20,000. I note that and I am aware, and I know my colleagues are aware that Council voted and recommended me to be that General Management Committee member and to participate in the election. I note from advice from the Returning Officer that our representative for that meeting did not vote in favour of the Council decision for me to be on that management committee and it seems from looking at those results that the recommendation that this Council passed was not followed through. Why wasn't the recommendation supported by our delegate for me to be on that management committee?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) The first point I would make is that every vote is secret, so that would indicate that you received no votes in that ballot, is that correct, because I have not seen that piece of paper that you are referring to? The two incumbents, Mayor Wriedt and Mayor Gray were returned to their respective positions, so the answer to your question is that I sought advice as the delegate for this Council and exercised a longstanding convention and voted accordingly. As someone who deals with these individuals on a daily basis and as this Council representative on LGAT, I voted in the best interests of this Council and the Association. It is a longstanding convention. It is if you like, if I can use a recent example of Conclave, someone appoints the Cardinals, but they go in there and make their own decision in the best interests that they determine.

2. I refer to Council's decision in regard to the billboard at Montagu Bay which was passed at the last meeting. Given that this is the second application for a billboard that has been approved by the elected representatives, does it set a precedent that in the future other billboards along the highways or on Council roads would seek approval from the elected members, or those persons who believe that billboards are the best way of having advertising or promoting any particular product or project. Is this a dangerous precedent and will it occur now that we have approved two of these within the City of Clarence?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) That is the subject of appeal at the moment, so it is not a “done deal” as it were. It came to this Chamber as did the other one that you refer to because there were people opposed to it. So, the decision rests with this body and then there is an opportunity to take it to appeal as the Department of State Growth has determined to do.

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) The planning scheme does not rely on precedent in terms of previous approvals. Some of the performance standards in relation to signage will look at the proliferation within the area, no doubt if someone makes an application and there are existing billboards they will point out whether there are existing billboards or not. How much weight Council gives to that will be determined at that time, because Council can only consider an application on its merits when it is lodged.

Cr Hulme

1. My question relates to the building that Council has purchased at 30 Gordons Hill Road, and I note that the current tenants have a lease until January 2027. What will be the process for determining the use of that building once the current lease(s) expire?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) We will take that on notice, that will be subject to a workshop briefing in the first instance. We have plans but that is something that Council has yet to sign off on and there are potential tenants as well that we are in the initial stages of engaging with. So, I do not want to put that in the public forum at this stage.

(Further information) There will be a needs and demand analysis undertaken for the Community and Civic Hub project, which will then inform the development of a business case, for the future of the precinct. Officers have been working on the analysis stage and will bring their findings back to councillors at a workshop, before progressing with the next stage of the project.

2. In Mrs Marsh’s deputation earlier she talked about disability access to Clarence’s tracks and trails and as the Chair of the Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group I know the answer to this question, but to put it on record, what work is being done to improve and outline on signage and information the accessibility of tracks and trails in Clarence?

**ANSWER**

(Cr James) As Chairperson of the Tracks and Trails Working Group, we are proceeding with that very matter and at our next meeting there will be discussion in relation to that and the minutes will be referred to the Active Living Advisory Committee to be provided to a future Council meeting.

The question was also taken on notice for Council officers to provide further information.

(Further information) There is a review underway by Disability Voices Tasmania of five tracks selected by members of Council’s Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group. This review will consider how accessible these tracks are for a range of disabilities. Following the review, Council staff and relevant working groups will consider how this information is best communicated to the community.

Cr Mulder

1. I refer to the massive rise in TasWater charges to upgrade existing ageing sewerage infrastructure that appeared in the press. I also refer to Clarence's world leading Coal River Water Reuse Scheme which is incomplete because Stage 3 was to provide a detention basis which would allow class A water to be reticulated into the Coal River Valley and beyond, I might say. Mr Mayor as our representative on TasWater why is this significant project, which is probably a lot lower cost than some of the upgrades they are talking about, not included in the TasWater Strategic Plan.

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) The short answer is that there are a number of competing priorities around the State as you are aware Cr Mulder. We are an 11% shareholder; I certainly try to influence where I can but 11% does not give a controlling direction. As to timing, I will take that on notice and come back to you because it is something I have discussed with Mr Theo, some of his executive team and others but the work at Bryn Estyn was significant, obviously the Selfs Point work is significant and that is down south here, moving towards the potability of water for the south east irrigation scheme is another issue as well. So, for a more detailed answer I will have to come back to you. Again, I am reluctant to free wheel on that one.

(Further information [Mayor]) I have engaged with TasWater and am pleased to share that TasWater is committed to increasing the beneficial use of recycled water and there is a significant opportunity for recycled water to support the agricultural sector in the future. This approach is an important part of TasWater's strategy and pleasingly, is supported by key stakeholders/ regulators such as the EPA.

As discussed at our Council Meeting, there is a substantial opportunity for the use of recycled water from the upgraded Selfs Point Sewage Treatment Plant and, having already identified this opportunity, TasWater informs me that they have begun conversations with Tasmanian Irrigation about the potential to use recycled water from Selfs Point in the Coal River Valley.

As additional information on this comes to hand, I will keep all other colleagues updated.

2. I refer to the billboard and I note that we all received a letter this afternoon and the basis of which was first of all expressing concern that they had not seen the notice on the fence and I know we have this issue all the time about how do you advertise it and I know Council does a good job with notices on fences, which is where I saw it walking along the highway one day. We advertise in the press; we have all these things including our website. Is there capacity perhaps on a weekly basis on Council Facebook social media sites to announce this link is available so that people who regularly view our website can see what is going on and that would enhance the consultation?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Council's advertisement of planning applications meets the requirements of the statutory processes associated with the planning process. Advertisement of planning applications on social media presents significant risks. The two main risks relate to liability for public comments and that comments made via social media are not regarded as a formal representation. Council advertises all planning applications on its website ( [Advertised Plans - City of Clarence](#) ) and provides information on how to make a valid representation.

Cr Ritchie

My question relates to the frequency of the review of Council's approach to the noxious weeds such as Serrated Tussock. How often do we review our approach to their management, and do we engage with the State Government Department of Natural Resources and Environment in relation to that management and do we even receive some assistance from them?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Council prioritises declared weeds and weed programs in accordance with our *Clarence Weed Strategy 2016-2030*. This strategy contains the requirement to review species prioritisations and the implementation plan at five-yearly intervals. The most recent review was undertaken in 2023 and resulted in an updated species prioritisation list and an updated implementation plan. This review also incorporated changes to weed management legislation and changes to the declared weed status of some new species.

Council's priority weed programs for weeds such as serrated tussock are reviewed on an annual basis, based on current weed distributions, seasonal environmental conditions, and any new Council land such as road reserve or public open space acquired through the subdivision process. Implementation of annual priority weed programs is resourced through the annual operational budget for Natural Environment.

Council's Weeds Planning Officer engages regularly with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and more specifically Biosecurity Tasmania, regarding weed management priorities in the region. Biosecurity Tasmania provides technical advice and field support for new incursions in the region and also facilitates regional Council Weed Officer workshops. Over the past five years Council has received funding from the State Government's Weed Action Fund (WAF) for a variety of strategic priority weed projects within the City of Clarence.

Other than support with the training of Authorised Weed Officers to administer Council's responsibilities under the *Biosecurity Act 2019* and *Biosecurity Regulations 2022* and previous Weed Action Fund projects mentioned previously, Council does not receive any additional financial assistance from the State Government.

#### **10.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

A Councillor may ask a Question without Notice of the Chairman or another Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer. Note: the Chairman may refuse to accept a Question without Notice if it does not relate to the activities of the Council. A person who is asked a Question without Notice may decline to answer the question.

Questions without notice and their answers will be recorded in the following Agenda.

The Chairman may refuse to accept a question if it does not relate to Council's activities.

The Chairman may require a question without notice to be put in writing. The Chairman, a Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer may decline to answer a question without notice.



## 11. CLOSED MEETING

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matters were listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

11.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

11.2 QUOTATION Q1579-25 – ROSNY BOWLS CLUB DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SYNTHETIC BOWLING GREEN

11.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT

11.4 LEGAL MATTER

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the reports in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda were dealt with on the grounds that the detail covered in the reports relates to:

- personnel matters;
- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services;
- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence; and
- matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;

**The content of reports and details of the Council decisions in respect to items listed in “Closed Meeting” are to be kept “confidential” and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by the Council.**

**Decision:**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**MOVED** Cr Warren **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

“That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 15 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Meeting closed at 7.54pm.

**CLOSED MEETING /CONTD...**

The following Closed Meeting Motions have been authorised by Council for publication in the public Minutes.

**11.2 QUOTATION Q1579-25 - ROSNY BOWLS CLUB DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SYNTHETIC BOWLING GREEN**

Cr James left the meeting at 7.50pm and did not return.

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>MOVED</b> Cr Ritchie <b>SECONDED</b> Cr Hunter	
	<p>“A. That the quotation received from Berry Bowling Systems Pty Ltd in the sum of \$245,071.00 exclusive of GST, be accepted for the quotation Q1579-25 Rosny Bowls Club – Design and Construct Synthetic Bowling Green.</p> <p>B. That, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council authorises for release of the Council’s decision (only) in respect to this item to the general public via the open minutes of this meeting and for communication to relevant parties.”</p>	
	<b>CARRIED</b>	
	<b>FOR</b> Cr Blomeley Cr Hulme Cr Hunter Cr Kennedy Cr Ritchie Cr Walker Cr Warren	<b>AGAINST</b> Cr Goyne Cr Mulder