

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026

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

**1. APOLOGIES**  
J Darko (Leave of Absence)  
B Hunter

**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)  
Manager Communications, Media and Engagement  
(Mr N Worledge)  
Head of City Planning  
(Mr D Marr)  
Head of Governance  
(Ms C Shea)  
Head of Regulatory Services  
(Mr R Brennan)  
Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer  
(Ms J Ellis)  
Manager Procurement  
(Mr P Warmbrunn)

The Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

## COUNCIL MEETING

**TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026**

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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 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.

**INTEREST DECLARED: NIL**

## 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.

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

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

**CARRIED**

#### FOR

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

#### AGAINST

Cr Walker (abstained)

### 4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

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

- 21 January: Executive Officer of Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership – Meet & Greet;  
Rev. Chris Bowditch – Meeting regarding Memorial Service (National Day of Mourning) – Light will Win;  
BBL|15 Hurricanes vs Melbourne Stars;
- 22 January: ABC Breakfast Interview – National Day of Mourning Service;  
National Day of Mourning at Chambers – In Honour of the Bondi Beach Victims;
- 23 January: Citizenship Ceremony at Clarence on the Bay;
- 24 January: JackJumpers vs Illawarra Hawks;
- 26 January: Australia Day Community BBQ;
- 27 January: Girl Guides Tasmania State Camp;
- 28 January: ABC Hobart Radio Breakfast – Replacement Tasman Bridge & Council Amalgamations;  
Meeting – Country Women's Association 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception;  
Australia Day Celebration Lunch;  
Glebe Hill Childcare discussion with Scott Spanton;

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## MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

- 29 January: Interview – 106 Five FM – Tasman Bridge Replacement; and  
9 February: Photoshoot – Rosny Park Bowls Club – Robin Holmes and Rob Maguire.

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

- 3 February: Charity Fundraising Event, "*Journey of Hope with Stars*".

The Mayor further reported on the following:

### **BONDI BEACH TERRORIST ATTACK**

- **Letter from the Mayor of Waverley Council**

The Mayor tabled a letter he had received from the Mayor of Waverley Council, Cr Will Nemesh thanking him for the letter of condolence sent following the attack in December.

- **National Day of Mourning**

The Mayor thanked the Chief Executive Officer, Council's Head of Community and Culture and Head of Strategic Development, Communications and Engagement and their respective teams for arranging the Memorial Service hosted by the City of Clarence on 22 January to mark the National Day of Mourning.

The Mayor also acknowledged the contributions of the Treasurer and Liberal Member for Franklin, the Hon. Eric Abetz MP, and Rev. Chris Bowditch of the Anglican Parish of Lindisfarne for their contribution to the service and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Cr Ritchie, Cr Chong and Cr Hulme for also attending, alongside many Council staff members.

The Mayor advised that he had received several letters of appreciation from attendees thanking Council for holding the service.

**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:

<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Community Services Plan Review	
Budget Discussion	
STRLUS Review	2 February

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

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

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED**

**FOR**

- Cr Blomeley
- Cr Chong
- Cr Goyne
- Cr Hulme
- Cr James
- Cr Kennedy
- Cr Mulder
- Cr Ritchie
- Cr Warren

**AGAINST**

- Cr Walker (abstained)

#### **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.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a petition has been received regarding use of Glyphosate on children's parks and playgrounds in the City of Clarence and that a report will be provided to Council regarding the petition at a subsequent council meeting.

## 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**

The Mayor advised that on 2 February, the Tasmanian Economic Regulator handed down his draft price determination regarding TasWater's Price & Services Plan Number 5 – PSP5. The Mayor provided a summary of the Economic Regulator's draft decision and advised that there will be a six-week consultation period on the draft, which will close on 13 March 2026.

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

The Mayor reported that on 21 January, he and the CEO met with the recently appointed Executive Officer of the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership, Ms. Lisa Bennetto. Ms. Bennetto has recently completed a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport in response to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability.

The Mayor advised that although the Greater Hobart Committee has not yet formally met with the State Government following the last State Election, the next meeting of the Greater Hobart Mayors is scheduled for 24 February and that he hoped to be able to provide a further update at our next Council meeting.

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

**AUSTRALIAN COASTAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION**

- Cr Mulder tabled the February 2026 Newsletter from the Australian Coastal Councils Association (refer Attached) and provided an overview of issues affecting coastal communities.

# NEWSLETTER

February 2026



## AI-powered tool detects rip currents on smartphones

The Water Research Laboratory at the University of NSW is leading development of an AI-powered tool called *RipEye* that can detect rips through footage from smartphones.

The project is headed by Scientia Associate Professor Mitchell Harley, an expert in coastal technology, who developed the *CoastSnap* app in 2017.

*CoastSnap* is a community-driven initiative that uses images of beaches taken by beachgoers through strategically placed camera cradles to monitor changing coastal landscapes over time.

Mitchell Harley said using cameras to measure rip currents is cumbersome and not very flexible. "It requires a trained human eye to mine through the database and identify rips from images, and then organise them," he said.

"We started noticing some interesting AI tools, particularly coming out of driverless car technology, where cameras had the ability to detect objects in real-time. We realised this could be adapted to detecting rip currents."

He said the Water Research Laboratory has been collecting images of beaches for more than 25 years and has one of the largest databases in the world.

"One of my Phd students has spent the first 12 months of their research mining through 10,000 images of different beaches. "Through this laborious task *RipEye* has learnt to detect rip currents and adapt its knowledge to changing condition," Professor Harley said.

"A lot of AI tools are underpinned by humans performing cumbersome tasks to train them, particularly in vision data, but the Water Research Laboratory is in a unique position because of its vast database of imagery.

Mitchell Harley said Australia's coastline has about 11,000 beaches, and having active lifesaver patrols across all beaches throughout the year is simply not feasible.

He said he hopes that eventually *RipEye* will be available to anyone with a smartphone, to help beachgoers choose the safest spot to swim. Surf Life Saving Australia is currently using the tool in controlled testing environments.

"*RipEye* currently has about 80% detection success, which is impressive when you consider detection by a human is around 50% for someone with a trained eye," Professor Harley said.

More at - <https://shorturl.at/sC8Cw>

## Association to Conduct National Coastal Hazards Survey

The Association is to conduct a national survey of Australian coastal councils to gauge the extent and impact of coastal hazards on coastal councils and to explore options for responding to coastal erosion, inundation and other hazards.

This follows advice received from the Federal Climate Change Minister, Chris Bowen MP, which outlined the process being undertaken by the Federal Government to develop a National Coastal Hazards Management Framework and an Action Plan for the National Adaptation Plan.

Association Chair, Karen Foster, said the Minister had invited the Association to take part in this process.

“This is a great opportunity to gather input from coastal councils on the support they need to manage the impact of coastal hazards and to feed it into a submission to the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council, which has carriage of this matter,” she said.

“The findings of the survey would be used to advocate for greater support and guidance for coastal councils in responding to coastal risks and to achieve a coordinated national approach to dealing with coastal hazards.”

Karen Foster said there is a good deal of work involved in undertaking the survey, but the findings of a previous survey, conducted five years ago, had made a valuable contribution to the work being undertaken at the time by the Intergovernmental Coastal Hazards Working Group, which represented all states and territories.

“We plan to undertake a similar survey to find out what is happening around Australia at a local government level that is impacting on councils’ ability to manage coastal hazards,” she said.

“This is a major issue affecting coastal communities around the nation and we welcome the invitation from Minister Bowen to make meaningful input into the process.”

Karen Foster said the Association planned to send the survey to all Australian coastal councils. She said there had been a very strong response to the previous survey and she anticipated a similar strong response to the new survey.

She said the Association planned to have the survey finalized by the second half of 2026, bearing in mind that the Action Plan on the National Adaptation Plan is to be referred to the Ministerial Council towards the end of the year.

Karen Foster encouraged all coastal councils to participate in the survey. “The process being undertaken by the Federal Government is very important,” she said.

“The National Coastal Hazards Management Framework and the Action Plan for the National Adaptation Plan will have a significant effect on the ability of coastal councils to manage the impact of coastal hazards for years to come.

“This is a great opportunity for coastal councils to make meaningful input into the development of coastal policy for the long term.”

## Airbnb worsening Victoria's Housing Affordability – New Report

The corporatisation of Airbnb is worsening Victoria's housing affordability crisis, particularly in hotspots such as the Bass Coast and Mornington Peninsula, a new report states.

The report, which analysed four years of Airbnb listings data, found the short-stay accommodation platform has departed from its original "sharing economy" model in which travellers stay with a homeowner or at an owner's property while they are away.

Instead, most places listed on Airbnb are now owned by a landlord who leases multiple properties through the platform and does not live or stay there and often outsources management to a third party.

This changing trend is significant because the growing number of non-hosted short-term rentals offered on Airbnb is removing thousands of potential long-term rental homes from the market. In 2019, 55 per cent of short-stay residential properties listed on Airbnb across Australia were hosted by a resident. By 2023, that figure had decreased to 42 per cent, with 58 per cent of listed properties not hosted.

"There are now more listings for entire homes than there are for hosted rentals, which is a shift away from the original premise of platforms like Airbnb for property owners to host visitors in spare rooms," Monash University research fellow Dr Michaela Lang said. Dr Lang was the lead author of a report by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute, which found Airbnb has transformed from a platform of hosts to ghosts.

From 2019 to 2023, the number of hosted homes on Airbnb fell by 32 per cent, from 73,000 to 50,000, while non-hosted properties rose by 15 per cent from 60,000 to 69,000, the report found. Nowhere is this trend more pronounced than in coastal Victoria. The number of non-hosted properties on the Mornington Peninsula surged by 28 per cent, from about 2500 in 2019 to 3300 in 2023, making the tourist region the nation's Airbnb heartland.

Bass Coast Shire, which includes short-stay hotspot Phillip Island, experienced a 30 per cent surge in the same four-year period, while listings in central Melbourne fell significantly, from 2600 in 2019 to less than 2000 in 2023.

Dr Lang said the decline in Airbnb listings in the City of Melbourne was part of a national trend, with Sydney and Brisbane also dropping off, while the number of non-hosted listings rose sharply in holiday locations such as the Whitsundays, Noosa and the Barossa Valley.

"These places have all had short-stay rental accommodation for a long time, but Airbnb's emergence as a dominant platform on the market had coincided with a worsening housing shortage," she said.

"For some of these towns, housing has just become incredibly unaffordable and unavailable," she said. "Tourists can be great for your business, but some of those areas are hitting densities where it's difficult to get staff because it's so difficult to find housing."

More information - <https://www.ahuri.edu.au/research/final-reports/451>

## Sydney shark attacks “unprecedented”

The chief executive of Surf Life Saving NSW, Steve Pearce, has described recent shark attacks along the NSW coastline as “unprecedented”.

Mr Pearce said there were four attacks by bull sharks within 48 hours at Sydney and regional beaches. “We have not seen this before,” he said.

“We have had major runoff coming out of every creek and every outlet into the beaches following the heavy rainfall in Sydney over the weekend,” Steve Pearce said. “This turns the water extremely turbid and brackish which provides ideal conditions for bull sharks.”

Around 20 Sydney beaches were closed for two days following the attacks.

The bull shark is a species commonly found worldwide in warm, shallow waters along coasts and in rivers. It is known for its aggressive nature, and presence mainly in warm, shallow brackish and freshwater systems, including estuaries and the lower reaches of rivers.

The first in the series of attacks occurred at about 4.20pm on 18 January at Vaucluse, in Sydney Harbour, when a 12-year-old boy was seriously injured as a result of a suspected bull shark attack. Sadly, the 12-year-old later died in hospital.

Early the following day, a suspected bull shark bit a 15cm chunk of fiberglass from an 11-year-old boy’s surfboard at Dee Why beach, about 5km north of Manly. Fortunately, the boy was not injured.

Later the same day a surfer in his 20s was attacked at Manly’s North Steyne Beach. He suffered extensive leg injuries and was rushed to Royal North Shore Hospital in a critical condition, where he remains, after paramedics first rendered CPR on the sands of North Steyne.

Then, on 20 January, a surfer who had been camping at a National Parks camping ground on the NSW Mid North Coast was attacked by what is believed to be a bull shark. He was taken to hospital by a bystander.

Swimmers and surfers keen to visit the beach along NSW’s North Coast have been urged to reconsider taking a dip in the water as hazardous conditions continue to unfold.

“Northern Sydney beaches were shut for the safety of surfers and swimmers for 48 hours,” Steve Pearce said.

Helicopters monitored 10 beaches up and down the coast over the following two days to watch for more shark activity.

“The beaches are unsafe with these conditions. We’re asking people to ensure their own personal safety,” Steve Pearce said.

## IN BRIEF

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### WA towns seek to control overtourism

As Western Australian tourist towns experience an influx of summer visitors, some locals are worried their hometowns could become too crowded unless visitor numbers are controlled. At one of the South West's biggest attractions, the Busselton Jetty, visitation has grown by more than 60 per cent over the past decade. As many as 10,000 people visited the jetty between Christmas and New Year's Day. Staff have been looking at ways to avoid overtourism in the future. Busselton Jetty CEO Lisa Shreeve said she was conscious of keeping the place 'special'. "When you go to places around the world like the Trevi Fountain and you see 10,000 people standing there, it really impacts your experience if you have to be so congested," she said. "The Busselton Jetty is special, and we don't want to lose that." Ms Shreeve said the team would consider limiting the number of people on tours and other ways to spread out visitation. In the neighbouring town of Dunsborough, the chair of the local tourism reference group said he wanted the town's visitor numbers capped by limiting accommodation spots.

### Microbes in tree bark found to consume harmful greenhouse gases

The role of trees in combating carbon dioxide is well known, but a study by researchers from Southern Cross and Monash universities has found that microbes in trees on the Tweed Coast are consuming harmful greenhouse gases, including methane, hydrogen and carbon monoxide. Bob Leung, study co-author and Monash University research fellow in microbiology, said the discovery rewrote what researchers knew about the role of trees in shaping the atmosphere. "Each tree hosts trillions of microbial cells in its bark," Dr Leung said. "Yet their existence and roles have been overlooked for many decades now." Co-author and Southern Cross University postdoctoral researcher, Luke Jeffrey, said the role bark played in cleaning the air had not been well studied. "We've looked deep into the bark microbiome of different Australian trees and what we have discovered is that there is this diverse and abundant microbial community living off direct and indirect greenhouse gases," Dr Jeffrey said. "We're just pretty excited about this research, because it suggests there's this hidden ecological and other climate-regulating role of trees, beyond just capturing CO2 (carbon dioxide)." The information could be used to inform decisions on the best trees to plant in particular areas to eliminate toxic gases in those environments. More information at <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adu2182>

### Drownings surge in Australia

Surf Life Saving Australia reports that in 2025 Australian drowning deaths reached their worst level in three decades. Tragically, 357 drownings were reported between July 1 2024 and June 30 2025, with many more non-fatal incidents, a Surf Life Saving Australia spokesperson said. Australian drowning fatalities have surged because of "crisis-level" declines in swimming skills, especially among regional, remote and migrant communities. Swimming at unpatrolled beaches and inland waterways that typically don't have lifesaving services has also contributed to these deadly trends. So too has rock fishing. With people off work during the summer holidays, drowning risk is even higher than normal. The Surf Life Saving spokesperson said education and awareness remain tried and tested ways to reduce drowning fatalities. For example, the spokesperson said, this summer, Surf Life Saving Australia's virtual Beach Passport Campaign is enabling the public to easily locate patrolled beaches. More information at - <https://sls.com.au/stoplookstyalive/>

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#### 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.

#### Decision:

**MOVED** Cr Goyne **SECONDED** Cr Ritchie

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

**CARRIED**

#### FOR

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

#### AGAINST

Cr Walker (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.

Questions on notice and their answers will be included in the minutes.

Mr Bradley Walker of Howrah gave notice of the following questions:

**1. CROSSING/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES DUNTROON DRIVE, ROKEBY**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Chief Executive Officer provided the following responses to Mr Walker's questions at Item 5.1.

**1. CROSSING/TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES DUNTROON DRIVE, ROKEBY**

The project was listed for design funding for the 2024/25 budget. The project was also nominated for construction funding through the Australian Government Black Spot grant program in the same year. However, the grant funding nomination was unsuccessful, and future funding will be required for construction of pedestrian islands in Duntroon Drive and Burtonia Street, Rokeby. Council will consider future grant funding opportunities for construction through the Tasmanian Government Vulnerable Road User program or Australian Government Black Spot program.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE /contd...

### 2. AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

In April 2023, Council decided to move citizenship ceremonies away from 26 January following discussion with community and advisory groups, after federal guidelines were changed to allow more flexible dates. As part of this, Council no longer holds citizenship or awards ceremonies, or a community event, on 26 January, with awards now held in May. A new summer community event, the Bellerive Beach Party, was introduced to continue offering a positive and inclusive celebration for the community in January during the holiday period.

## 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 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

Mr Thomas Chick of Mornington asked the following question.

### WATER REFILLING STATIONS

I like to go for a walk; I like to have water when I am going for a walk. I go through one of these [a drink bottle] about once an hour so it is very helpful to have water refilling stations along the Bellerive Beach/Howrah Beach area. Does Council have any mapping of any other places that one might find water refilling stations such as those and has any consideration been given to expanding it?

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**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE /contd...****ANSWER**

The Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets provided the following response.

I don't believe we have any mapping, a number of years ago under the Health and Wellbeing Plan we were looking at a network of water refilling stations and I am sure our budget each year will be looking at expanding the network.

Mr Michael Figg of Lauderdale asked the following question.

**LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (LIDAR)**

I understand that Local Government and in this case Clarence has the LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) for Lauderdale post 2019. Can the CEO please confirm that and advise when it will be available to the constituents – us?

**ANSWER**

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Ms Beth Rees of Rosny asked the following question.

**HOTEL DEVELOPMENT ROSNY HILL RECREATION AREA**

My question is in relation to the approval for development of a hotel on Rosny Hill Recreation Area, which is Parks and Wildlife land managed by Clarence City Council. What are the restrictions and/or requirements in relation to:

- 1 Clarence City Council subleasing Parks and Wildlife land in general and for this development in particular; and
- 2 On-selling the approval to another developer

and could you please explain how these issues have been resolved?

**ANSWER**

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Mrs Joanne Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

**DOGS OFF LEAD - ROSNY PARKLANDS**

It is very distressing to see terrified brown bandicoots being chased by off lead dogs in Rosny Parklands. How is Council monitoring the welfare of these beautiful and interesting little creatures and communicating this information to park users?

**ANSWER**

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

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)

### **COMMUNITY RALLY - CREMORNE**

Mrs Marsh of Lauderdale thanked Council for assistance provided for a recent community rally at Cremorne.

### **SECTION 27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

Mr Chapman of Bellerive addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

### **THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF SALMON FARMING ON THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS OF CLARENCE**

Mr Marsh of Bellerive addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

### **ARRIVAL OF THE RESPONSE TO THE HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE RIGHT TO INFORMATION REQUEST**

Mr Chick of Mornington addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

**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.

Refer to Page 25 for Decision on this Item...

**DRAFT SOUTHERN TASMANIAN REGIONAL LAND USE STRATEGY  
CONSULTATION /contd...**

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>MOVED</b> Cr Hulme <b>SECONDED</b> Cr Ritchie																		
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	<b>CARRIED</b>																		
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## 9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE SAFETY CONCERNS EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Goyne **SECONDED** Cr Walker

“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”.

Cr Warren left the meeting at this stage and did not return (7.08pm).

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

**FOR**

Cr Blomeley  
Cr Chong  
Cr Goyne  
Cr Hulme  
Cr Kennedy  
Cr Ritchie  
Cr Walker

**AGAINST**

Cr James  
Cr Mulder

**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 were 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

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:

- personnel matters;
- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services; and
- 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 Kennedy **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

“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**

The Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

**CLOSED MEETING /contd...**

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

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

**Decision:** **MOVED** Cr Kennedy **SECONDED** Cr Chong

- “A. The tender received from Corporate Maintenance Solutions Tas Pty Ltd for the Council Municipal Offices Cleaning Services – Multiple Locations in the lump sum amount of \$138,903.40 exclusive of GST be accepted.
- B. In accordance with Regulation 40(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (Tas), 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.”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**