

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025

HOUR CALLED: 6.00pm

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

H	Chong
J	Darko
E	Goyne
B	Hunter
R	James (arrived at 6.20pm)
W	Kennedy
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
J	Walker
B	Warren; present.

1. APOLOGIES D Hulme (Leave of Absence)

ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 1 – 11

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer
(Mr I Nelson)

Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(Mr R Graham)

Acting Chief Financial Officer
(Mr R Purves)

Head of Community and Culture
(Ms T Cockburn)

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

Head of City Planning
(Mr D Marr)

Acting Head of Regulatory Services
(Mr S Edwards)

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

The Meeting closed at 7.37pm.

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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.

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

Cr Kennedy: Item No 8.4.1

Cr Chong: Item No 8.4.1

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Goyne **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 October 2025, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Hunter
Cr Kennedy
Cr Mulder
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

AGAINST

Cr Warren (abstained)

4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

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

21 October:	Mind Games Cocktail Party;
22 October:	Combined Societies of Tasmania – Reflections on the Shetland Islands and Iceland with Dr John Thorne AM; Clarence Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting;
23 October:	2025 Betta Milk Royal Hobart Show Presidents Luncheon;
24 October:	2025 Exhibition Opening regarding Poochibald Art Prize;
26 October:	Combat Antisemitism Community Gathering;
27 October:	Hobart Airport CACG Meeting; Bellerive Primary School Visit;
28 October:	RACT Travel Store Grand Opening; SAPRA AGM;
29 October:	Media Interview – ABC Mornings – AFL Stadium; TasWater General Meeting; Coal River Valley Tasmania Tourism Association AGM and Networking Event;

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

30 October:	Photo of Installation regarding Synthetic Green at Rosny Bowls Club; MacKillop Catholic College Year 12 Graduation Assembly; Meeting with Michael Figg;
31 October:	Photo Event with Heather Kent to promote Vinnies Toy Drive Rosny; Tasmania Tourism Awards Gala;
1 November:	Diwali 2025 Inauguration Ceremony;
2 November:	South arm Community Market; Howrah Men's Shed Open Day BBQ; Spring in the Vines – Lunch and Jazz Event at Uplands Vineyard; Men's International T20 Australia v India Match;
3 November:	Official Opening of the Honorary Thai Consulate in Tasmania;
6 November:	November 2025 CACG Meeting; Office of Local Government – Councillor Information Session (Target Reform) Amendment Bill 2025; and
9 November:	Dog's Day Out.

Councillor Daniel Hulme (on behalf of Mayor)

25 October: Diwali Festival – the Indian Festival of Lights.

Awards

The Mayor acknowledged the following award recipients:

- Jason Lennard and Alice Eddington of Aquila eco Retreat in Richmond who were awarded gold at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards in two categories – *Ecotourism* and *Unique Accommodation*.
- Kristy Booth-Lark of Killara Distillery in Richmond who was awarded gold at the Tasmanian Tourism Awards in the *Tourism Distilleries and Breweries* category.
- Ian, Wendy and Rainier Roberts of Riversdale Estate who won the *Best Tasmania Syrah Trophy* with their Riversdale Estate Syrah 2023 at the recent 2025 Australian Shiraz Challenge.

The Mayor tabled copies of letters he had written to each of the award winners, congratulating them on their success.

South Arm Peninsula Residents Association Annual General Meeting

The Mayor advised that along with Cr Hulme, he attended the South Arm Peninsula Residents Association AGM on 28 October 2025.

On behalf of Council the Mayor thanked the hardworking committee members and congratulated Kerry Scambler on her re-election as President.

The Mayor also tabled a copy of the Association's Annual Report presented to the AGM.

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	DATE
Asset Management Plans	
Greyhound Trial Outcomes	
Draft Coastal Access Strategy Consultation Results	
FOGO and Tip Vouchers	
Department of State Growth Stakeholder Feedback – Rokeby Park & Ride	
Department of State Growth Stakeholder Feedback	
South Arm Highway Upgrade	27 October
Confidential Update	
TasWater Pricing and Service Plan 5	
FOGO	
Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2024	3 November

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

Decision:	MOVED Cr Goyne SECONDED Cr Hunter	
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".	
	CARRIED	
	FOR	AGAINST
	Cr Blomeley	Cr Warren (abstained)
	Cr Chong	
	Cr Darko	
	Cr Goyne	
	Cr Hunter	
	Cr Kennedy	
	Cr Mulder	
	Cr Ritchie	
	Cr Walker	

4.4. TABLING OF PETITIONS

(Note: Petitions received by Councillors are to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer within seven days after receiving the petition).

Nil.

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

September Quarterly Report pending.

Representative Reporting

- **TASWASTE SOUTH**

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

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the TasWater General Meeting on 29 October 2025 and tabled a copy of their Annual Report.

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

The Mayor advised that there are no meetings of the Committee scheduled at this stage; however, the Greater Hobart Mayors are due to meet on 12 November.

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 17 September 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 62 Review of Council's Purchasing Policies**

Review of documentation is continuing.

Future Projects

- **Review of Council's Name and Address Register** – A scope is being prepared for engagement of a suitable provider to investigate and deliver an improved name and address register solution.

Review of Council's Pricing and Terms of Lease Policy - research has commenced with other councils to inform the project. Quotations to be sought for engagement of provider to undertake review.

Regional Recovery and Business Continuity Exercises

The Panel received an update on a recent regional recovery exercise and a proposed exercise for business continuity planning to be held at the Rosny Early Learning Centre.

Chairs of Local Government Audit Panels Meeting 26 August 2025

The Panel received a report on the forum hosted by the Office of Local Government which included discussion on the following:

- key issues for local government audit panels
- professional development for members; and
- use of AI by councils, associated risks etc.

It was considered that the forums were a good opportunity for audit panel chairs to share issues and it is proposed that these meetings be held every six months.

Presentation by Tasmanian Government Chief Information Officer

The Panel received a briefing on activities of the Tasmanian Government related to various Information Services matters.

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; and
- Significant Insurance/Legal Claims.

The Panel also held a Special Meeting on 13 August 2025 to review the Annual Financial Statements, Long Term Financial Management Plans and Audit Outcomes Report.

OTHER COMMITTEES

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

- The Cultural Creative Advisory Committee dated 26 September 2025.

RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Cr Chong tabled the minutes of a meeting of the Richmond Advisory Committee held on 17 September 2025.

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 20 and 27 October and 3 November 2025 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 20 and 27 October and 3 November 2025 be noted.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Goyne **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Hunter
Cr Kennedy
Cr Mulder
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

AGAINST

Cr Warren (abstained)

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.

Nil.

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

5.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

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

At Council's Meeting of 20 October Mrs Joanne Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

PARKING KANGAROO BAY

Now that cricket has resumed at Kangaroo Bay some spectators are ignoring the "No Standing" signs installed by Council on the Kangaroo Bay Drive boundary fence and obstructing the public footpath. If the footpath is totally obstructed could Council please remind the community about who is responsible for enforcement of this safety issue?

ANSWER

Council's city ranger team has been in contact with Clarence District Cricket Club and has now been provided with the timetable for this season's games at Kangaroo Bay Oval. City rangers will actively patrol the Kangaroo Bay Oval area on game days to ensure footpaths are not blocked. Council will also write to the Club to reinforce parking restrictions and requirements and request that the Club pass that message onto club members.

5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

Mr Victor Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT – CHARLES HAND MEMORIAL PARK AND ROSNY PARKLANDS

On behalf of the people who attended the guided tour and walk on Rosny Parklands on 2 November, I would like to thank the two council officers for their professionalism and informative answers to our questions. My question is, is this Council going to do an ecological assessment on Charles Hand Memorial Park and Rosny Parklands to support the work of these officers?

ANSWER

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Mrs Joanne Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED - CRICKET GAME BELLERIVE OVAL

Every day the local Bellerive Bluff community bear the brunt of illegal and nuisance parking due to the increasing number of retailers, events and services including the ferry service in this geographically restricted area. Would Council please provide a summary of the infringement fines that were issued for the 2 November cricket game at Bellerive Oval and the nature of any complaints made to the parking management team before 8pm?

ANSWER

The Mayor took the question on notice.

Mr David Carr of Tranmere asked the following question.

DROUGHTY POINT STRUCTURE PLAN

The Droughty Point Structure plan, does anyone know what is going on? Will it ever come to a conclusion?

ANSWER

Council's Head of City Planning provided the following response.

Yes, we do know what is going on. As I said in response to Cr Mulder at the last council meeting, we are still working through some contractual matters with the consultants, and I hope to be progressing that shortly. In response to the second part of your question, yes it will come to a conclusion, we are still trying to determine an appropriate schedule based on the additional work we have requested of the consultants.

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

(In accordance with Regulation 46 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

Nil.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

In accordance with Regulation 29 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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-2024/049321 – 12 RIVER STREET, BELLERIVE - TWO MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (ONE EXISTING AND ONE NEW)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for two multiple dwellings (one existing and one new) at 12 River Street, Bellerive.

RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Safeguarding of Airports, Parking and Sustainable Transport codes under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Clarence (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Permitted use with 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 12 November 2025.

CONSULTATION

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

- Visual Amenity
- Setbacks
- Privacy
- Overshadowing
- Vehicle access
- Streetscape; and
- Uses of existing dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION:

A. That the Planning Application for two multiple dwellings (one existing and one new) at 12 River Street, Bellerive (Cl Ref PDPLANPMTD-2024/049321) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.

1. GEN AP1 – ENDORSED PLANS.
2. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 19 December 2024 (TWDA 2024/01448-CCC).
3. Prior to the issue of a building permit or a certificate of likely compliance (CLC) for building works (whichever occurs first), amended plans showing:

- the fence at the road frontage not exceeding 1.8m in height;

must be submitted to the satisfaction of Council’s Head of City Planning. When approved, the plans will form part of the permit.
- 4. This permit approves the use of the site for two multiple dwellings only. The existing dwelling and proposed dwelling must only be used as single occupancies.

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 Hunter
	“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.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil Items.

8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT**8.2.1 LITTLE HOWRAH BEACH MASTER PLAN (2025) FOR ADOPTION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To present the final Little Howrah Beach Master Plan (2025) to Council for adoption following community consultation undertaken between December 2024 and March 2025.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2021–2031 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation on the draft Little Howrah Beach Master Plan was undertaken between 2 December 2024 and 8 March 2025, as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the Little Howrah Beach Master Plan will occur in stages over future years. The first step will be a coastal hazard assessment, funded in the 2025–26 budget, which will inform detailed designs for subsequent stages. Future implementation projects will be subject to available funding and consideration in Council's annual budget process.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the outcomes of community consultation for the draft Little Howrah Beach Master Plan.
- B. Adopts the Little Howrah Beach Master Plan (2025).

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

Cr James arrived at the meeting at this stage (6.20pm)

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

8.2.2 SOUTH ARM HIGHWAY UPGRADE – PASS ROAD TO OAKDOWNS PARADE CONCEPT PLANS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the Department of State Growth's (DSG) concept for the South Arm Highway Upgrade between Pass Road and Oakdowns Parade and for Council to provide feedback to the State Government's public consultation.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2021-2031 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

While final assessment and decisions relating to the project will be made by DSG, it is likely the project will require Development Approval under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

CONSULTATION

DSG is consulting with the community on the proposed upgrade to the South Arm Highway between Pass Road and Oakdowns Parade.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known financial implications in relation to the direct reporting of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the Department of State Growth's proposed concept designs for the South Arm Highway upgrade between Pass Road and Oakdowns Parade.
- B. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a feedback submission to the Department of State Growth covering the points noted in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 of the Associated Report.

Decision:

MOVED Cr Mulder **SECONDED** Cr Walker

"That Council:

- A. Notes the Department of State Growth's proposed concept designs for the South Arm Highway upgrade between Pass Road and Oakdowns Parade.
- B. Expresses its concern that previous correspondence to the Department of State Growth providing feedback on this concept design has not been acknowledged nor responded to.

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**SOUTH ARM HIGHWAY UPGRADE – PASS ROAD TO OAKDOWNS PARADE
CONCEPT PLANS /Decision contd...**

- C. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a feedback submission to the Department of State Growth covering the points noted in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 of this Report.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2.3 ROKEBY PARK & RIDE FACILITY CONCEPT PLANS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the Department of State Growth's (DSG) concept plans for the Rokeby Park & Ride facility and for Council to provide feedback to the State Government's public consultation.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2021-2031 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

While final assessment and decisions relating to the project will be made by DSG, it is likely the project will require Development Approval under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

CONSULTATION

DSG is consulting with the community on the proposed Rokeby Park and Ride facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known financial implications in relation to the direct reporting of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the Department of State Growth's proposed concept designs for Rokeby Park & Ride facility.
- B. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a feedback submission to the Department of State Growth covering the points noted in Attachment 2 of the Associated Report.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr James **SECONDED** Cr Ritchie

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.4 GOVERNANCE**8.4.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND CULTURAL AND CREATIVE GRANTS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the General Grants Assessment Panel's recommendations for the allocation of financial assistance in respect of the July round of the Community Grants and Cultural and Creative Grants.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Consistent with Council's Strategic Plan 2021-2031, Grants and Sponsorship Policy 2023, and social strategies and plans including the Active Living Strategy 2022-2032; City Future Strategy 2022-2032; Community Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2031; Community Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2031; Cultural Creative Strategy 2022-2032; Digital Strategy 2022-2032; Sustainability Strategy 2022-2032 or other relevant Reserve Activity Plans and Master Plans.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is an approved budget of \$116,645.00 for the bi-annual Community Grants which includes the Community, and Cultural and Creative Grants streams for 2025-26.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the distribution of financial grants totalling \$66,380.80 (in cash and in-kind support) in support of Community and Cultural and Creative applications to community groups and organisations, as detailed in the attachments to the Associated Report.

Cr Chong and Cr Kennedy declared an Interest in this Item and left the meeting prior to discussion (6.44pm).

Decision:

MOVED Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Hunter

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Chong and Cr Kennedy returned to the meeting at this stage (6.55pm).

8.4.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (TARGETED REFORM) BILL 2025 EXPOSURE DRAFT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 Exposure Draft and Council's submission for forwarding to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by 17 November 2025.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

- Strategic Plan 2021-2031
- Community Engagement Policy 2020; and
- Consolidated Meeting Procedures 2025.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The Local Government Act, 1993 and Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 are relevant.

CONSULTATION

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC wrote to Council on 6 October 2025 inviting feedback. The matter was also discussed at a recent workshop.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the submission of a response to the Exposure Draft. Financial implications may arise from any reform options recommended but these are not quantifiable or known at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 Exposure Draft.
- B. Endorses Council's submission (Attachment 1 to the Associated Report) to the Exposure Draft and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to lodge the submission.

/ Refer to Page 26 for Decision on this Item...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (TARGETED REFORM) BILL 2025 **EXPOSURE DRAFT /contd...**

Decision: MOVED Cr Walker SECONDED Cr Hunter “That Council: A. Notes the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 Exposure Draft. B. Endorses Council’s submission based on (Attachment 1 to the Associated Report) to the Exposure Draft subject to the updated changes provided to the section 20 commentary relating to 19A Role of Council as well as Section 66 amended Strategic Plan (as set out below, marked in italics) and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to lodge the submission. Proposed changes to Attachment 1			
7	Section 20 Functions and Powers	<i>Repealed and substituted with Section 19A Role of Council</i> <i>(1) The Role of Council is to support and improve the wellbeing of the community by–</i> <i>(a) harnessing and building on the unique strengths on the community; and</i> <i>(b) providing infrastructure and services that; to be effective require local approaches; and</i> <i>(c) representing and advocating for the specific needs and interests of the community in regional, statewide and national decision making; and</i>	<i>Council holds concerns around some of the proposed expanded roles. The central role of Council should be framed to focus on service delivery. The insertion of “appropriately” before the word “support” as currently drafted in (1), would help set realistic expectations around the breadth and scope of the role of Council.</i> <i>Many levers that impact wellbeing sit within the remit of Federal and State government; as such holding councils responsible for improving wellbeing seems an unreasonable and impractical legislated obligation.</i> <i>Council has concerns about point (a) due to the unnecessarily expansive definition and capacity for misinterpretation.</i>

		(d) <i>promoting the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the community, including but not limited to by mitigating and planning for climate change impacts.</i>	<i>Council is generally supportive of points (b) and (c) as they meet core community expectations and understood functions of the role of local government, again noting (b) should be front and centre as the core role of local role of Council.</i> <i>Point (d) is poorly defined and exposes Council to risk of unanticipated scope creep and increased compliance burden. There is an opportunity to instead more proscriptively focus on asset management, natural disaster resilience, climate change adaption and mitigation.</i> <i>Council is broadly supportive of a Local Government Charter that provides further clarity to Council's role.</i> <i>However, Council notes that a local government charter must maintain flexibility to allow local priority setting or innovation. The Charter should recognise Council's ability to pursue non-core initiatives, provided core functions are met. The process for amending or revoking the Charter should ensure meaningful sector wide consultation.</i> <i>The Charter should be a disallowable instrument of Parliament to ensure accountability and oversight.</i>
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31	Section 66 strategic plan	Amended to replace subsection 3 with additional subsections: <i>(2a) Strategic plan to identify community wellbeing priorities and specify strategies for achieving outcomes in relation to these priorities.</i> • Consultation with community • Having regard to local government charter • Consultation to be in accordance with community engagement strategy	Council <i>generally</i> supports the formal inclusion of <i>appropriate</i> community wellbeing priorities in the Strategic Plan. This aligns with Council’s <i>draft</i> strategic planning framework <i>which is divided into the following four pillars</i> • <i>Strategy and Delivery</i> • <i>Sustainable Growth</i> • <i>Culture and Place</i> • <i>Wellbeing and Belonging.”</i>
The MOTION was put and CARRIED FOR Cr Darko Cr Goyne Cr Hunter Cr James Cr Kennedy Cr Mulder Cr Ritchie Cr Walker Cr Warren AGAINST Cr Blomeley Cr Chong			

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR JAMES
SHARED PATHWAY ROSNY COLLEGE TO KANGAROO BAY DRIVE**

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

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

“That Council seeks an officer’s report on the feasibility of a hard surface shared pathway adjacent to Clarence Cricket Club Oval from Rosny College to connect to the bitumen pathway near the lights on the corner of Kangaroo Drive and Rosny Hill Road, Rosny Park”.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr James
Cr Kennedy
Cr Mulder
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

AGAINST

Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Hunter
Cr Warren

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 Mulder

My question is regarding the Droughty Point Structure Plan which has now completed community consultation. I understood it was going to the landowners for further comment on community consultation. That has been at that status for about six or seven weeks and from my knowledge the landowners have not been consulted yet. Can I have some indication why this has not occurred yet and when this will occur?

Answer

(Head of City Planning) The simple answer is that we haven't resolved the contractual matter to move forward on it at this stage. We have gone back and forth, and we haven't solved it as yet. I hope to have it resolved in the next couple of weeks.

Cr Hulme

1. Does Council have any policies on the use of artificial intelligence by council officers in conducting their work and do we know the extent to which it is used?

Answer

(Chief Information Officer) The extent to which it is used is quite difficult to ascertain without getting a lot of data out of the systems that we have but we estimate that anything that is used that is not already part of our platforms is about 20-25% of staff using some form of AI that assists them with language, research or similar. We do not have any evidence or have not found any evidence of its use in decision making. As we are working towards a policy which will be guided by our vendors, particularly cyber security vendors and other partners, we are currently developing an AI usage guide for staff that covers off on things such as appropriate use, safety, security and privacy matters.

2. Tasmania has the lowest ratio of childcare places to children of any state or territory in Australia. Do we have any data on the unmet demand for childcare that's specific to Clarence?

Answer

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) Council's own childcare services are experiencing extensive waiting lists across all programs - including more than 340 children on the Rosny Early Learning waitlist, and over 40 children per day on some Out-of-School-Hours Care waiting lists. These figures confirm that unmet demand for childcare in Clarence is substantial, particularly in South Arm, Geilston Bay–Risdon, and Howrah–Tranmere.

Cr James

1. Can we be provided with the current state of the Boulevard development and whether we can expect a development application or a revised development application in relation to that?

Answer

(Head of City Planning) As we have previously discussed, the applicants have advised us that they will be lodging an amended development application. As yet they have not provided that, nor have they provided a timeframe for which they intend to do so.

2. In regard to the Little Howrah Beach Master Plan, I understand that has been through the consultation and we are now moving towards a funding or looking in that direction. Could I please be advised as to whether or not the consultation has been completed and that there would be a submission for deliberation in the budget for the 2026/27 financial year?

Answer

We presented that at the last workshop, and it is highly likely it will be presented to the next council meeting for approval. We have started the budget process as advised at the workshop. The first thing Council has adopted funds to do is a coastal hazards assessment, so that is most likely what we will get underway next year to inform what future projects might be.

Cr Goyne

1. About a month ago the flooring at the end of the Dorans Road jetty came loose and it is now, with the wild weather conditions, rocking and rolling. I believe Council was contacted about a month ago and MAST said they thought Council would have fixed it by now. Could I have an estimated time on the repairs?

Answer

Taken on notice.

(Further information) The majority of the jetty repairs arising from damage sustained at the Dorans Road boat ramp on 24 September 2025 have been undertaken. The final section requires engaging a specialist contractor whose work is very much weather and tide dependent, but it is expected to be completed within the next two to three weeks.

2. At the 8 September meeting, I asked about the water quality report for Lauderdale canal. We also had a workshop around that, and it was discussed there that we were in negotiations with the landowner (the Crown) in regard to the lease. Do we have an update on that and the possible release of the report on the water quality for the Lauderdale canal?

Answer

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) Since the Council Workshop of 25 August 2025, officers have continued to await a response from the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment Tasmania (DNRET) to Council's proposal of a joint approach in relation to management of the water contamination issues identified in the Water Quality Report of April 2024. Council is also yet to receive DNRET's consent to publicly release information contained within the report, as the information relates to their land. We will advise Council once officers are further informed.

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.

Cr Mulder left the meeting at this stage and did not return (7.35pm).

11. CLOSED MEETING

Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2025 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matter was listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

11.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 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:

- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence.

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 Chong SECONDED Cr Warren “That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 17 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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The Meeting closed at 7.37pm