

COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026

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BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH IT IS SET OUT IN THIS AGENDA UNLESS THE COUNCIL BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY DETERMINES OTHERWISE

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor will:

- make 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.”

- invite those present to pause for a moment of quiet reflection and respect before commencing the council meeting.
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2. APOLOGIES

Cr Darko (Leave of absence)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 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.

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 January 2026, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

4.2 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION

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
Community Services Plan Review	
Budget Discussion	
STRLUS Review	2 February

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

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).

Petitions are not to be tabled if they do not comply with Section 57(2) of the Local Government Act, or are defamatory, or the proposed actions are unlawful.

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 and December Quarterly Reports pending.

Representative Reporting

- **TASWASTE SOUTH**

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

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 19 and 26 January and 2 February 2026 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 19 and 26 January and 2 February 2026 be noted.

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 will be included in the minutes.

Mr Bradley Walker of Howrah has given notice of the following questions:

1. **CROSSING/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES DUNTROON DRIVE, ROKEBY**
At the 11th December 2023 Council meeting I asked about the safety of children crossing a section of Duntroon Drive, Rokeby. Council's response was that a traffic island was listed for funding in the 24/25 Budget and that Council would undertake a review of the signage around this area. Could Council provide reasons why nothing has happened at the dangerous section of road for our school children?
2. **AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS**
What is the reason Council no longer hold an Australia Day event on the Bellerive Boardwalk?

I note that the 2021 event was cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions yet welcomed everyone to the 2022 event which was cancelled for the same reason, and never happened again, nor did a replacement event open to public take its place.

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Mayor may address Questions on Notice submitted by members of the public.

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 19 January Mr Victor Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

COPPING C CELL CAPACITY

We learnt last year at Estimates and from the Tasmanian Planning Commission Hearing that the Macquarie Point site contains 220,000 cubic metres of contaminated fill. It was confirmed by the Environment Protection Authority that the regulated cap on the Copping C Cell is 45,000 cubic metres. My question is, as the Clarence Council is a part owner of the Copping C Cell, can the Council clarify whether the Copping site will be expanded to cater for the remaining 175,000 cubic metres of contaminated fill?

ANSWER

The contaminated fill contained on the Macquarie Point site is predominantly made up of Level 2 contaminated material with some Level 3 material (requiring disposal in a C Cell). It is estimated that the amount of Level 3 material is approximately 10,000 - 13,000 cubic metres, well below the total capacity of the C Cell and within the annual licenced acceptance volumes for the C Cell.

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.clarence.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)

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

Nil Items.

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil Items.

8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

8.4 GOVERNANCE**8.4.1 DRAFT SOUTHERN TASMANIAN REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY CONSULTATION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To provide a submission to the consultation on the draft Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS).

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Applications for planning scheme amendments, under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, are required to be consistent with STRLUS.

CONSULTATION

The draft Bill consultation period opened on 19 November 2025 and closes on 22 February 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial costs associated with the provision of the submission. However, it is anticipated that there are and will be financial implications for Council associated with any updating or development of strategies arising from the revised STRLUS.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the draft Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy which has been released for comment.
- B. Endorses the attached submission, Attachment 1 to the Associated Report, and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide it as the City of Clarence's response to the consultation.

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. The STRLUS was first declared by the Minister for Planning in 2011. The STRLUS aims to facilitate and manage change, growth, and development within Southern Tasmania for 25 years.

- 1.2. The STRLUS is one of three Regional Land Use Strategies in Tasmania. The Local Provisions Schedules of each of the local planning schemes, including any amendments, are required to be consistent with the relevant Regional Land Use Strategy. The Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Clarence was approved in October 2021.
- 1.3. The most recent update of the STRLUS was in May 2025, when the Minister for Planning approved expansion to the Urban Growth Boundary.
- 1.4. The STRLUS has been undergoing a review. Recently the Department of State Growth has taken carriage of the project. The State of Play Report supplying background information was recently subject to public consultation in late 2024.
- 1.5. The review of the STRLUS has now reached the consultation phase from the draft STRLUS, which is the subject of this report.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

- 2.1. The STRLUS was originally adopted and came into operation in 2011. Since that time there have been several minor amendments to keep the document consistent with State Government priorities, with particular focus on the application and operation of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Notably, major changes were undertaken in May 2025 to add significant area to the UGB, including a number of parcels within Clarence.
- 2.2. The Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA) requires that all Regional Land Use Plans are reviewed as soon as practicable after the Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) have been made. The TPPs were made on 12 November 2025 and will come into operation on 1 July 2026. The STRLUS is the first one of the three Regional Land Use Strategies to be reviewed. Notably, there is no TPP with regard to climate change.
- 2.3. Under Section 5A of LUPAA, the review of the Regional Land Use Strategies must further the objectives set out in Schedule 1 of LUPAA, be consistent with each State Policy, and be consistent with the TPPs.

- 2.4.** The STRLUS is a broad policy document that facilitates and manages change, growth, and development within Southern Tasmania over the next 25 years. It provides comprehensive land use policies and strategies for the region based on development within Southern Tasmania.
- 2.5.** The draft STRLUS mirrors the layout of the TPPs. This has reduced the length of the STRLUS and made it more concise. Regional Strategies are listed under the headings of Growth Management, Environmental Values, Environmental Hazards, Sustainable Economic Growth, Physical Infrastructure, and Cultural Heritage.
- 2.6.** The draft STRLUS provides very little new work but is presented in a modified shorter format aligned with the recently released TPPs.
- 2.7.** The draft STRLUS is significantly less prescriptive than the original. It provides high level planning direction and targets for the region, then provides the opportunity for local councils to undertake more targeted work specific to their area. Notably, the STRLUS (pp28-29) identifies that:
- “Local government planning, however, can ensure local strategy and planning enables the necessary land use change to occur. Structure Plans and LPS [Local Provisions Schedule] amendments should demonstrate how appropriate planning tools are incorporated to provide adequate opportunities for targets to be met, other than where it can be demonstrated practical constraints may preclude such outcomes being achieved”.*
- 2.8.** This concept is supported as specific work has been identified within the five-year strategic work program to scaffold on the work of the STRLUS, to then be delivered through the required review of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Clarence (TPS).
- 2.9.** In general, it is disappointing to see that the draft STRLUS has failed to take the opportunity to identify key issues faced by the region related to land use planning, infrastructure provisions and social and economic matters and provide high-level prescription on how to address the matters.

2.10. In addition, the draft STRLUS is very focussed on delivery through the current planning system and through work by local government and fails to identify opportunities for state or federal governments, or even communities, or the role partnership organisations could play in delivering on these outcomes.

2.11. Unfortunately, the current provisions of the draft STRLUS relies (in part) on an Implementation Plan and a 10 year delivery timeframe, which is yet to be developed and released. For a comprehensive review of the content and effectiveness of the draft STRLUS, this document should have been prepared and form part of the consultation.

2.12. Key points of concerns arising from the draft STRLUS were workshopped with Council. These issues form the basis of the attached submission.

2.13. Notwithstanding the above, and consistent with the current approach by Council through a strategic planning work program, the draft STRLUS provides an opportunity for Council to undertake further detailed work to underpin the future mandatory review of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Clarence.

3. CONSULTATION

As identified above, the consultation period on the draft DAP Bill 2025 closes on 22 February 2026.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The draft STRLUS has been prepared by the Department of State Growth.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

5.1. It is difficult to be definitive on external impacts as this will depend upon the nature of applications for approval. It is anticipated that this modified document will not significantly change how matters are currently addressed.

5.2. Changes will no doubt flow from any subsequent Structure Plans and planning scheme amendments – which will be subject to public consultation at that time.

- 5.3.** Pressure will be on local government and consultants to deliver on new work, which is likely to result in a reduction of skilled professionals in an already constrained resource pool.

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The draft STRLUS is unlikely to significantly change the risk and legal implications of the current planning regime.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial costs associated with the provision of the submission. However, it is anticipated that there are and will be financial implications for Council associated with any updating or development of strategies arising from the revised STRLUS.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

Nil.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1.** In conclusion, the draft STRLUS fails to identify key regional challenges and opportunities for solutions.
- 9.2.** There is no discussion of state government initiatives and strategies which contribute to the urban environment such as schools and education, or health and emergency services.
- 9.3.** It provides little context outside of planning schemes. It relies on a ten-year implementation plan yet to be prepared. However, the expectation is that local governments will undertake extensive strategic land use planning work in order to implement the strategies outlined in the draft STRLUS.
- 9.4.** There is very little discussion what opportunities there are for the state government or private sector to deliver on the strategy.

9.5. The above issues are addressed within the attached submission, for consideration by Council.

Attachments: 1. Clarence Submission to the STRLUS (6)

Daniel Marr
HEAD OF CITY PLANNING



Response to Exhibition of Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the draft Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS). Since coming into operation in 2011, STRLUS has guided regional land use planning at a high level. Clarence acknowledges the need to review STRLUS following the implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs) and generally supports the intent to provide a more consistent and concise document.

The draft STRLUS is significantly less prescriptive than the original. It provides high level planning direction and targets for the region, then provides the opportunity for local councils to undertake more targeted work specific to their area. Notably, the STRLUS (pp28-29) identifies that:

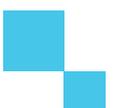
“Local government planning, however, can ensure local strategy and planning enables the necessary land use change to occur. Structure Plans and LPS [Local Provisions Schedule] amendments should demonstrate how appropriate planning tools are incorporated to provide adequate opportunities for targets to be met, other than where it can be demonstrated practical constraints may preclude such outcomes being achieved”.

The draft STRLUS places great emphasis on local strategic land use planning, which is welcomed by Clarence City Council. However, resourcing this will be challenging for the smaller councils in the region and onerous in timeframes.

Most councils will be required, under Section 350 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, (LUPAA) to commence reviewing their planning scheme. Given the delay in the delivery of the STRLUS review, coordinating these timeframes and the work yet to be done will also prove challenging.

Overall

From the City of Clarence’s perspective, it is considered that the draft STRLUS should have taken the opportunity to name up current regional issues and provide strategies to deal with them. For example, the document has extensive commentary about providing residential growth but is almost silent on the current housing crisis and what other levers can be pulled other than zoning.



Other topical matters include traffic congestion in the Hobart CBD, the rise of visitor accommodation and its impact on housing availability, the debate over the landscape value and access to Kunanyi, as well as the dependency on the Tasman Bridge (in a current Hobart-centric traffic model) and its long-term need to plan for replacement.

In general, the maps are presented at a scale which are difficult to read, obscured by notations and often show information that is quite benign. There is very little ‘reach’ in the ‘Southern Tasmania in 2050’ map which appears to show the existing situation rather than demonstrating change (which is also not described). They also do not equate to the same time horizons of growth and infrastructure plans, which are also inconsistent with each other.

The concept of facilitating growth is solely reliant upon rezoning land for residential purposes and modification to planning scheme provisions through the Local Provisions Schedule and ignores other opportunities to facilitate development such as incentivisation, legislative changes etc. There is no consideration of modification of the State Planning Provisions to provide consistency and options. When relying upon infill of developed areas, the document ignores the practical considerations of existing patterns of development, age and condition of housing stock, lot consolidation needs and that the current economy and housing prices limit the desire for redevelopment for many people. Theoretical yields do not translate to actual housing – particularly within a short planning horizon.

With regard to the State Planning Provisions, the draft STRLUS appears to assume that they are adequate and fit for purpose, despite significant discussion to the contrary within the industry.

In addition, the current provisions of the draft STRLUS rely (in part) on the Implementation Plan, which is yet to be developed and released. This implementation plan has a 10-year timeframe and concern is raised about how the provisions of Section 34 of LUPAA can apply to a document undergoing change.



Growth Management

The concept of urban consolidation and densification through specific targeted areas or infill is supported. However, the draft STRLUS should provide more criteria and investigation of opportunities other than has been identified.

This is particularly relevant where we have large tranches of land within the Municipal Urban Boundary (MUB) in the hands of a limited number of developers with land-banking practices preventing suitable flow of land to market. At a minimum, there needs to be criteria to identify and put forward opportunities that are not yet identified and should not have to wait 15 years for a subsequent review. It is acknowledged that the Minister may make amendments to STRLUS, but a clear mechanism for this should be established.

The MUB targets a minimum of 50% of new dwellings are to be apartments, town houses, terraces or other multiple dwelling typologies. However, this will prove difficult to deliver within the current structure of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS) which does not differentiate between these typologies. This immediately flags that the State Planning Provisions are inconsistent with the draft STRLUS. Amendments to Local Provisions Schedules will result in a multiplicity of Special Area Provisions and inconsistency as council grapple with referencing the Medium Dwelling Design Guidelines and how to design provisions which depend upon calculations across the municipality and the greater Hobart Region. Opportunities should be considered to amend the State Planning Provisions within the TPS to ensure a consistent approach to this, rather than having all councils seek to achieve the targets through a different mechanism.

The target to provide higher density within 800m of a high frequency public transport corridor is oversimplified and will be difficult to achieve given that the current identified areas include highways with no bus stops. While higher densities closer to public transport are supported, it should be within the nominated walking distance of bus stops and transport terminals and dependant upon the size and scale of catchment and activity centres.

The application of the MUB, and the application of town and village boundaries within the draft STRLUS are not clearly reasoned and do not articulate the differences between those with boundaries and those without.



Environmental Values and Environmental Hazards

The strategies in the Environmental Values and Environmental Hazards sections are very high level and are substantially currently implemented through the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Clarence and other council strategies. Specific concern is that the issue of sea level rise, both from impact management and future adaptation perspective, is not addressed despite the discussion on climate change.

There is a significant opportunity lost here to consider the suitability of the current State Planning Provisions in achieving these outcomes – particularly through the operation of overlays and codes relevant to each hazard. Recent decisions of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal have highlighted the inadequacy of the term “tolerable risk” in meeting the objectives of the standards and the strategies of the draft STRLUS.

Sustainable Economic Growth

While Clarence supports the identification of Cambridge Park and the Hobart International Airport as being critical components of the region’s economic capacity, it is noted that Statewide Industrial Strategy, upon which the draft STRLUS relies has not yet been finalised and does not form part of the consultation documentation.

Freight connectivity, access and supply chain relationships between Cambridge Park and the Brighton Hub have been identified as areas for improvement and the current strategy relies on the East Derwent Highway (EDH). There is no discussion of alternative routes such as the Brighton/Cambridge freight network. The long-referenced strategy of the duplication of the East Derwent Highway through Flagstaff Gully has not been discussed – this highlights the need for a comprehensive background paper addressing servicing and infrastructure needs across the identified planning horizon.

Activity Centre Categorisation

Rosny Park (not including Kangaroo Bay and Bellerive Village) are nominated as a Principal Activity Centre. However, Clarence does not have any activity centres identified as ‘District Centres’. This creates a very simplistic map of Metropolitan Hobart in 2050 and does not envisage larger activity centres for Clarence except for Rosny Park. There is no basis for this decision other than a simplistic table which has not demonstrated any analysis of residential catchments or retail dependencies driven through targeted growth.



There is an expectation that local governments will undertake further strategic land use planning in order to provide detail on the hierarchy and role of each activity centre – again without a mechanism to challenge the published assumptions.

Physical Infrastructure

The Physical Infrastructure section is also very high level and requires more detailed work from local government and service providers. There is a complete absence of regional infrastructure constraints or planning horizons.

It is noted that the EDH is identified as needing to be “protected” from incompatible land use and development, but it is unclear what this includes. In addition, while the expanded ferry network is acknowledged there is no discussion on the opportunities provided through this, or how it may impact the region, or opportunities for further expansion. It is noted that the ferry terminal sites need to “be protected” but is again unclear what this means.

Cultural Heritage

The Cultural Heritage section is also high level and requires that all heritage is considered when undertaking strategic planning and identify ways to protect it. This is a very simplistic approach and demonstrates no rigour in identification of issues or regional challenges. There is no relationship between heritage values and tourism, noting that the township of Richmond is not mentioned for either value, despite attracting more visitors in 2025 than the lauded MONA.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the draft STRLUS presents a wasted opportunity to identify and tackle regional issues at a regional level. It does not identify any “problems” and is devoid of context outside of planning schemes. There is no discussion of state government initiatives and strategies which contribute to the urban environment in areas such as education or health and emergency services. There is no link or discussion to the State of Environment reporting.

It relies on a ten-year implementation plan to be prepared by the Tasmanian Government in collaboration with the 12 Councils, and infrastructure and service providers. However, the expectation is that local governments will undertake extensive strategic land use planning work in order to implement the Regional Strategies outlined in the draft STRLUS.



There is very little discussion on what opportunities there are for the State Government or private sector to also deliver on the strategy.

Clarence City Council would welcome any further opportunity to participate in the review. For any questions or follow-up discussions, please contact Council's Head of City Planning, Mr Daniel Marr, on 6217 9546 or dmarr@ccc.tas.gov.au.



9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE
SAFETY CONCERNS EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY**

In accordance with Notice given, Councillor Goyne intends to move the following Motion:

“That Council:

- (a) Recognises the concerns of the Equestrian community in relation to recreational riding; and
- (b) Commits to including the Equestrian community in consultations related to the upcoming Tracks and Trails Strategy review to ensure multi-user trails are fit for purpose for all users, including horse riders; and
- (c) Reviews areas within Clarence prohibited for horse riding for current relevance as well as undertaking an audit of signage related to horse riding”.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Upgrades to the Tangara trail network to facilitate multi-user accessibility vastly change access and safety to our Equestrian Community.

Horses are unequivocally prey animals with a strong, instinctual flight-or-fight response designed for survival against predators, with lateral eye placement for spotting danger; their primary defence is to flee. They are highly perceptive and reactive to stimuli.

Modern conveniences such as headphones and electric bikes impact horse riders due to speed of travel and inability to communicate horse riders’ needs to other users.

This motion seeks Council to improve communication with the Equestrian community to ensure everyone’s safe passage across our beautiful city.

**E Goyne
COUNCILLOR**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S COMMENT

Council’s proposed Tracks and Trails Strategy review will involve consultation with all track users. The aim is to strike an appropriate balance between users, for the greatest benefit to all.

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SAFETY CONCERNS EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY /contd...**

Horse riders have specific needs related to the safety of both horse and rider. In this regard, feedback from the Equestrian community is important to ensure tracks and trails are as safe as possible for all users.

While Council can review areas in which horse riding is prohibited on council land, Council has limited ability to review and change access decisions related to Crown land.

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 Kennedy

Prior to the end of 2025 a lot of wonderful remedial work was done on the pathways of Seven Mile Beach Road and my question from residents on the Esplanade now is will the Esplanade be next, and if so, what timeframe are we looking at?

Answer

Taken on notice.

(Further information) There is no footpath work currently programmed for Esplanade, Seven Mile Beach. However, a consultant brief is being finalised for design of road reconstruction and upgrades for Esplanade (between Seven Mile Beach Road and Lewis Avenue), including drainage, parking and footpath improvements.

Cr Warren

1. Residents are concerned about what they perceive to be a lack of maintenance and care on Rosny Hill, and I note that previously there was a pie chart in Council's Annual Report or Quarterly Report showing the proportion of our budget spent on various things, including maintenance of that area. Could we increase transparency by showing more detail about what measures Council is taking to maintain and protect the reserve and has there been a budget allocation for the reserve?

Answer

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Council has consolidated budgets for maintenance, cleaning, waste collection, weed management, bushfire management and landcare activities covering all reserves in the City, including Rosny Hill Reserve. There is no separate budget line for each reserve. We are not aware of Council previously reporting on maintenance and other costs for specific reserves.

2. Does Council tally reports from residents regarding hooning in the Rosny area with reports received from police?

Answer

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Hooning is generally reported to Tasmania Police as inappropriate or dangerous driver behaviour and is a matter for them to enforce. Any reports of antisocial driver behaviour within the city, received by Council, are passed on to Tasmania Police to assist them with targeting patrols to areas with a known history of illegal behaviour. Council does not keep a tally of the number of hooning incidents reported. Council has not received any hooning reports related to the Rosny area for a long time.

Cr Goyne

1. There is a concerned constituent that has a petition circulating regarding spraying Glyphosate within children's playgrounds. They have been posting flyers on the playground that they witnessed spraying of. They have put several flyers up and they continue to be removed despite the flyers that are attached to the fence surrounding it not being removed. Can I ask if staff have been removing those flyers?

Answer

(Chief Executive Officer) Yes, at my direction. Those flyers are in breach of the Public Places By-law. I will also mention that some of that information circulated included photos of a council staff member and that staff member has suffered a significant degree of distress having his image posted, so we are trying to address that not only from a by-law point of view but also a work health and safety point of view.

(Cr Goyne) Could you possibly send me the by-law and the reason the other flyers were not being removed?

(Further information) A copy of the Public Places By-law 2018 was provided on 20 January 2026. One non-council notice was removed from Bellerive Beach Park fencing on 20 January 2026.

2. On 8 January the CEO advised me in a phone call that the Mayor was on leave until Monday 12 January was that misinformation, or why would the CEO advise me that you were on leave if you were not?

Answer

(Mayor) As I have already discussed this evening, I was not on leave I was on holiday. I was still working. Whatever you discussed with the CEO is between you and him, but I have dealt with this issue very publicly tonight. I was not on leave, let's be very clear about that.

Cr James

1. My question is regarding the Droughty Point Structure Plan. My understanding is many thousands of dollars have been spent on the consultation and will there have to be additional funds in the budget for 2026/2027?

Answer

(Acting Head of City Planning) I believe the budget has been allocated to this project and that should encompass all that is required to complete the project.

2. My question relates to Pass Road. There have been some changes in relation to the land and which some residents may have had to give up. TasNetworks are going to relocate the high voltage mains along Pass Road. Whose cost will that be – theirs or councils?

Answer

Taken on notice.

(further information) Relocation of TasNetworks high voltage cables is currently underway on Pass Road. The service relocations are a project cost borne by Council.

Cr Hulme

1. My question is regarding early childhood education and care. Given there are several suburbs within Clarence where demand exceeds supply and that demand is possibly going to increase further with the Australian Government's three day guarantee, has any consideration been given to expanding Council's early childhood education and care services?

Answer

(Head of Community and Culture) We are about to launch into a ten year Children's Services Strategy which will help provide us with some guidance on identifying areas of most need and also looking at what options are available to us, but that would be very much done in collaboration with the State Government and how they see future service provision happening across the whole of Greater Hobart. I note your concern around this; it is a nation-wide issue.

2. Councillors received a confidential briefing in relation to our Right to Information request on the State Government's decision on the High Performance Centre location and I just wanted to ask if the information in that briefing has been released to the public yet?

Answer

(Head of Strategic Development, Communication and Engagement) The information should be available on the website by the end of the week.

(Further information) The RTI information is now available on council's website here: [Right to Information request lodged for AFL/AFLW High Performance Centre - City of Clarence](#)

Cr Hunter

I am curious as to whether Council has considered putting a boom gate at Rosny Hill Reserve and if so, could Council review that decision in light of our new approach which I fully support in closing our recreational reserves during severe weather events and total fire ban days, because it would help to reduce access to that reserve during that time?

Answer

(Chief Executive Officer) We have considered it in the past and always steered away from putting a boom gate in [at Rosny Hill] for a variety of reasons. I will review our previous decision on that and provide advice to councillors in a memo so that you have the full picture of what the issues are and what the rationale is.

Cr Ritchie

1. My question is regarding the upcoming motocross event to be held at Bellerive Oval. Given that there were some negative experiences cited by the community historically with events like this, is Council confident that issues relating to noise and traffic management that we have experienced in the past are able to be addressed for the duration and at the conclusion of the event?

Answer

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) I have not been informed whether the Bellerive Oval Transport Plan committee has been formed as it depends on spectator numbers. The committee members will definitely liaise with each other before the meeting. We will provide a briefing to Council on the arrangements in terms of noise and traffic planning well before the event.

(Further information) A Weekly Briefing Report was provided to councillors (week commencing 19 January 2026) which details road closures, traffic management arrangements and existing sound monitoring controls. Council's Parking Hotline will operate on 6217 9589 and Tasmania Police and Council Rangers will monitor parking and issue infringements if required.

2. My question concerns consultation around the design of Pass Road. I am aware that one particular resident is yet to receive any consultation engagement around the design at 101 Pass Road, so I am just wondering if there is any timeframe around consultation with the residents?

Answer

(Chief Executive Officer) The residents of 101 Pass Road are not in the area of the upgrade of the road. There is a two part process - their section of the road is not subject to design and upgrade at this stage because there are still some issues to resolve. The section that we are designing is further down between Winterbourne Road and Connor Place.

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

The following matters have been 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

11.2 TENDER 1613/26 – COUNCIL MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLEANING SERVICES – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

11.3 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

These reports have been listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council agenda in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulation 2025 as the detail covered in the report relates to:

- personnel matter;
- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services; and
- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence.

Note: The decision to move into Closed Meeting requires an absolute majority of 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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

“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”.