

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 31 AUGUST 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
J	Darko
E	Goyne
D	Hulme
B	Hunter
R	James
T	Mulder
A	Ritchie
J	Walker (Arrived at 6.04pm)
B	Warren; present.

1. APOLOGIES W Kennedy

ORDER OF BUSINESS Items 1 – 11

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Officer
(Mr I Nelson)

Acting Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets
(Mrs A Coombe)

Head of Community and Culture
(Ms T Cockburn)

Acting Head of Strategic Development Communications and Engagement
(Ms S Hannan)

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)

The Meeting closed at 9.14pm

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 31 AUGUST 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.
- reiterated that conduct at our council meeting must be respectful and considerate. Any conduct that is considered offensive, defamatory or threatening is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

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

Cr Hulme **Item No. 9.1**

Cr Walker **Item No. 11.2**

4. OMNIBUS ITEMS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 August 2026, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Warren

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 August 2026, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION

Cr Walker arrived at this stage (6.04pm).

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

11 August:	Clarence Legacy Widows Club Meeting – Guest Speaker; Government House 40 th Anniversary – Sunshine Tennis Club;
12 August:	Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership Mayor’s Forum; School Chaplaincy Lunch – Parliament House;
13 August:	Catholic Education Week 2026 Holy Mass – St. Mary’s Cathedral; Catholic Education Week 2026 Awards – St Virgil’s College;
15 August:	SFL Premier League Senior Men – Lauderdale v Brighton; 80 th Independence Day of India Celebrations 2026; Clarence City Band – Annual Gala Concert 2026;
16 August:	Bellerive Bluff Battery Association – AGM & Workshop;
18 August:	“Mayor on the Air” – Interview on Triple M Breakfast; Vietnam Veterans Day – Lindisfarne RSL;
19 to 21 August:	LGAT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting;
20 August:	Lunch with the Hon. Eric Abetz MP;
22 August:	SFL Premier League Senior Men – Lauderdale v North Hobart; Meeting with Lauderdale FC Board; Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre Community Fair;
25 August:	Meeting with Greg Carr and David Carr; Eating with Friends; Clarence City Council Citizen of the Year Awards 2026;

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

- 26 August: Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centre – Community Breakfast;
Media Call and Unveiling of Inclusive Carousel and Chat Board with Variety – the
Children's Charity Tasmania at Simmons Park;
Rokeby Primary School – Lunch Program School Visit;
- 27 August: Risdon Vale Primary School – Variety Breakfast Program;
Clarence Plains Rivulet Saltmarsh Interpretive Signage Unveiling;
Business Eastern Shore AGM and Masterclass;
- 28 August: Opening Address at the Rosny College Languages Fair;
Meeting with the Hon. Luke Edmunds MLC;
- 29 August: HMA Onavillu 2026 – Onam Celebrations; and
SFL Premier League Senior Men – Lauderdale v Clarence.

Councillor Heather Chong (on behalf of Mayor)

- 19 August: RAW Rural Alive and Well Launch – Southern Event.

The Mayor further reported on the following:

- **Surf Life Saving Tasmania Awards**

The Mayor advised that the Surf Lifesaving Tasmania Awards were held earlier this month and acknowledged the following award winners:

- Cate Clingeleffer – Athlete of the Year;
- Oenone Schofield – Young Surf Life Saver of the Year; and
- Rita Schofield – Young Athlete of the Year.

The Mayor tabled letters he had written to the winners congratulating them on their awards.

- **Community Events**

The Mayor advised that on 21 August he represented Clarence at the following community events:

- 80th Independence Day of India celebrations; and
- Clarence City Band Gala Concert.

The Mayor tabled letters he had written on behalf of Council to the Honorary Consul of India in Tasmania, Dr Navpreet Kaur and the President of the Clarence City Band, Mr Max Melton congratulating them on the success of their respective events.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

- **Risdon Vale Volunteer Fire Brigade**

The Mayor advised that he had received an invitation from Mr Wade Stewart, ASFM, First Officer of the Risdon Vale Volunteer Fire Brigade, to attend their presentation evening to be held tonight. Although unable to attend, the Mayor advised that he has written to the following Brigade members congratulating them on their awards.

- Second Officer Adrian Bricknell – Tasmania Fire Service Volunteer Medal for Diligent Service with Integrity;
- Leading Firefighter Jordyn Long - Tasmania Fire Service Volunteer Medal for Diligent Service with Integrity;
- Firefighter Nathan Woolley – Tasmania Fire Service Volunteer Medal for Diligent Service with Integrity; and 25 Year Clasp to his National Service Medal; and
- Third Officer Craig Burr – National Service Medal.

- **Clarence High School Principal Nick Dodd**

The Mayor tabled a copy of a letter he had written to Clarence High School Principal Mr Nick Dodd following a recent news story regarding his work at the school.

- **Quick Response Grants**

The Mayor tabled the following letters of thanks from recipients of Council's Quick Response Grants Program:

- Mr Craig Tieman and his son Zac for assistance with Zac's recent trip to the Sunshine Coast for the under 16s National Australian Schools and Junior Rugby Union (ASJRU) Championships.
- Spencer Woods for assistance with his participation in the Australian Cross Country Championships.

- **Local Government Association of Tasmania By-election**

The Mayor congratulated Cr Heather Chong on her recent election to the General Management Committee of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

- **Citizen of the Year Awards 2026**

The Mayor advised that the City of Clarence 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards were held on 25 August, also attended by

- Deputy Mayor Allison Ritchie;
- Cr Daniel Hulme;
- Cr Wendy Kennedy;
- Cr Heather Chong; and
- Cr Emma Goyne.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION /contd...

The Mayor acknowledged the following Award winners:

- Citizen of the Year - Brendan Sullivan;
- Senior Citizen of the Year - John Bastick;
- Young Citizen of the Year - Nathan Williamson;
- Community Event or Organisation of the Year - Cremorne Bowls & Community Club;
- Community Harmony Award - Peace & Social Cohesion Challenges in Tasmania – Rotary Club of Howrah; and
- Local Hero Award - Jan Ross.

The Mayor thanked his fellow members of the Honours and Awards Working Group who give their time to assess all the nominations received:

- Kim Miller;
- Michael Hawkins;
- Nathan Darke;
- Cr Wendy Kennedy; and
- Cr Daniel Hulme.

Finally, the Mayor thanked Council's Manager Communications, Media and Engagement, Mr Ned Worledge, Communications and Marketing Officer, Ms Anna Smith and their team for their work to ensure another very successful Awards night and extended congratulations to all finalists and winners.

4.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

A Councillor's Meeting Briefing (workshop) was conducted on the Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Councillor's Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on the Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting be noted.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Warren

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

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 Walker
Cr Goyne (Proxy)

Quarterly Reports

September and December 2025 and March and June 2026 Quarterly Reports pending.

Representative Reporting

- **TASWASTE SOUTH**
Representative: Cr Ritchie (Mayor's nominee)
Cr Hunter (Proxy)
- **TASWATER CORPORATION**
- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Cr Chong tabled the minutes of a meeting of the Richmond Advisory Committee held on 15 July 2026.

4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 10, 17 and 24 August 2026 have been circulated to Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 10, 17 and 24 August 2026 be noted.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Chong **SECONDED** Cr Warren

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

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

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

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

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

1. DEPUTATIONS

In follow up to previous question ask about the Councils Meeting Agendas being issued within the 4 day requirement of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025. This council's requirements for lodging a deputation at a council meeting is that its needs to be submitted to the CEO by 12noon on the Friday prior. Considering deputations are generally made about agenda items, and these items aren't known till the agenda is released too public. Someone wanting to make a deputation has far less than 24hours to become aware of the item, peruse it, then submit a request to the CEO. Is there a fairer practicable method council can provide those wanting to make deputations?

2. PUBLIC QUESTION ON NOTICE

When the council answers that it will review something in relation to a public question on notice, is council able to provide details of that review to the person who started the process of such review, under the assumption council have the questioner's details and as such would save the council resources needed for follow up correspondence from the questioner?

5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

1. DEPUTATIONS

Council has 15 minutes set aside at ordinary council meetings for deputations (statements) by members of the public with a maximum of 5 speakers for each meeting.

The subject of a statement can relate to a matter listed on the agenda for that meeting or any other matter of general relevance to the interests of the city.

The cut off time for receipt of applications at noon on the Friday before the meeting is to enable communication of applications to councillors at the agenda briefing held on that Friday.

Unless the maximum number of speakers has been reached by the deadline, we are flexible in receiving late applications until midday on the day of the meeting. A request to make a deputation can be cancelled at any time up until the commencement of the meeting.

It is acknowledged that members of the public may not become aware of an agenda item of interest until after that deadline has passed and with this in mind, it may be something that council may wish to address as part of its meeting procedures for the term of the new council.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION ON NOTICE

When questions are taken on notice for follow up response, the answer is provided in the following meeting agenda.

If the person who asked the question requires additional information than is provided in the response, they may contact council to discuss or ask a follow up question at a subsequent council meeting.

When asking their question, a person may indicate if they would like to be contacted to discuss their question in more detail and then provide their contact details to a staff member present at the meeting.

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 10 August 2026 Mrs Joanne Marsh of Bellerive asked the following question.

SIGNAGE – PATHWAY - BELLERIVE BEACH REGIONAL PARK

The wide shared path beside the sand dunes in Bellerive Beach Regional Park has signage alerting users to ways of mitigating risky conflicts between dogs, bikes and people. There is no requirement for cyclists to have a bell and use it to alert other path users. When the path narrows as it enters Victoria Esplanade these requirements are no longer so explicit. Pedestrians are more at risk of being involved in a collision or near miss with a bike travelling at breakneck speed behind them with no bell alert. My question is, how urgent does council believe a risk assessment is considering the use of this pathway as Clarence grows and visitor numbers increase?

ANSWER

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

(Further information) Signage displayed along the Clarence Foreshore Trail outlines user etiquette as follows:



The *Road Rules 2019 (Tas.)* requires cyclists to give way to pedestrians and have a working bell or similar warning device. Cyclists should only ring a bell or call out when the path ahead is blocked and pedestrians need to make space for passing. Otherwise bell ringing is unreliable as it can startle people or go unheard due to hearing impairment or headphones.

Council acknowledges the narrower section of the foreshore trail along Victoria Esplanade may increase the potential for conflict and has identified improvements through the Victoria Esplanade Master Plan, including widening the shared path to three metres. Detailed design work is planned for this section and Queen Street, which is intended to provide an alternative commuter cycling route and reduce pressure on the foreshore path.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE /contd...

Council will continue to monitor path usage and any reported incidents or emerging safety concerns and can reconsider the need for a specific risk assessment if evidence indicates that further action is warranted.

At Council's Meeting of 10 August 2026 Mr Bradley Walker of Howrah asked the following question.

STARTING MEETINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 8

My question is for yourself, Mayor Brendan Blomeley. The Local Government Regulations or Meeting Procedures 2025 adopted in July last year control how council meetings like this one are held. "Since its introduction can I be advised how many meetings have been opened in accordance with Regulation 8" could have been my question but I already know the answer to that. My question is, can we start this meeting in accordance with Regulation 8?

ANSWER

The Mayor took the question on notice.

(Further information) Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 states as follows:

"8. Statement to be made at meetings

The chairperson of a meeting is to make a verbal statement at the beginning of a meeting, so far as is practicable, to the effect that–

- (a) an audio or audio visual recording is being made of the meeting; and*
- (b) all persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and*
- (c) language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable".*

At the beginning of Clarence City Council Meetings, following the Acknowledgement of Country, the Chairperson extends an invitation to those present to pause for a moment of reflection and respect [as per Regulation 8(b)]. The Chairperson then goes on to advise that council meetings not including closed meeting are livestreamed, audio visually recorded and published on council's website [as per Regulation 8(a)], followed by advice that the meetings are not protected by parliamentary privilege (that is, what is said in the meeting is not exempt from the laws of defamation or offensive or abusive language or behaviour [as per Regulation 8(c)]).

Clarence City Council has opened its meetings this way since 2022, before the introduction of the current Regulation 8 in 2025.

Regulation 8 does not dictate the exact wording that are to be used but states that it is to be "to the effect that..." It is considered that the way in which Clarence City Council meetings are opened complies with Regulation 8. Notwithstanding that, it is a matter for Council to consider whether expanding on the statement regarding parliamentary privilege to include the wording set out in Regulation 8(c) would provide further clarity.

5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

Mr J Woodward of Risdon Vale asked the following question:

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PDPLANPMTD-2026/060959

My question is relating to development application PDPLANPMTD–2026/060959 which relates to the Storage Facility, Contractors’ yard and Associated Buildings and Infrastructure partial retrospective application for 20 and 42 Scotts Road, Risdon Vale, which is the Spectran Reprocess Tas site and my questions and concerns regarding this are that this document is submitted as a retrospective and future planning document. It has multiple prior reports attached to it as supporting documentation which still contain activities which have been discontinued as per the EPA Tasmania environmental protection notice that was filed against Spectran. The documentation still makes reference to storing materials and associated activities that are previously filed as part of the use classification in its light industrial zoning. So, my concern is can this proceed with such confusing inaccuracies contained in the documentation and should the request be refiled with specifics relating to exactly what they want to do with the site rather than referencing any of the previous activities with regard to waste management, storage, processing and other uses?

ANSWER

The Head of City Planning took the question on notice.

Mr B J Walker of Howrah asked the following question:

HOMELESSNESS

My question is for you, Mayor Blomeley. Following last meeting’s discussions about homeless people staying at the boulevard site, I called yourself on the Friday morning to discuss options for Danny’s Bus to potentially provide assistance for those living there. I left a message but have yet to receive a reply. The Rokeby Hills Landcare group also reached out to yourself by email to discuss their activities in the reserve, which was declined. You have often mentioned you have an open door policy, could you please expand on how the community can best connect with you?

ANSWER

The Mayor took the question on notice

Rachael [surname not given] of Lindisfarne asked the following question:

CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL LOGO POLICY

My question is about the Clarence City Council logo policy. I recently saw on Facebook a seemingly council approved post promoting the Poochibald Prize and I really admire the Poochibald Prize, it is a great initiative to support creativity and visual arts in the municipality and beyond but I was therefore disappointed to hear that the post was completely AI generated, complete with an AI generated painting of a dog. My immediate response was why not use the many previous entrants’ creative work, human generated, wonderful pieces of artwork.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE /contd...

So, I queried that on a post. My query was immediately deleted, so I posted the question again because I thought perhaps that was an accident, but I was actually blocked then so I could no longer see any of these posts. So, I contacted the council because I was worried that this doesn't seem like a great response by a council to block a legitimate query about a council post and I discovered it wasn't actually a council approved post, despite having the council logo, it was a post by the Deputy Mayor and so that response I received by being blocked was actually the Deputy Mayor's response. So my question is, what is the council's policy about elected members posting unapproved material with a council logo because as a ratepayer and a member of the municipality, it is quite confusing to see things that appear to be council approved and if they are in fact not, I think there needs to be some policy around that so that people can understand what is an official council position and what is not because AI use is a concerning development it is not entirely concerning but it certainly is where it might replace human creativity. I admire the council in supporting the visual arts so this is just an example I suppose about what can happen if there are no controls about what is council approved and what is not, so my question is, what is the council's logo policy about elected members using the council logo?

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.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)

NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR HULME – SIGNAGE ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND AND FACILITIES POLICY AND GUIDELINES

(REFER ITEM 9.1)

Mr Gary Pitchford addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

(REFER ITEM 8.4.2)

Mr Mick Hawkins addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

EXPANDING THE FORUMS FOR RATEPAYER PARTICIPATION IN RESOLVING MATTERS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN

Mrs Joanne Marsh addressed the meeting regarding the above matter.

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS
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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 LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE AMENDMENT AND COMBINED SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PDPSPAMEND-2022/030778 – REVIEW OF REPRESENTATIONS – 22 GOODWINS ROAD, CLARENDON VALE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

This report has been prepared to consider the representations received during the public exhibition of draft amendment PDPSPAMEND 2022/030778 and the associated draft subdivision permit.

The proposal relates to a request to amend the Clarence Local Provisions Schedule through the rezoning of land, together with a combined subdivision application to enable an 85-lot subdivision (81 residential lots, two public open space lots, and two road lots), on land at 22 Goodwins Road, Clarendon Vale.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The draft amendment and associated permit were certified and approved for exhibition by the Planning Authority on 29 June 2026 and publicly exhibited in accordance with Sections 40G and 40Z of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA). Following exhibition, the Planning Authority is required to undertake an assessment of those representations in accordance with Sections 40K and 42 of LUPAA and make recommendations to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission).

Such report must be provided within the statutory period which expires on 14 September 2026.

CONSULTATION

Four representations were received during the exhibition period, comprising one representation from a State authority and three from members of the public.

Those representations from members of the public related to:

- the interaction between residential development, biodiversity conservation and bushfire resilience
- Subdivision density
- Access to easements for existing dwellings
- The road network; and
- Access to public transport.

One of the submissions from the public was supportive of the proposed amendment.

The State authority representation primarily relates to bus stops.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Pursuant to Sections 40K(2) and 42 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the merits of each representation received with regard to the requested amendment of the Clarence Local Provisions Schedule PDPSPAMEND-2022/030778 to rezone 22 Goodwins Road, Clarendon Vale from Rural Zone and Utility Zone, to General Residential Zone, Inner Residential Zone, and Open Space Zone, and the associated planning application for a 85-lot subdivision, which was submitted in accordance with s40T of the Act, are contained in the Associated Report, and the Planning Authority considers that modification to the draft amendment or the associated planning permit is not warranted.
- B. Pursuant to Sections 40K(2) and 42 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority is satisfied that the draft amendment meets the LPS criteria and no other modifications to either the draft amendment or the planning permit are warranted.
- C. Pursuant to Sections 40K(1) and 42 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority provides the Associated Report and relevant attachments, including a copy of each representation, to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- D. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council’s decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:**MOVED** Cr Hulme **SECONDED** Cr Chong

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED**FOR**

Cr Blomeley
 Cr Chong
 Cr Hulme
 Cr James
 Cr Ritchie
 Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Darko
 Cr Goyne
 Cr Hunter
 Cr Mulder
 Cr Walker

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

Nil Items.

8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**8.3.1. UPDATES TO LIST OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider proposed updates to the List of Fees and Charges 2026/2027 adopted at the Council meeting held on 15 June 2026.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Consistent with Council's adopted Strategic Plan 2025 – 2035; Council's Fees and Charges (Non-Rates) Policy 2026 and the Clarence Car Parking Plan 2001.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 82 of the *Local Government Act* requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare Estimates of the Council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The changes proposed will have a minimal change to the sportsground hire income. Funds received from car parking cash-in-lieu payments are transferred to reserves, so no change in Council's net financial result.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Amends the List of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027 to ensure the fees set out for "cash in lieu of providing car parking space on development" to align with the fees specified in the Clarence Car Parking Plan 2001 as set out at **Attachment 1** of the Associated Report.
- B. Adopts the additional entries to the List of Fees and Charges for financial year 2026/2027 as set out at **Attachment 2** of the Associated Report.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Ritchie **SECONDED** Cr Walker

"That Council:

- A. Amends the List of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027 to ensure the fees set out for 'cash-in-lieu of providing car parking space on development' align with the fees specified in the Clarence Car Parking Plan 2001, as set out at Attachment 1 of the Associated Report.

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UPDATES TO LIST OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027 /Decision contd...

- B. Adopts the additional entries to the List of Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027, as set out at Attachment 2 of the Associated Report.
- C. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a review of Council's sportsground hire fee structure, in consultation with regular sportsground user groups, including consideration of:
1. the distinction between training and competition fees;
 2. differing usage patterns of sporting and recreational organisations, including training-only, competition-only and combined users;
 3. seasonal and not-for-profit community organisation concessions;
 4. impacts on junior participation and affordability; and
 5. comparable sportsground fee and concession arrangements offered by other Tasmanian councils,
- with the outcomes of the review and any recommended changes to be reported to Council within 6 months."

CARRIED**FOR**

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Hulme
Cr Hunter
Cr Mulder
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr James

8.4 GOVERNANCE**8.4.1 QUARTERLY REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2026****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Report covering the period April to June 2026.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The report uses as its base the Annual Plan 2025-26 adopted by Council and is consistent with Council's adopted Strategic Plan 2021-2031.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Report April to June 2026 be received.

Decision:

MOVED Cr Hulme **SECONDED** Cr Ritchie

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Hulme
Cr Hunter
Cr James
Cr Mulder
Cr Ritchie
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Goyne (abstained)
Cr Walker (abstained)

8.4.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To approve a new structure for Council's advisory committees.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Special Committees are established under Sections 23 and 24 of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has been undertaken with internal stakeholders and Council's committees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be minor financial implications in establishing a revised committee structure, limited to communication arrangements in seeking expressions of interest for the panel of interested community members.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Retain the following Advisory Committees, renamed as Advisory Panels:
 - i. Active Living Advisory Committee
 - ii. Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee
 - iii. Cultural Creative Advisory Committee; and
 - iv. Sustainability Advisory Committee.
- B. Disband the following Advisory Committees and Working Groups:
 - i. City Development Advisory Committee
 - ii. Tracks and Trails Working Group
 - iii. Bicycle Advisory Working Group
 - iv. Disability Access and Inclusion Working Group
 - v. Clarence Positive Ageing Working Group
 - vi. Youth Advisory Working Group
 - vii. LGBTIQA+ Working Group; and
 - viii. Cultural History Working Group.
- C. Note that the following committees and working groups will continue to function with no change:
 - i. Honours and Awards Working Group – to be stood up when needed
 - ii. Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group – to oversee the delivery of Council's approved Reconciliation Action Plan
 - iii. Audit Panel – as a requirement of the Local Government Act 1993
 - iv. Petitions to Amend Hearings Committee – to be stood up when needed

- v. CEO Review Committee – to implement the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 in accordance with the CEO Review Policy, as approved by Council
 - vi. Richmond Advisory Committee – as a committee external to council; and
 - vii. Bellerive Community Arts Committee – as a committee external to council.
- D. Adopt the Advisory Panel Charter as set out at Attachment 1 of the Associated Report.
- E. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the restructure arrangements as outlined in Recommendations A to D above.

Decision:	MOVED Cr Walker SECONDED Cr Ritchie
	“That Council: A. Retain the following Advisory Committees, renamed as Advisory Panels, as listed in Recommendation A of the officer’s report. B. Disband the Advisory Committees and Working Groups listed in Recommendation B of the officer’s report. C. Note that the committees and working groups listed in Recommendation C of the officer’s report will continue to function with no change. D. Adopt the Advisory Panel Charter as set out at Attachment 1 of the Associated Report, subject to the following amendments: i. Non-Appointed Councillor Attendance Insert under MEETING PROCEDURES: Non-Appointed Councillor Attendance Non-appointed Councillors may attend and have speaking rights at Advisory Panel meetings but do not have voting rights where decisions are required. ii. Panel-Generated Referrals Insert under KEY FUNCTIONS: An Advisory Panel may identify matters within its purpose and scope which warrant a referral to the relevant Panel for consideration. Any such requests may be directed to the Council (through the CEO) to consider in accordance with usual processes, including advising Councillors of the outcome of any referral requests.

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REVIEW OF COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
/Decision contd...**iii. Feedback on Panel Recommendations****Insert under REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS:**

Where an Advisory Panel makes a substantive recommendation or provides formal advice to Council or Council officers, the Panel is to be advised of the subsequent Council decision or administrative outcome. Where the final outcome substantially differs from the Panel's recommendation or advice, a brief explanation is to be provided to the Panel where practicable and appropriate.

- E. Acknowledge that the streamlined structure may not adequately encompass all matters previously considered through Council's Advisory Committees and Working Groups, including matters relating to tracks, trails, cycling and other modes of transportation.
- F. Request the Chief Executive Officer to review the operation and effectiveness of the revised Advisory Panel structure after 24 months and report to Council, including consideration of:
 - a) community participation and the effectiveness of the new engagement model;
 - b) how matters previously addressed through discontinued Advisory Committees and Working Groups are being accommodated, with specific consideration of tracks, trails, cycling and other modes of transportation;
 - c) the effectiveness of arrangements for referring matters to Advisory Panels and providing feedback on Panel recommendations; and
 - d) any recommended amendments to the Advisory Panel Charter or structure.

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REVIEW OF COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
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- G. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with the restructure arrangements outlined in Recommendations A to F above”.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED Cr James **SECONDED** Cr Goyne

“That the matter be deferred”.

The **Procedural Motion** was **put** and **LOST**

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Goyne
Cr Hulme
Cr James
Cr Mulder

AGAINST

Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Hunter
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker
Cr Warren

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

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Hunter
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Hulme
Cr James
Cr Mulder

8.4.3 NOMINATION OF PERMIT AUTHORITIES UNDER THE BUILDING ACT 2016 (TAS)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To nominate council officers as Permit Authorities under the *Building Act 2016* (Tas).

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The nomination of council officers as Permit Authorities proposed in this report is the result of the introduction of new roles within the Regulatory Services Group and does not impact on any pre-existing Council policies or strategies.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Nominations are undertaken by Council acting in its capacity as a licensed entity under the Act and associated Regulations. Nominations must be direct from Council to individual officers.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A Permit Authority licence costs \$470.40 for a one-year licence or \$1264.20 for a three-year licence.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council nominates the Manager Compliance and Enforcement, Amy Boyd and Team Leader Building and Plumbing, Paul Woodcock as Permit Authorities for the City of Clarence in accordance with section 24 of the *Building Act 2016* (Tas.).
- B. That the Chief Executive Officer undertake all necessary actions to enable the nominations to be lodged with Consumer Building and Occupational Services.

Decision: **MOVED** Cr Walker **SECONDED** Cr Chong

“That the Recommendation be adopted”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR HULME SIGNAGE ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND AND FACILITIES POLICY AND GUIDELINES

As advised at Item 3, Cr Hulme declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting to progress his notice of motion, advising that he would manage the conflict of interest depending on the outcome.

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Hulme SECONDED Cr Chong
	“That Council’s policy ‘Signage on Council Owned Land and Facilities Policy and Guidelines’ be updated as follows: Under the heading ‘General Conditions for all Signage on Public Land (including Sports Ground and Leased Facility’, replace: <i>‘political signs that promote a party, politician or candidate or that express or promote personal opinions of a political nature’.</i> with: <i>‘Political signs are permitted subject to the additional following guidelines:</i> <i>• Not-for-profit sports clubs that are the Lessees of Council sporting facilities may display signage of politicians, candidates, or groups of politicians or candidates, who sponsor the club, subject to required prior approvals being obtained in accordance with Council’s Public Places By-law 2018 (or any successor to that by-law), planning scheme requirement or lease terms.</i> <i>• Signage must be offered on the same terms offered to other commercial sponsors.</i> <i>• Signs must not explicitly promote a political party but may identify the party affiliation of a politician or candidate.</i> <i>• Signs must not explicitly encourage a vote for a party, politician or candidate, nor express or promote opinions of a political nature.</i> <i>• Signs must not promote election candidates during an election period’.</i> Additionally, as a general condition for all signs placed on sports ground fencing, include the following point within the same section of the policy: <i>‘All approved signage placed on a sports ground fence must be inward facing (toward the centre of the ground)’.</i>”

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NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR HULME
SIGNAGE ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND AND FACILITIES POLICY AND GUIDELINES
/Decision contd...

AMENDMENT

MOVED Cr Mulder **SECONDED** Cr Walker

“That Council’s policy ‘Signage on Council Owned Land and Facilities Policy and Guidelines’ be updated as follows:

Under the heading ‘General Conditions for all Signage on Public Land (including Sports Ground and Leased Facility’, replace:

‘political signs that promote a party, politician or candidate or that express or promote personal opinions of a political nature’.

with:

‘Political signs are permitted subject to the additional following guidelines:

- *Not-for-profit sports clubs that are the Lessees of Council sporting facilities may display signage of politicians, candidates, or groups of politicians or candidates, who sponsor the club, subject to required prior approvals being obtained in accordance with Council’s Public Places By-law 2018 (or any successor to that by-law), planning scheme requirement or lease terms.*
- *Signage must be offered on the same terms offered to other commercial sponsors.*
- *Signs must not explicitly promote a political party.*
- *Signs must not explicitly encourage a vote for a party, politician or candidate, nor express or promote opinions of a political nature.*
- *Signs must not promote election candidates during an election period’.*

Additionally, as a general condition for all signs placed on sports ground fencing, include the following point within the same section of the policy: *‘All approved signage placed on a sports ground fence must be inward facing (toward the centre of the ground)’.*”

The **AMENDMENT** was **put** and **LOST**

FOR

Cr Blomeley
 Cr Chong
 Cr Hunter
 Cr Mulder

AGAINST

Cr Darko
 Cr Goyne
 Cr Hunter
 Cr James
 Cr Ritchie
 Cr Walker
 Cr Warren

9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE BAYVIEW PARK UPGRADE

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

Decision:	MOVED Cr Goyne SECONDED Cr James
	“Requests That Council:
	1. Endorse a nature-based playground design for the Bayview Park upgrade that is substantially consistent with the character, scale, play opportunities and design principles represented by Option B, to the extent that these can be achieved within the existing approved project funding and Council's procurement requirements. 2. Request that, in finalising the design and undertaking procurement, Council officers seek to maximise the extent to which the final playground: a) reflects the demonstrated community preference for a more substantial nature-based playground; b) provides high-quality, diverse and accessible play opportunities for children of different ages and abilities; and c) incorporates natural materials and nature-inspired design elements appropriate to Bayview Park's coastal setting, while considering environmental sustainability, durability and lifecycle value. 3. Note that implementation of this resolution is to occur within the existing approved funding available for the Bayview Park upgrade and that this resolution does not authorise or commit Council to any additional expenditure. 4. Note the significant additional community feedback received following Council's initial consultation, including strong support for a playground outcome substantially consistent with the character and design approach represented by Option B”.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR GOYNE
BAYVIEW PARK UPGRADE /Decision contd...**

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED Cr Hulme **SECONDED** Cr Mulder

“That Item 9.2 be deferred for consideration at a Workshop”.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Hulme
Cr Hunter
Cr James
Cr Mulder
Cr Warren

AGAINST

Cr Darko
Cr Goyne
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

**9.3 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR WALKER
SEWER INUNDATION GEILSTON BAY**

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

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

“This Council

1. Acknowledges there is an environmental and public health problem with storm water inundation of the sewer system over the walking track into Geilston Bay and commits to playing its part in solving the problem.
2. Proactively conducts investigations to identify sources of this localised stormwater inundation and rectification required.
3. Collaborate with TasWater to ensure prompt clean ups from future inundation at this site until successful rectification, noting that cause of the problem resides with council and as such deployment of council resources could be appropriate”.

Cr James left the meeting at this stage and did not return (7.41pm)

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

9.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR RITCHIE AMENDMENTS TO NO SPRAY REGISTER POLICY 2026

In accordance with Notice given, it was:

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

“That Council:

1. amends the No Spray Register Policy 2026 as follows:

(a) Page 5 – Exemptions

Delete the words:

"reject any application on grounds that it is not within the overall interest of council to include the area in the No Spray Register."

and replace them with:

"reject an application where inclusion of the area on the No Spray Register would materially interfere with, including but not limited to, Council's statutory obligations, public or worker safety requirements, environmental responsibilities, or the reasonable and effective operation or maintenance of Council infrastructure."

(b) Page 4 – Assessment of Applications

Immediately following the words:

"Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application."

insert:

"Where an application is refused, or an existing registration is revoked, Council will provide the applicant with written reasons for the decision. The applicant may request an internal review of the decision within 28 days of receiving notice of the decision. The review is to be undertaken by an appropriately authorised Council officer who was not the original decision-maker, and the applicant is to be advised in writing of the outcome of the review."

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**NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR RITCHIE
AMENDMENTS TO NO SPRAY REGISTER POLICY 2026 /Decision contd...**

2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor administrative or formatting amendments necessary to give effect to these changes”.

CARRIED

FOR

Cr Blomeley
Cr Chong
Cr Goyne
Cr Hulme
Cr Hunter
Cr Ritchie
Cr Walker

AGAINST

Cr Mulder
Cr Darko (abstained)
Cr Warren (abstained)

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

1. How much or how many or what acreage of foreign owned agricultural land holdings are in Clarence and remaining idle that is land banking?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further Information) This matter is still being investigated as to whether this information is readily available, and a further response will be provided in due course.

2. My question relates to housing which was referred to by a member of the public in question time earlier this evening. I noticed when I drove past the other day that there is now a caravan and some other people there, so the boulevard development site now has caravans. My question is, what can be done to turn this into a semi-permanent caravan park right on the edge of our city?

(Chief Executive Officer) I just want to clarify whether the question is actually about caravan parks in the city or the boulevard site?

(Cr Mulder) For use of the boulevard site as emergency housing in caravans.

ANSWER

(Chief Executive Officer) The boulevard is subject to a development permit and council has contractual arrangements in place regarding the future of that land so it can't be used as a caravan site, and it certainly wouldn't fit within the planning scheme as I understand it.

(Question continued) I would like clarification. We are talking about emergency accommodation. Admittedly this is on private land but there is lots of public land, but this is

happening right in the centre of our city. What can we do to move homeless people in caravans off that place to another site?

ANSWER

(Acting Head of Community and Culture) At that particular site, as the CEO has outlined, there are a number of people that are accessing that space with a number of vehicles on the space. We are working with the Salvation Army to contact those particular occupants to understand what we can do to support them going for permanent housing. It is really complex and each of those occupants in each of those vehicles that you are referring to have a different life story, that is not to say that we are not doing everything we can to assist them to moving to better accommodation.

Cr Hulme

My question is in relation to Council's Cycling Strategy and Action 10 which includes "instal bicycle parking rails and secure longer term bicycle parking at transport hubs, shopping areas and town centres; provision of quality parking protects against theft and vandalism". My understanding is that secure bicycle parking is referring to lockers or cages. I am just wondering in terms of that action what the process is to progress it or to look at those proposals for secure bicycle parking in those areas identified?

ANSWER

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) The State Government has been developing a Greater Hobart Bicycle Parking Master Plan, an initiative backed by the Tasmanian Government's \$1.4 million [Transport Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan](#). It aims to fund secure pilot parking sites in partnership with local councils. The trial sites for secure storage are the upgraded Bellerive Ferry terminal (under construction) and the Claremont Park and Ride. Council officers have provided input into the development of the Greater Hobart Bicycle Parking Master Plan. The results of the trial will be considered for implementing at other sites across Greater Hobart.

There is a budget allocation of \$12,265 for short term bicycle parking rails in the 2026/27 financial year. Sites have been identified at Bellerive village for installation of bicycle parking hoops in response to requests from business owners.

Cr James

1. What stage are we currently at with Pass Road, is that first stage going out to tender in the foreseeable future?

ANSWER

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) The officers' intent is still to try and tender the project Stage 1 which is Winterbourne to Connor Place this year. We are still involved in the land acquisition process with a number of landowners, TasNetworks is completing their high voltage relocation, we need as constructed drawings and TasWater is looking at the water main in those locations. Once we have all those resolved we will be going to tender.

2. My question is regarding the major project at Kangaroo Bay. It is my understanding that submissions to the TPC have now closed. Could I receive some advice from the

CEO or the appropriate officer as to where we are with that stage at close of submissions?

ANSWER

(Head of City Planning) Coincidentally there was a set of hearings held before the Development Assessment Panel (constituted through the Tasmanian Planning Commission) last week. They went from Tuesday to Friday and I attended on some of the days. There are some matters that are still to be the subject of the submissions to the panel and following that they will then make a determination. They have 90 days from the close of advertising to make that determination so that is the timeframe we are working on.

Cr Goyne

1. I just want to know if we have received the EPA “Monitoring of Lead in the Atmosphere” report for the Eastern Shore that was expected last month and if so, could it be made available to councillors and the public?

ANSWER

(Chief Executive Officer) We are not aware that it has been released yet but we can follow up with the EPA.

(Further Information) The EPA has advised the Lead Monitoring Program and Human Health Risk Assessment is not yet complete. Additional sampling has been undertaken to strengthen the dataset. The findings will be released publicly soon after they are finalised. Updates will be posted to the EPAs dedicated webpage as they are available -[Rosebery, Lutana and Hobart's Eastern Shore | EPA Tasmania](#)

2. Do we have any updates on the Lauderdale canal lease negotiations particularly in relation to the outstanding issues regarding contamination of the water, because I constantly see people fishing off the jetty and given the water quality concerns, I wonder if council would possibly consider installing advisory signs or whether we have any guidance on whether fish are safe to eat from the canal?

ANSWER

(Head of Governance) In relation to the lease negotiations we have not received any further updates from the Crown.

The second part of the question relating to water quality was taken on notice.

(Further information) It is understood that bream and small Australian salmon are the species commonly targeted in the Lauderdale canal by recreational fishers. It is general practice that both bream and salmon are caught and released at such fishing spots. The public health advice on the [Fishing Tasmania](#) website states: “Do not eat Bream from the Derwent Estuary”, which would include waterways such as the Lauderdale Canal. There is no public health advice that Australian Salmon are unsafe to eat when caught in the River Derwent, if that is the intention of the angler.

Given Lauderdale Canal is a popular public area enjoyed by anglers, there would appear to be benefit in installing advisory signage, taken from the Fishing Tasmania website. Council officers will explore this further.

Cr Chong

Last week we held a very successful Richmond Together event on the Village green which

over two hundred people came to, and we know that because the Firies ran out of sausages on the barbecue. Youth Services came down and a number of the young people in Richmond really enjoyed having them down there and the question from the community is, how often can we get youth services back in Richmond?

ANSWER

(Acting Head of Community and Culture) Our Youth Services team are currently talking with the Richmond community about how often that can actually happen and given we are looking at having youth Services service our whole community there is a resourcing issue there which we need to work through. But between now and the end of the calendar year we have committed to two more times within Richmond and to explore what that looks like going forward after that.

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 LEGAL MATTER
- 11.3 TENDER 1646-26 VERGE AND HORSE TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- 11.4 LEGAL MATTER

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:

- commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or reveal a trade secret;
- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services;
- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence; and
- matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council.

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

Decision:	PROCEDURAL MOTION MOVED Cr Warren SECONDED Cr Chong “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 9.14pm.

CLOSED MEETING /contd...

The following Closed Meeting Motion has been authorised by Council for publication in the public Minutes.

11.3 TENDER 1646-26 VERGE AND HORSE TRAIL MAINTENANCE**Decision:****MOVED** Cr Hunter **SECONDED** Cr Chong

- “A. The tender received from LMRS Pty Ltd for the Verge and Horse Trail Maintenance in the lump sum amount of \$316,230.00 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